

Gateway Players Theatre, Inc.
PO Box 171
Southbridge, MA 01550

founded 1975
July, 2026

Barbara Day,
editor since 1991



Our summer musical, *Escape to Margaritaville*, opens in a few days- be sure to see this spectacular show. The cast has been selected for the fall satire, *The Outsider*, and auditions will be coming up for the holiday production. Gateway is bustling through Season 51!



"Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville*" opens Friday, July 31- be sure to get tickets. 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, Harlie Packard and Gwen O'Brien as choreographers and Chris Rubenacker as musical director. The set is being constructed by Lily and Dominic Ruggiere and Asher McCoy. Lights/design is Miriam Sas and David Corkum, with Rich Gaudete doing sound.

"Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville*", book by Greg Garcia and Mike O'Malley. music and lyrics by Jimmy Buffett. Performance dates are July 31 and August 1 at 7:30pm & August 2 at 2pm at the Southbridge Middle/High School Auditorium, 132 Torrey Road, Southbridge, MA. This show is presented by permission through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

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://events.ticketleap.com/.../jimmy-buffett-s-escape...>

The cast includes: Andrew St. George, Sarah Tonkin, Jonathan Martin, Abi Simpson, Billy Bolster, Gwen O'Brien, Peter Amaral, Chris Lam, Asher McCoy,

Shawn Davis, Hillary Robertson, David Yutzler, Ray Petrelli, Cheri Cooper, Mari Cordero, Tiffany Betty, Lydia Woznicki, and Naomi Cooper.

Synopsis:

On a small island in the Caribbean, vacation goers 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. With a book by Emmy Award winner Greg Garcia (My Name is Earl, Raising Hope) and Emmy nominee Mike O'Malley (Survivor's Remorse, Shameless), this hilarious, heartwarming musical is the party you've been waiting for!

"The Outsider " coming this fall.



The cast has been selected for the fall political satire, The Outsider. Directed by Patrick Bracken, with Ed Humphries as producer, the cast includes Dave: Jordan Miller. Ned: Billy Bolster, Louise: Cassidy Shaw, Arthur: Eric Hart, Paige: Eylssa Miller. Rachel: Nicole Rawdon and A.C.: Peter Amaral.

Ned Newley doesn't even want to be governor. He's terrified of public speaking; his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. But political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently: Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office. Unless the public is looking for... the worst candidate to ever run for office. A timely and hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy. Written by Paul Slade Smith. This is an adult production. Presented by permission through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

Performances are October 9,10,16,17,18 at Fellowship Hall of Elm St. Congregational Church.



AUDITIONS FOR HOLIDAY SHOW SCHEDULED

Gateway Players Theatre is hosting auditions for "The Spirit of Christmas or The Story of Ernestina Scrooge" written by Tom Fuller. Audition will be held on Tuesday, September 15th and Thursday September 17th at 6:30, in Fellowship Hall at Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm Street, Southbridge, Ma.

Auditions will consist of cold-readings from the script. Each auditioner should come prepared to sing one of their favorite Christmas carols as well. Show dates are December 4, 5, 6. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays in September, then Monday and Wednesdays in October and November. All rehearsals will begin at 6:30. This is an adult and youth production. Directed by Lou-Ellen Corkum and Alex Gardner, and produced by Stephanie Ruggiere. For more information, please contact Gateway at 508-765-4531, or Lou-Ellen Corkum at lcorkum14@gmail.com. Presented by permission from Dramatic Publishing

Synopsis:

This adaptation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol was selected by the Playwrights' Center of Minneapolis. It is especially suited to the needs of high schools and community theatres, since it has an assortment of fine roles for women. What happened to Ebenezer Scrooge after the immortal Christmas Day? It seems he married and had a son, who had a son, who moved to America and had a daughter, Ernestina, who is the leading lady of this play.

Cast:

Principle roles:

Ernestina Scrooge – the great-granddaughter of Ebenezer, 40 years old

Bob Kravachic – Ernestina's clerk, father of 3, 30 – 40 year old

Bill McDougal -Ernestina's former boyfriend, 40 year old

Young Ernestina – 15-17 year old girl, appears in Christmas past as a high school student, she also has a solo that she sings

Little Bob – 6-8 year old boy, appears in Christmas present similar to the Tiny Tim character from A Christmas Carol

Ensemble: will have multiple roles including carolers, narrators, Spirit of Christmas Past, Present and Future, students, Kravachic family members, party guests, etc.

6 women - age range of 25-60ish

6 Men - age range of 25-60ish

6 Teens – age range of 12-17

Show Proposals for the 2027 Season.

Gateway Players Theatre is currently accepting proposals for shows for our 2027 season. Submissions are due by August 25th. Please fill out the proposal form by going to the link below.. You must also provide us with a copy of the script which can be

dropped off to Lou-Ellen Corkum (email lcorkum14@gmail.com to meet up). Anyone submitting a proposal must have previous directing experience. The Gateway Board will be reviewing the submissions, and deciding on shows at the September Board meeting. We will contact you if we need any additional information concerning the production. If your proposal is accepted, you will also need to fill out a complete Budget proposal form. [Gateway Players Theatre, Inc Production Proposal](#)
Gateway Players offer a season of comedy, drama, musicals and youth productions. To see past productions, check out Past Seasons on the Gateway website. gatewayplayers.org.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Gateway annual meeting is scheduled for Aug 25, 7pm at Elm Street CC, in Fellowship Hall, 61 Park Ave. All Gateway members are welcome. The agenda will include a yearly report and election of officers. Show proposals will be submitted and discussed at Sept. meeting.

Since Gateway was founded- over 50 years ago, we have endeavored to entertain with a variety of genres- comedy, drama musicals and youth productions. The last few shows of this season are a musical, satire and holiday show. Look back at previous selections.





Murder's In The Heir
2011



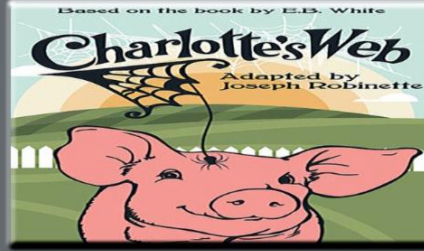
The Christmas Express
2015



Gateway Players Theatre 2026 Season

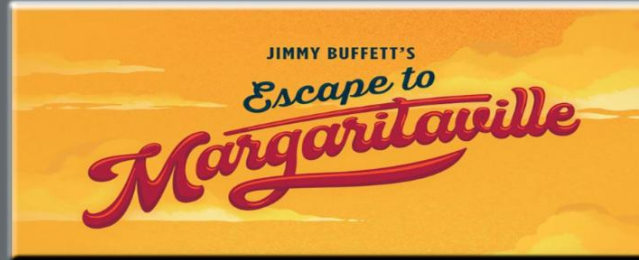


Remedial
February 27, 28 March 6, 7 & 8



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

51st
season



51st
season

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>

Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. | PO Box 171 | Southbridge, MA 01550 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!