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The year is just flying by-so many terrific productions. Now we are in rehearsal for the summer musical- which is sure to delight.



Auditions were held recently for "Jimmy Buffet's Escape to Margaritaville" scheduled for this summer. Performances are July 31, Aug 1 and 2 at the Southbridge Middle-High School. In addition to having a large stage space and audience space- the auditorium is Air Conditioned! Pat Haddock is directing, with Kathi Grenier as producer and stage manager. Chris Rubenacker is musical director.

On a small island in the Caribbean, vacation goes and the laid-back staff of the Margaritaville bar flirt, unwind and sip drinks under the sun. When an ambitious tourist named Rachel arrives with her friend Tammy for a much-needed vacation, she finds an unexpected romance with Tully, the island bartender and musician. As paradise collides with real life, both are faced with deciding what they want beyond the sandy beaches of Margaritaville. This tropical romantic comedy has plenty to laugh at and a sweet love story – all underscored by Jimmy Buffett's classic tunes, including "Cheeseburger in Paradise," "Margaritaville," "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," "Fins," "Volcano," and many more. Be sure to join us for a fun summer musical.

Tickets are soon to be available on TicketLeap, reservations may be made by calling 508-764-4531. Tickets are \$20, \$17 for seniors and youth under 18. The cast includes: Andrew St. George (Tully), Sarah Tonkin (Rachel), Jonathan Martin (Brick), Abi Simpson (Tammy), Billy Bolster (J.D.), Gwen O'Brien (Marley), Peter Amaral (Jamal), Chris Lam (Chadd). The ensemble includes Tiffany Betty, Cheri Cooper, Mari Cordero, Shawn Davis, Asher McCoy, Ray Petrelli, Hillary Robertson, Erin Simpson and David Yutzler, Summer at Gateway- what an exciting time!

Gateway Players has been awarding the Bill Mastro Memorial Scholarship since 1998. This year's recipient is Lily Ruggiere. She will be heading to Sarah Lawrence College in the fall!! The scholarship is awarded each year to a college bound senior as a way of encouraging the arts among our youth and rewarding Gateway youth for their hard work and support, both and/or behind the scenes.

CONGRATULATIONS LILY



Two more shows to go- watch for audition information. If you would like to be onstage or behind the scenes- this is your opportunity.

Preparing for summer musicals are always fun. Gateway usually does the large scale productions in summer- when local school auditoriums are available, as well as returning college students. Over the years we have done quite an array of selections.

Among the summer musicals are Fiddler on the Roof (2025, 2016). Rocky Horror Show (2018), Disney's Little Mermaid (2017), Shrek (2014), Mame (2013, 1977), Willy Wonka (2012), Bye Bye Birdie (2011, 1993), Beauty and the Beast (2012), Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat (2009, 1999), Sound of Music (2008), Music Man (2005, 1980), Anything Goes (2003, 1975), Annie (2002, 1982), No No Nanette (2000), Nunsense

(1998), Bells are Ringing (1997), Fiorello (1996), Guys and Dolls (1995), Pippin (1991), Baby (1990), Fantastics (1987), Cabaret (1984), My Fair Lady (1979), Gypsy (1978). Below Little Mermaid cook and Sebastian, Rocky Horror Show, Music Man quartet, Shrek and Fiona.

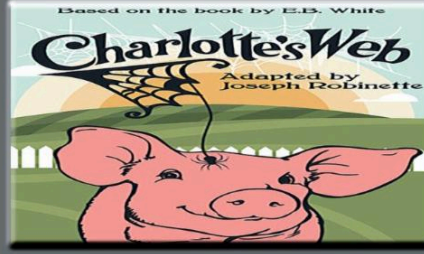




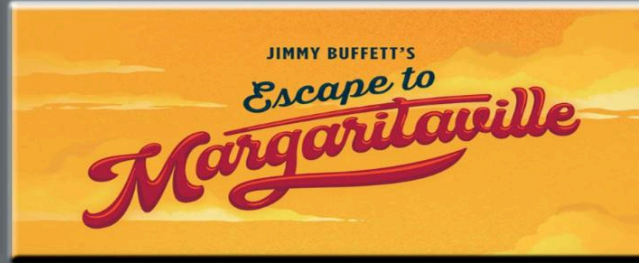
Gateway Players Theatre 2026 Season



Remedial
February 27, 28 March 6, 7 & 8



Charlotte's Web
May 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9



Escape to Margaritaville
July 31 August 1 & 2



The Outsider
October 9, 10, 16, 17 & 18



**The Spirit of Christmas or
The Story of Ernestina Scrooge**
December 4, 5 & 6

Call For Tickets 508-764-4531
Online at <https://gateway-players.ticketleap.com>

SEASON 2026 is moving along. What's after Charlotte's Web and the summer musical, Escape to Margaritaville? A political comedy, The Outsider, and a Christmas story will round up the season. If you dream of being on stage- there are 2 more opportunities this year. Backstage and production help is always needed. Just let us know if you are available.

Gateway offers a chance to grow, learn and have fun.

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