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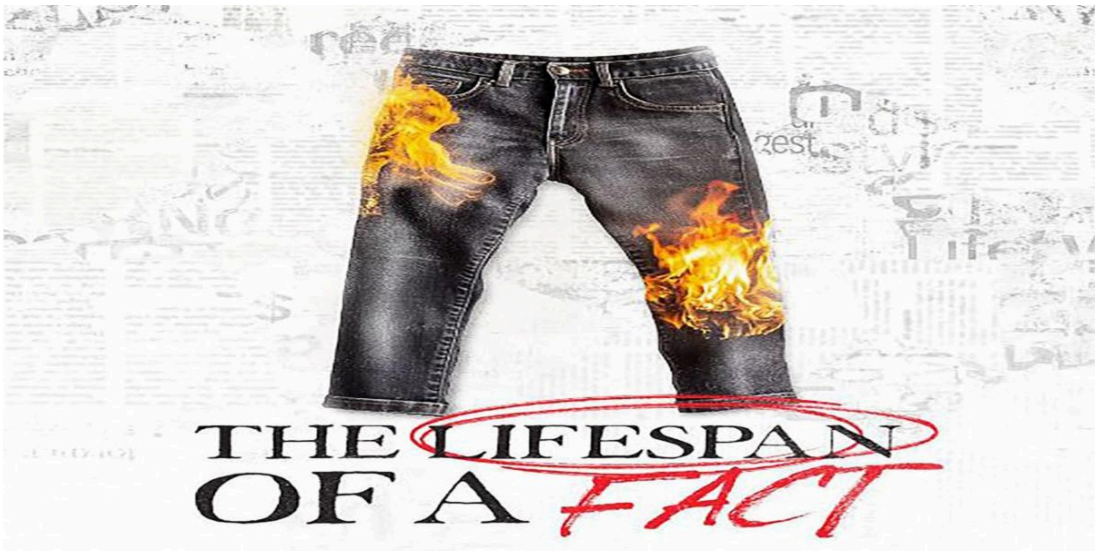
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HOLIDAY SHOW CAST

Auditions were held and the cast selected for Tom Fuller's "The Spirit of Christmas or The Story of Ernestina Scrooge."
Show dates are December 4, 5, 6. This show is directed by Lou-Ellen Corkum and Alex Gardner with Stephanie Ruggiere as producer.
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:
Sarah Tonkin (Ernestina), Nathan Goulart-Pasco (Bob Kravachic), Jonathan Martin (Bill McDougal), Emily Betty (Little Bobbi), Greta Thompson (Little Ernestina), Jim Douglas (Narrator 1), Mikaila Baca-Dorion (Narrator 2), Hannah Billis (Employer, Fundraiser, Mrs. Kravachic), TJ Lee (Employee, Young Bill & others), Lillian Benoit (Belinda, urchin), Maritza Cordero (Joan Bailey, stage manager), Chris McTigue (Christmas Past), Lucas Betty (Student and mourner), Evelyn Alesbrook (student), Lola Rabitor (Mrs. Emtier), Lynn Boucher (Christmas Present), Reilly Ireland (Martha & others), Linda Bouthillier (Guest and Mourner), Peter Cooper (Mr. Korteski & others), Tiffany Betty (Christmas Future).
Ticket information will soon be available for this holiday production. Performances will be held at Fellowship Hall of Elm St. Congregational Church, 61 Elm St in

Southbridge. Tickets will soon be available online. In the meantime, reservations may be made by calling 508-764-4531



AUDITIONS FOR FIRST SHOW OF 2027 SEASON

Gateway Players Theatre is hosting auditions for "The Lifespan of a Fact" written by by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell and Gordon Farrell, based off the non-fiction book by John D'Agata and Jim Fingal. Auditions will be held on Sunday November 8th and Thursday November 12th at 6:30pm, in Fellowship Hall at Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA.
Auditions will consist of cold-readings from the script. Show dates are February 5th, 6th, and 7th. Rehearsals will be on Sundays and Thursdays at 7 pm, starting December 3rd. The initial read-through will be on Thursday, November 19th. Character information is listed below. This is an adult production. Directed by Deb Hollett, and produced by Patrick Bracken, for more information, please contact Gateway at 508-764-4531, or Patrick Bracken at pmbracken@gmail.com. This show is presented by permission through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, A Dramatists Play Service Title.
Synopsis:
Jim Fingal is a fact checker for a prominent but sinking New York magazine. John D'Agata is a writer with an essay on a teenage boy's suicide that could save the magazine. When Jim is assigned to fact check the essay, the two come head-to-head.
The production is seeking 3 actors to fill the following roles:
JIM FINGAL - male, mid 20s - an earnest, rule-bound young intern and fact-checker
EMILY PENROSE - female, 40s-60s - an ambitious, high-pressure magazine editor-in-chief caught in the middle
JOHN D'AGATA - male, 40s-60s - a celebrated, fiercely creative essayist who bends facts for artistic effect.

Thanks to cast and crew- and of course our audience- for a very funny and timely production of "The Outsider". Below is the cast photo.



As we look ahead to the holiday season- here are some highlights of past holiday productions. Below-It's a Wonderful Life, radio show (2026), Christmas in the Air (2011), Candle in the Widow (2025 and 2009). Christmas Express (2025), Uh, Oh Here Comes Christmas (2006), Tis the Season (2020).








A Candle In The Window - 2009


The Christmas Express
2015







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Mari Cordero, David Corkum, Mikey Dearn, Jonathan Martin, Asher McCoy, Dawn Sedlier
and Ducati Sedlier (youth member).
Pat Haddock is past president.
Thanks to Deb Hollett and Matt Sedlier who had served on the board last season.
We appreciate the time and effort from all our members to keep Gateway vital for over 50 years!!

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