

Gateway Players Theatre, Inc.
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founded 1975
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Barbara Day,
editor since 1991



Gateway's Annual Meeting will be Aug 5- all are invited. Auditions- Fiddler- and Jaco Edwards Library exhibit of Gateway memorabilia are all happening. Gateway is alive and well!

UPCOMING AUDITIONS

If you have been contemplating getting involved in Gateway- and trying out for a stage role- this may be the show. It's fun and funny, with lots of crazy parts. Why not give it a try!

Gateway Players Theatre is hosting auditions for "The Clumsy Custard Horror Show", the fourth show of our 50th Anniversary Season. Auditions will be held at Fellowship Hall at Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge, MA. Entrance is on Park Street (around the corner), on Sunday July 20th, 1-3pm and Tuesday July 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and some physical improv. No need to sign up or prepare anything, just come on down and get ready to laugh!

The Clumsy Custard Horror Show (and Ice Cream Clone Review) by William Gleason is a comedy where the audience gets into the act. King Dumb is ready for his daughter to select a husband and all the Knights of the Realm are anxious to claim her hand. But the sweet Princess Prince has fallen for a gentle yet courageous lad she assumes to be a pauper. Not so! Little does she know that this scruffy stranger is Swashbuck Valpariso, bearer of the magic sword and Master of Fast Feet. It's a Princess Bride kind of tale with a Rocky Horror feel. Directed by Mikey Dearn and produced by Stephanie Ruggiere, this show appeals to everyone with a sense of humor!

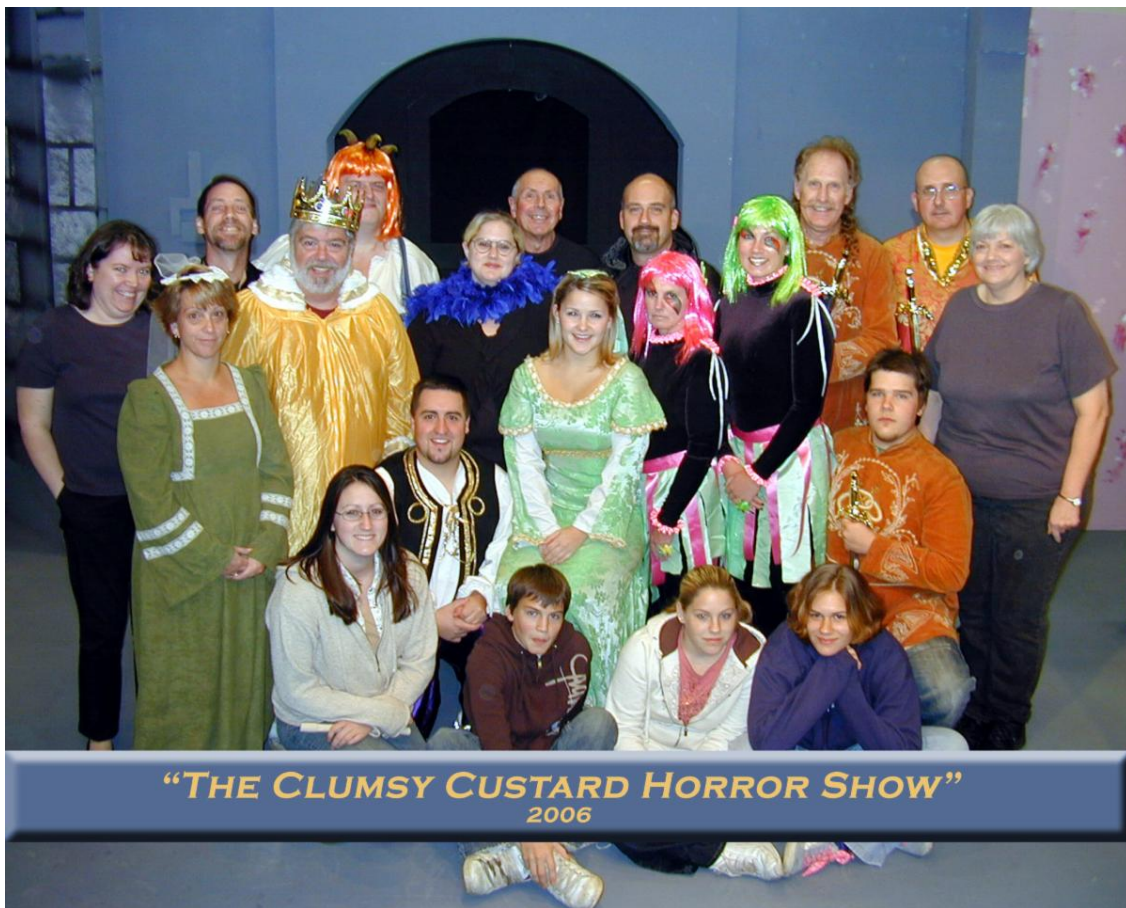
Anyone age 10 and up may audition for a role in the show. We welcome all genders, identities and ethnicities whether they are newcomers or veterans to the stage. Rehearsals will be held Monday and Thursday evenings with Sunday afternoons added after Labor Day. Performance dates are October 4, 10, 11 @ 7:30pm & October 5, 12 @ 2pm. The Clumsy Custard Horror Show is presented with permission from Dramatic Publishing.

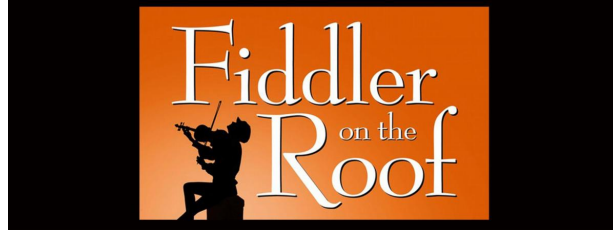
Any other questions?

Feel free to message the director, Mikey Dearn, at dearn44@gmail.com

Can you tell that Gateway LOVES this show. Our first version was in 1994 with a teen cast. Then the adults wanted in on the fun- and in 2006 we produced it again. This time around we have an open casting call- for all ages and identities. If you have been wanting to return to- or begin- acting, this may be a good choice. Mark your calendars NOW.

From 2006- below is Scott Metras (Swashbuck) and Ashleigh Soper (Princess) and the cast photo.





Gateway Players Theatre presents "Fiddler on the Roof", the third show of our 50th Anniversary Season. Performance dates are August 1 & 2 at 7:00pm, and August 3 at 2pm, at the Southbridge High School/Middle School auditorium, 132 Torrey Road, Southbridge, MA. Directed by Patricia Haddock, produced by Kathi Grenier, with Connie Galli as music director. This show is presented by permission through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors and youth under 18. Tickets may be reserved by calling Gateway at 508-764-4531. Online credit card ticket sales are available at <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/gateway-players/fiddler-on-the-roof>

Synopsis:

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, Fiddler on the Roof's universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.



The annual meeting of Gateway Players Theatre will be held on Tuesday, August 5th at 7pm in Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm Street in Southbridge. Anyone may attend the meeting, but only Sustaining members can vote. The annual election for the Gateway Board of Directors will take place at

the meeting. To run a successful organization, we need the help and input from a dedicated group of volunteers. Anyone who wishes to be considered to be on the ballot for a board position should contact Lou- Ellen Corkum at:(lcorkum14@gmail.com).



DRAMA OVER THE YEARS.

Gateway Players Theatre has had eclectic seasons- offering musicals, dramas, comedies and youth productions. Sometimes it challenges cast and audience to perform dramas especially, such a mélange of emotions can be evoked. We feel it is important to promote a wide range of experiences.

Our history is full of thought-provoking and evocative shows. Some to highlight are Tuesdays With Morrie (2009), Cover of Life (2017), One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest (2008), The Children's Hour (2013), The Rimers of Eldritch (2011). Witness for the Prosecution (1978), Glass Menagerie (1980 and 1996), Fireflies (2023) and Our Town (1981). Check out the past seasons tab on the website for a complete listing. gatewayplayers.org.



Photos- above Tuesdays With Morrie. Below- Cover of Life, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, The Children's Hour, Rimers of Eldritch and Fireflies.





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Be sure to check out our UPDATED WEBSITE. Thanks to Deb Hollett, we have a new and exciting site. gatewayplayers.org. You can read the most current news, history, production history and see photos from past shows. Even COVID didn't stop us. We did videos and virtual shows- which may be found on facebook.

As we look back on 50!!! years, it really is amazing at our history. With adult and youth casts, musicals, dramas and comedies- we really have had an eclectic history. Wonder if our founding members envisioned 50 years- and still going strong!



Along with the 50th season of revivals, Gateway will celebrate this milestone with an exhibit at Jacob Edwards Library in August and the GALA on Nov.1. Other events are on the works. Stay tuned! Above card designed by Cheyenne Grenier (2014 scholarship recipient).

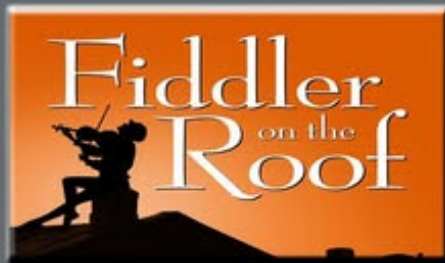
Gateway Players Theatre 2025 Season



February 21, 22, 28 March 1 & 2



May 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10



August 1, 2 & 3



October 4, 5, 10, 11 & 12



December 5, 6 & 7



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Gateway Players Theatre Board:

Lou-Ellen Corkum-- president,

Chris McTigue- secretary, Bill Guy- treasurer.

Members at large- David Corkum, Mikey Dearn, Kathi Grenier,

Deb Hollett, Deb Ostiguy, 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 Deb Hollett for website.

WE ALL WORK TO KEEP GATEWAY-- AND THEATER--ALIVE
Get involved- come to the Annual Meeting

Thanks to Elm Street Congregational Church for giving us a home



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