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"The Outsider " coming soon.



Gateway Players Theatre presents "The Outsider" written by Paul Slade Smith. Performance dates are October 9, 10, 16, and 17th at 7:30pm and October 18 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). Directed by Patrick Bracken, produced by Ed Humphries, this show is presented by permission through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, a Dramatists Play Service Title.
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://events.ticketleap.com/.../gateway.../the-outsider**
The cast features Jordan Miller, Billy Bolster, Cassidy Shaw, Eric Hart, Elyssa Miller, Nicole Rawdon, and Peter Amaral.
Synopsis:
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.



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.

Shows for the 2027 season will be announced at the September Board meeting.
Proposals have been submitted and the board is busily reading all the scripts, in order to

make a decision. This is always an exciting time- as we await the board's decision for the coming season. Stay tuned...

Thanks to everyone who made "Escape to Margaritaville" a rousing success. Between the singing, acting, dancing (even tap dancing), musicians- and the mega volcano- it was a terrific show. Another summer success!
Below is the cast.



ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the officers and board who were elected at the August Annual Meeting. They include:
President Lou-Ellen Corkum, vice-president Stephanie Ruggiere, treasurer Bill Guy and secretary Chris McTigue. Members at large are Mari Cordero, David Corkum, Mikey Dearn, Jonathan Martin, Asher McCoy, Dawn Sedlier. Youth member is Ducati Sedlier with Pat Haddock as past president. The board meets monthly and is instrumetal in keeping Gateway alive and growing.
Thanks for your time, efforts and dedication.

As the board peruses shows for 2027 season- here are photos from past seasons. With 50+ years as a vibrant community theater, Gateway has performed 100's of shows, especially holiday shows. We have even loved shows and performed multiple times!


A Candle In The Window - 2009


"Miracle on 34th Street"
December 2005





Christmas Shorts- 2023 above, Uh Oh Here Comes Christmas- 2006 below





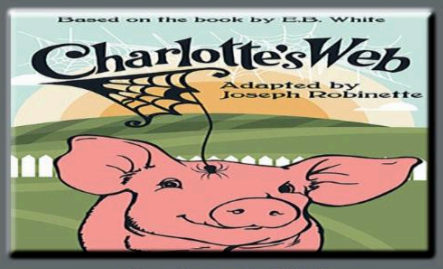
Tis the Season 2010 above, Christmas in the Air- 2011 below.



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2026 Season

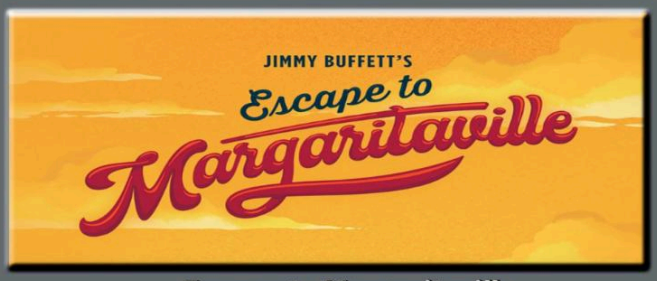


Remedial
February 27, 28 March 6, 7 & 8



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



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