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THE POND PLAYHOUSE

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A New Bus Service for TAG's Pond Playhouse

Check out the new #25 bus

TAG is pleased to report that the new # 25 bus service will provide buses every half hour from Mumford Road Terminal on weekday evenings. This will allow you to get to the theatre for rehearsals and shows and back to Mumford Terminal at 11:30 pm on weekdays. On weekends, it runs between 7:30 am and 10 pm.

The #415 also provides additional service at rush hour. [Learn more about these bus routes here on the Halifax.ca website.](#)



More options for taking the bus
to the Pond Playhouse!

On Stage Now: *The Wizard of . . . Oz?*

We're in the last 2 weeks of performances!

Don't Miss the 20th Anniversary of the TAG Pantomime!

The Wizard of . . . Oz? by Adrian Barradell

On stage until December 7, 2019

Only a few tickets left for some performances!

[Grab your tickets now at Ticket Atlantic!](#)

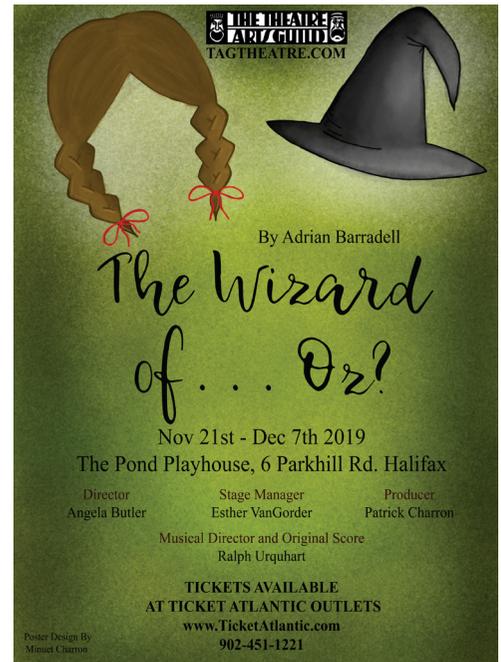
Director: Angela Butler

Stage Manager: Esther VanGorder

Producer: Patrick Charron

Music Director/Original Music: Ralph Walton-Bone Urquhart

Follow some of our favorite past pantomime characters as they journey through the magical, mystical land of Oz. Can they find their way home or do they need the help of the Wizard?



The Wizard of . . . Oz? by Adrian Barradell
Tickets almost sold out for *The Wizard of . . . Oz?* Available at Ticket Atlantic outlets and Superstores, as well as at the Box Office. Visit tagtheatre.com or call 902-451-1221.

21-Dec 7



Auditions for *Dracula - The Bloody Truth*

Come on out to the Pond Playhouse 6-9pm on December 8th or 10th to audition. For any questions, contact Director Nick Jupp at (902) 477-8697 or ncjupp@gmail.com

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Auditions for *Dracula - The Bloody Truth!*

Sunday, Dec 8, 2019, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Dracula - The Bloody Truth by Le Navet Bete and John Nicholson

In the original novel *Dracula*, Professor Abraham Van Helsing chases Dracula from Transylvania to England and back trying to rid the world of this terrible vampire. Our play brings Professor Van Helsing to The Pond Playhouse to show the audience how novelist Bram Stoker did not get the story quite right, but he will straighten things out with the help of his group of actors. As Van Helsing recreates the *Dracula* story, everything that can go wrong does go wrong: actors, props, set, costumes, backstage crew, etc. They incompetently try to recreate the story as Van Helsing vainly tries his best to keep things going. The result is outrageous comedy!

Rehearsals begin early January. To get a sense of the production [watch the trailer for Le Navet Bete's show on YouTube](#).

Performance Dates: March 19 - April 4, 2020

Characters: Actors play multiple roles, gender is not important. About 4-5 actors.

This is a fast paced production with tight, sometimes physical comedy, set changes by the cast, a little singing and improvisation when things invariably go wrong. Actors will need to attend ALL rehearsals and enjoy collaborating in a creative workshop rehearsal environment.

Please [download the PDF of the audition monologue on the TAG website](#) prior to your audition. If you have questions, contact the Director Nick Jupp at (902) 477-8697 or ncjupp@gmail.com

Call for Director Submissions for the 2020-2021 Season!

Planning for the 2020-2021 Season is already underway.

If you have a script that you would like to direct, please submit it to: Esther VanGorder, Artistic Director.

Submissions must include a script, notes on how you plan to address anything *unusual* (e.g. complicated sets, special effects) as well as the time slot you prefer.

Musical submissions will be entertained, however, directors must include with their submissions a guaranteed, volunteer musical director who is willing to not only work through the rehearsal period, but also act as accompanist for all performances.

There are four time slots available:

- * Sept 2020
- * Nov-Dec 2020
- * Feb 2021
- * June 2021

Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2020.

Submissions can be left at the Pond Playhouse or sent by email to Esther VanGorder, Artistic Director at: ArtisticDirector@TAGTheatre.com.

Seeking Script and Book Donations

We have put together a library in the Gratwick Rehearsal Hall and are seeking script books and books on theatre arts. Please sign the cover and leave them at the theatre for Lorne Abramson. Thanks!

Become a TAG Member Today

A TAG membership is the ideal way to help your community theatre thrive while developing your own theatrical skills & interests, and making new friends. [Join or renew your membership today.](#)

On Stage Next ... *Dracula: The Bloody Truth*

March 19 - April 4, 2020

Dracula - The Bloody Truth by Le Navet Bete and John Nicholson

Director: Nick Jupp

Our March 2020 comedic play was developed and written by one of England's foremost comedy troupes based in Exeter, Le Navet Bete, in partnership with playwright John Nicholson. Based on the original story by the Irish novelist Bram Stoker, Le Navet Bete's version sees Professor Van Helsing attempt to explain how Bram Stoker got it all wrong and how he will educate the audience on the real facts about Dracula. Although Van Helsing tries his hardest, the inept actors he has employed make a complete comedic mockery of his efforts (much to his frustration).

The original novel *Dracula* generated an enormous public interest in vampires and the undead and hundreds of films, plays, video games, comic books, and documentaries have resulted. However, LeNavet Bete's version is unique and will have you rolling in the aisles.

Tickets go on sale February 21, 2020!

Broadway Dance Workshop



Only one spot left!

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 6-9 pm - 1 spot left!

Location: Pond Playhouse

Instructor: Melanie Dumaresq

Cost: \$20. All proceeds to the TAG Building Fund

For people who want to move, have fun, learn and challenge their body doing something different. Have you always wanted to learn these iconic dances but never had the opportunity? Be yourself but dance like Velma or Danny Zucko or Tracy Turnblad and Link.

Learn routines from shows such as Chicago and Hairspray.

[Register here on the website.](#) Limited to 20 people. If you have any questions please email Melanie Dumaresq at mela-bramson@gmail.com. Pre-Registration required. No refunds.



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Trivia Night @ TAG!

Trivia Night returns January 18th at 7pm at the Pond Playhouse. Teams of 4-6. Sign up by emailing Rayna at president@tagtheatre.com before January 15th.

Trivia Night @ TAG!

Trivia Night Returns Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 7pm

Back by popular demand! Join us on January 18th in the TAG Pond Playhouse lobby for an evening of trivia and friendly competition. There will be three rounds of trivia. Form a team of 4 to 6 people or join a team on the night of the event (maximum of 30 people total). There will be a cash bar and light refreshments.

Please sign up by emailing Rayna Smith-Camp at president@tagtheatre.com no later than January 15, 2020. Pay what you can (suggested donation of \$10 per person). See you there!