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After a successful year of celebrations, revived productions, and sharing memories, Gateway has kicked off Season 51 with 2 shows. Enclosed you will find opportunities for theater education- and ideas for road trips. Stay connected- stay active- and see you in our audiences.

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Gateway Players Theatre presents "Remedial", written by local playwright Jordan Miller. Performance dates are February 27, 28 and March 6, 7 at 7:30pm and March 8 at 2pm. The performances are held at Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm Street in Southbridge, MA. Entrance is on Park Street (around the corner). Remedial is directed by Jordan Miller and produced by Stephen Jean.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 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/.../gateway-players/remedial>

The cast includes Patrick Bracken (Robin), Tey Ferron (Dr. Hamilton), Vivian Eliza Nichols (Angel), Katie Walsh (Morgan), Stephen Clarke (Jamie), Greg Glanville (Cameron), Mary Tisdell (Devin) and Asher McCoy (Blake).

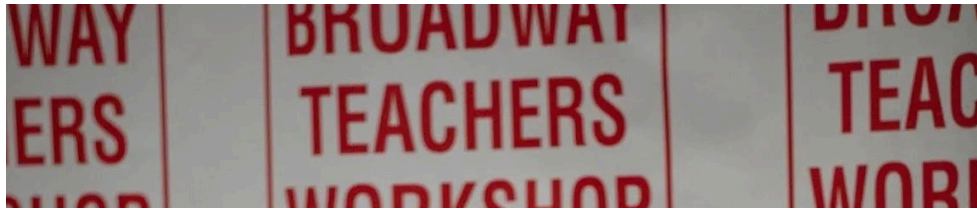
Synopsis:

Robin is a disillusioned author who reluctantly takes a job teaching remedial English to a group of adult students. Bitter from past trauma and career setbacks, Robin initially struggles to connect with these diverse students, each of whom carries their own burdens. As the story unfolds, the classroom becomes a space for unexpected growth, where Robin and the students challenge each other's assumptions and learn to confront their insecurities. Through humor, conflict, and shared vulnerability, "Remedial" explores themes of resilience, empathy, and the transformative power of understanding and human connection.



Gateway Players Theatre has joined with Elm Street Congregational Church to perform "Godspell" as a fundraiser scheduled for March 20, 21 and 22. The cast will include Jesus - Alex Gardner and John the Baptist/Judas - Mark Lammert. Ensemble: Hannah Bilis, Billy Bolster, Heather Crabbe, Robyn DeGennaro, Deb Hollett, Erin Simson, Kirsten Smaltz, Davyn Walsh and David Yutzler. The director is Lynn Boucher with Lou-Ellen Corkum as producer and Chris Rubenacker as music director. Ticket information TBD, save the dates NOW and join us for a wonderful evening of song.

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The Broadway Teachers Workshop, scheduled for July, has announced an exciting array of workshops, cast talk backs, and performances. Go to [Broadway Teachers Workshop - Broadway Teaching Group](http://Broadway Teachers Workshop - Broadway Teaching Group), [www.broadwayteachinggroup.com/broadway-teachers-workshop/](http://www.broadwayteachinggroup.com/broadway-teachers-workshop/)

Some of the workshops under consideration:

- DIRECTING: ACTING TOOLS THAT ACTUALLY WORK FOR TEENS,
- DIRECTING: ACTIONS AND BEAT CHANGES
- DIRECTING: CREATING IMMERSIVE THEATRE
- MUSICAL THEATRE: ACTING THE SONG
- MUSEUM OF BROADWAY
- ON YOUR FEET: IMPROV FOR ENSEMBLE BUILDING
- ON YOUR FEET: INTIMACY COORDINATION FOR EDUCATORS
- TIK TOK THEATRE: SHORT FORM STORYTELLING
- ON YOUR FEET: CONNECT AND SHARE
- LESSON PLAN DEVELOPMENT: FROM BROADWAY TO YOUR CLASSROOM
- BACKSTAGE ON BROADWAY: THE LEGACY OF THEATRE TEACHERS
- ON YOUR FEET: BROADWAY SING ALONG!
- DESIGN ON A DIME
- GRANT WRITING
- COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: Join professors from Musical Theatre college programs for a guide to leading your students through the college audition and application process.
- ON YOUR FEET: CHOREOGRAPHY FOR EVERYONE
- SHAKESPEARE'S COMEDIES: A JOYRIDE FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

- **PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT:** Explore new technology and methods for organizing and scheduling your rehearsals, tech and performances.

And more... One-day and online classes are also available. For complete schedule, go to site. Tickets for 4 Broadway shows are included in the workshop.

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## **SCHOOL VACATION OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are looking for theatrical opportunities for youth- check out Majestic Theater in West Springfield MA. They offer 2 sessions February 16-20. Ages 7-10 meet 9-noon (\$160) and ages 11-15 meet 1-4pm (\$260).

April vacation workshops cover MA vacation of April 20-24 and CT vacation April 13-17. While both sessions meet same hours and have same fees, the curriculums are expanded. For full descriptions go to [majestictheater.com/mytw](http://majestictheater.com/mytw).

## **MAJESTIC THEATER**

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## **SUMMER THEATER**

Summer may be a long way off- but the Ogunquit Playhouse in Ogunquit ME has announce the 2026 schedule. Ogunquit is in lower Maine- just a few hours away. A great beach town, their Playhouse is a wonderful place to go after a day in the sun. For complete information, go to [ogunquitplayhouse.org](http://ogunquitplayhouse.org).



## GATEWAY HISTORY- A WALK IN THE PAST

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Our 50th season celebrations were so much fun- and carried such meaning. We revived special shows and had the opportunity to reconnect with some of the people who helped Gateway expand and grow. We are very fortunate to have performed so many shows in all genres. The website has a complete list of past shows- here are a few photos.





Above is set building for the first version of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite". With community theater- EVERYONE helps to build, paint and make the set come together. This show was performed at the (former) Southbridge High School on Cole Ave. Even after we acquired the Barn in 1978, we still returned to the high school for the large scale musicals.



(above) Gateway performed "Godspell" in 1985 in our new home- the Barn. Actors include Linda Bouthillier (still performing) and Danny Carragher (then in high school, now teaching in NYC).





"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940". performed in 1995 was a comedy spy thriller with secret passages and hidden doors- and no music! Above are Patrick Lynch and Barbara Day.



In 2005 we performed "The Music Man" with Larry Day and Ray Petrelli in the cast.





From the very beginning, youth productions were an important part of the season. We always felt the need to offer kids the opportunity to learn, grow, develop self confidence and HAVE FUN. "Narnia" (2015) included Anthony Masciangioli, now a director at Barre Players.



From youth productions to (very) adult shows, the season of 2015 included "My First Time", written by Broadway producer and Gateway alum Ken Davenport. Starring Josh Raymond, Gwen O'Brien, Joe Sawyer and Kaiti (Figuerora)Downer, this show was a series of vignettes about My First Time.

## GATEWAY MEMORIES

We are looking for YOUR memories- your time at Gateway, favorite roles, people and productions that impacted you. Anything you would like to share. Please send to Barbara Day, [bldaycare@verizon.net](mailto:bldaycare@verizon.net). We will compile your thoughts and publish on website.  
THANKS

**50 YEARS DOWN-  
MANY MORE TO COME!!**

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