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The Official Newsletter of the Theatre Arts Guild

Canada's Oldest Continually Operating Community Theatre



The Pond Playhouse

6 Parkhill Rd. Halifax, NS.

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UP NEXT AT TAG



Let Me Go is a gritty, crime drama set in a neglected East Coast neighbourhood where everyone seems to be chasing one last shot at something better.

At the centre is Ryan, an ex-con with ties to organized crime, who runs a worn-down tavern and pulls together a small crew for a risky robbery. As he draws Sonia, Mike, Ashley, and newcomer Emily deeper into the plan, old wounds, fragile loyalties, and dangerous attractions begin to surface. What starts as a carefully plotted job soon becomes something messier and far more human, where desire, fear, and weakness threaten to undo everything.

Written by Nicholas Jupp, a longtime Theatre Arts Guild member and experienced playwright. This play adds to his strong body of work that includes *Choices* and *Alone*, both LITF submissions, as well as *Order in the House*, *Fewer Acorns*, *Gooseberry Pie*, and *Murder Tonight*.

Tickets go on sale for TAG Members on August 20th and for the general public on August 27th. Starring:

- Jeff White as Ryan
- Kate Brooks as Emily
- Jocelyn Covert as Sonia
- Casey Gray as Mike
- Emma Ross as Ashley



AUDITION NOTICE

Bob's Your Elf

by Norm Foster

Director: Michele Moore

Producer: Kimberly Charron

At Santa's busy workshop, Bob is not fitting in with the other elves. Santa sends him to a small town to help a community theatre rehearsing their annual Christmas pageant to help him learn how to cooperate with others.

14 performances: November 19 to December 12, 2026

Drop-in Auditions

- Sunday, August 30th, 2-5pm
- Monday, August 31st, 7pm-9pm
- Location: Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road, Halifax NS

Roles

- Bob – male, 25-40ish
- Santa/Howard Widebottom (a dual role) – male, 60ish+
- Gord Ford – male, any age
- Les Banter – male, any age
- Amber Faircastle – female, 25-25
- Fiona Putzle – female, 55ish+

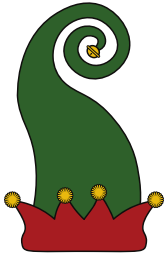
No preparation is required; a cold reading from the script will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

The Theatre Arts Guild is a community theatre run entirely by volunteers, with no paid performers. We do it for the joy and love of theatre.

✦ *Notice of Annual General Meeting* ✦

Monday, September 21st, 2026 at 7:30 PM

**The Pond Playhouse
6 Parkhill Road, Halifax**



All Theatre Arts Guild members in good standing are encouraged to attend our Annual General Meeting. The current Executive Board will present annual reports, including financial statements, and elections will be held for the 2026–2027 Executive Board. The Nominating Committee will present a proposed slate of officers, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The meeting will also be streaming online via Teams for those who would like to join us at home. Check our website for the details.



Membership Has Its Benefits

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- eligibility to participate in productions
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The Pond Playhouse: A Footnote

My thanks to Bill VanGorder, who provided this photograph, which shows the east side of the building before work commenced on any of the improvements I wrote about in my recent three-part series. The location of the stage door is still the same, but the (boarded-up) windows have disappeared. You can see the chimney for the furnaces which heated the building and oil pipes jutting out from the wall. Looking at the rear of the building, you can see how close the trees were to the back wall. Some of these would later be taken down and the area levelled to create parking spaces. The appearance of the building is not the best in this picture(!), but well before the work commenced on the first extension, the whole building was painted a lighter colour.

My thanks to Iris Shea of the Mainland South Heritage Society and Mark Picco, Archivist for the Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island at All Saints Cathedral, but I'm still looking for a picture(s) of the exterior of 6 Parkhill Road when in use as the Hall of Saint Augustine's Church. Can anyone help me with this? Thank you!



Judy Reade, TAG's Archivist
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Tag Theatre 2026-2027 Season

**Let Me Go – written by
Nicholas Jupp
Directed by Angela Butler
September 17 – October
3, 2026**

**Bob's Your Elf written by
Norm Foster
Directed by Michele Moore
November 19 – December
12, 2026**

**Perfect Wedding by
Robin Hawdon
Directed by Dom
MacKinnon
March 4 – 20, 2027**

SpringFest - April 2-3

**KHAN!!! THE MUSICAL! Book,
music, and lyrics by Brent
Black Co-conceived by Alina
Roth
Directed by Michele Gaudet
May 20 – June 12, 2027**