

Gateway Players Theatre,
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A MESSAGE TO OUR FANS

You are receiving this newsletter as a subscriber, a patron of the arts and as a Gateway Players supporter. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and feedback. In 1991 I started writing the Gateway newsletter on an Apple IIC computer, using an ImageWriter (loud dot-matrix) printer. I would address and mail the printed newsletter and was limited to 3 1/2 pages of copy. I later changed to a PC and since 2013 have used Constant Contact. I love having unlimited copy space!!

I always enjoy including photos and wish to thank DAVID CORKUM for all his skill shooting cast and rehearsal photos. I appreciate all the other folks who take pictures- and will try to remember to acknowledge your contributions.

As we continue season 2024- remember our 50th is on the horizon.

50 YEARS AS AN ALL VOLUNTEER ARTS ORGANIZATION!!!!

The board is organizing our 50th season productions and fun. We welcome your ideas and support. Please let us know how we can make the next year a memorable one. Please share our newsletters with anyone interested in theater, especially old-time Gateway members and audiences.

KEEP THE ARTS ALIVE= SEE A SHOW

Barbara Day

SPREADING IT AROUND



Gateway Players Theatre is hosting auditions for "Spreading It Around" a light comedy by Londos J. D'Arrigo. They will be held on Sunday, July 7th and Monday, July 8th at 6:00PM in Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm Street in Southbridge, MA. Entrance is on Park Street (around the corner). You only need to attend one night. Lynn Boucher will be directing, with Kathi Grenier as producer. Other tech people will be announced and volunteers are always welcome. For more information, call 508 764 4531.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. A read through of the script for all those cast will be on July 11th. Performance dates are September 6, 7, 13, 14, & 15. Rehearsals will be on Monday and Wednesday nights. Presented by permission through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

The characters consists of:

ANGIE DRAYTON – Likeable, caring, active woman, Age range 60-75.

MARTIN WHEELER – A fit, well-preserved man, Age range 60-75.

LARRY DRAYTON – Angie's son. An arrogant, self-important fellow, Age range 30-45.

TRACI DRAYTON – Larry's wife, and Angie's daughter-in-law. A self-absorbed fashionista, Age range 30-45.

DR. KRAPINSKY – A serious man, Age range 40-60.

Synopsis:

Angela Drayton, a wealthy widow living in an upscale retirement community, is tired of handing out money to her unappreciative children. So she starts the "S.I.N. (Spending It Now) Foundation," to give to those truly in need. This terrifies her greedy son, driving him to devise a plan to have her committed. Featuring delicious roles for adult and mature actors, this poignant family comedy has played numerous theaters in the US and Canada, and continues spreading the laughs around.

YOUTH WORKSHOP---
8 DAYS TO A PLAY



The kids had a great week- and so did their adult mentors. Auditions were held Friday, May 17. Then the writers wrote, the directors cast the shows, all rehearsed and 8 days later- on May24- a production burst onto the Gateway stage. Thanks to all who helped write and perform the 3 plays. They were terrific. Special thanks to all the parents who helped- and drove the kids What a fun time and great learning experience.

Thanks to David Corkum for doing tech, Matt Sedlier as stage manager and Lou-Ellen Corkum as producer for the production.

Earlier in the year, workshops were held to prepare the kids for the skills needed to create this memorable evening. Thanks to Miriam Sas, Mary Darling Maestaz, Lou-Ellen Corkum and Pat Haddock.

THE RECORD BREAKING MIME,
written by Alaina French, directed by Lily Ruggiere
Mentor: Lynn Boucher

Cast
Jackson Reed
Brooke Swistak
Gigi Matte
Naia Paquin Hall

WEATHER ON THE FIELD
written by Nora Miller, directed by Ducati Sedlier
Mentor: Stephanie Ruggiere

Cast
Jacob Foster
Norah Stern
Ducati Sedlier

CYBIL'S FINE CHINA
written by Abigayle Simpson, directed by Naia Paquin Hall
Mentor: Dawn Sedlier
Cast
Lily Ruggiere
Nora Miller





SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Every year, Gateway sends out a letter soliciting donations. Ticket sales, as with most theater groups, only accounts for a portion of operating expenses. We depend on community support to keep the group alive and well. We depend on YOUR support to continue offer quality performances and learning and fun activities for kids. If you would like to contribute, just send a check to: Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. PO Box 171, Southbridge MA 01550. We truly appreciate your support

To date sustaining members are:

Sustaining Member – 2024

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Carol Allard Vancil
THANK YOU ALL

OFF SHE GOES == What a terrific show!!"

"Off She Goes", written by Ed Humpries ended a successful run delighting audiences. Ed also directed, with David Corkum as producer and Gwen O'Brien as stage manager. The cast included: Lynn Boucher (Ellie), Linda Bouthillier (Anna), Tey Gallipeau (Young Ellie), Eric Hart (Arthur), Jordan Miller (Clark), Mikey Dearn (Jackson), Stephen Jean (Michael), Samantha Raynoso (Corinne) and Sean Nault (Peter).
THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A TERRIFIC SHOW.



Gateway Players Theatre Board:

Lou-Ellen Corkum-- president, Mike Dupuis- vice-president,
Chris McTigue- secretary, Bill Guy- treasurer.

Members at large- David Corkum, Mikey Dearn, Deb Hollett
Stephen Jean, Stephanie Ruggiere.

Pat Haddock- past president.

GATEWAY PLAYERS THEATRE, INC. HISTORY

If you would like to see a listing of ALL the shows Gateway has performed since 1975- just go to website, gatewayplayers.org under Past Seasons. You will even find photos from many of the shows. When Gateway started in 1975, we used borrowed rehearsal and storage space, and performed at Southbridge HS on Cole Ave. In 1978 we moved into the Arts Barn at 111 Main St, on the property donated by Ruth Wells (of American Optical Company family). We were there for decades, until the Barn needed more repairs than were affordable. For the past few years, we have used space in Fellowship Hall of Elm St. for rehearsals, performances and storage, for which we are very grateful.

Thanks to DAVID CORKUM for maintaining our facebook page and to JIM DOUGLAS for website update and creation.

WE ALL WORK TO KEEP GATEWAY-- AND THEATER--ALIVE



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