

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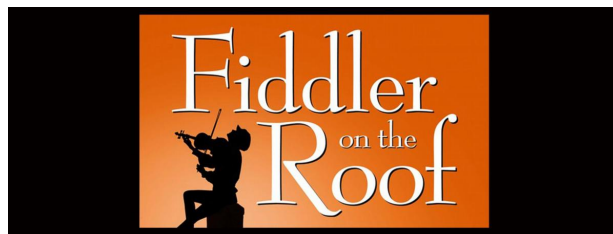
Barbara Day,  
editor since 1991



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Gateway's 50th season is midway. Fiddler rehearsals are underway. Auditions are scheduled for the next show and the August Jacob Edwards Library exhibit will be US! Memorabilia from 50 years! Don't miss out on the excitement!

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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.



## UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Gateway Players Theatre in Southbridge, MA 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](mailto: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 Bill Guy (Warfle) and the cast photo.



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BILL MASTRO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP past recipients:

Anjolina Fantaroni- 2022

I first joined Gateway at eight years old, beginning with a small role of an Oompa Loompa in Willy Wonka the Musical. That moment wasn't just the start of my theatre career, but it was the start of second family for me. Performing in Gateway productions gave me friends — older and younger — and the confidence to shine onstage. The support and skills from my time there led me to pursue a career in journalism at Elon University. Being no stranger to the stage, I wasn't a stranger in front of the camera either. The Bill Mastro Memorial Scholarship helped fund my dreams of becoming a journalist, and I am now interning at CBS8 San Diego for the summer and am the Executive Director of Elon News Network. Thank you Gateway!

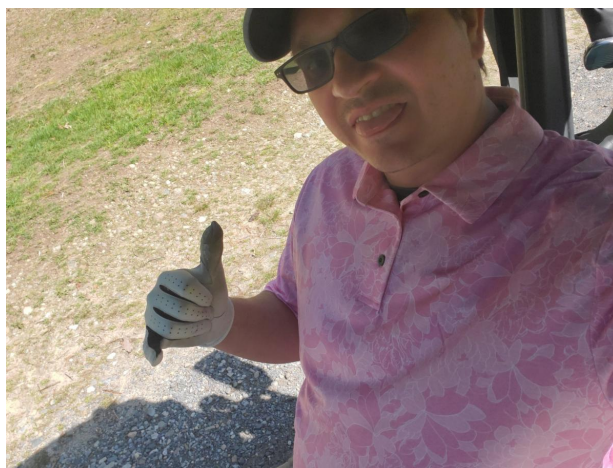
Shelby Morrill Remillard- 2009

Gateway was a big part of my adolescence. I still have fond memories of my time at Gateway and the people I have met. Pat Haddock always made me feel like I was part of a second family, and always encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and increase my confidence. The love i have for Gateway and the people i have met will never fade. Gateway helps build confidence to speak and perform in public. These attributes help individuals become leaders.

Mark Lammert- 2002

I've been doing well. Just working like an animal to support my wife and myself. I didn't follow through on my original college plans, but the scholarship did help me to attend college and get on stage while I was attending, and provided me with the opportunity to make some life long friendships. It was amazing to use this skill I learned in a small community group and branch out and have a common interest with others who did the same. Even after moving out and meeting new people in my 20's and 30's, i seem to always have a knack for finding the group of theater people in life. Gateway was a family. I'm sure the stories and relationships my mother can talk about will give full credence to that statement. In good times and bad throughout my life, someone from the Gateway community has pretty much always been there. If time allowed, I would love to get back on stage again, but i don't know if that will happen any time soon. It won't stop me from attending shows and trying to see what everyone is up to when i can though. I never imagined that this group of people I started to hang out with when I was 10(?) years old would still be around all this time later, but I'm glad they are. I wouldn't give up anything in life to change that.

Below- Anjolina Fantaroni, Shelby Morrill Remillard, Mark Lammert



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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](http://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.

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Below are cast photo and individuals from Crazy for You. See if you can find the Lammert family- Barbara, Mark and Gordon. Becky and Luke Robinson and mother Pauline Borden. Larry and Barbara Day. Ruby Pontbriand (2006 scholarship winner).



In looking at past shows- 2004 was a fun year. Included in the season was Crazy for You, the Gershwin musical. Included in the cast were many scholarship families.

Middle photo includes Joni Metras -mother of Scott (1999), John Morrill - father of Tyler (2007) and Shelby (2009) and Becky Bordon Robinson. Lower photo is Barbara Day- mother of Susan (2000) and Bill Guy- brother of Dawn (1999). Check the website for more photos.

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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).

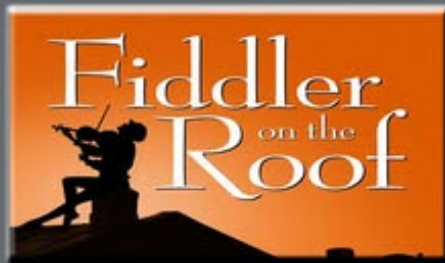
# Gateway Players Theatre 2025 Season



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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[www.gatewayplayers.org](http://www.gatewayplayers.org)

## 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](http://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

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Thanks to Elm Street Congregational Church for giving us a home



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