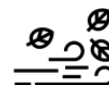




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A Big Thank You to Our 9 to 5 Team!

As we wrap up 9 to 5, we want to give a huge thank you to our amazing cast and crew. Your hard work, talent, and dedication truly made this show shine. To our cast, you gave far more than a “9 to 5,” bringing energy, heart, and just the right spark of ambition to every performance. To our crew, you kept everything running seamlessly, proving that real magic often happens behind the scenes. Together, you showed that with teamwork, you really *can change the situation*.

We’re so proud of everything you accomplished. **Bravo, everyone! Thanks for making it unforgettable!**

Who said it? “I’ll just have to save him because after all, a person’s a person no matter how small.”

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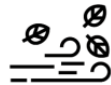
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Foothills Region One-Act Play Festival Results!



The 2026 Alberta Drama Festival Association (ADFA) Foothills Region One-Act Play Festival was held in Okotoks on April 10 and 11, 2026. The Strathmore Theatre Players Guild took home the top honor, with "Go Get 'Em Tiger" winning **Outstanding Production**, sending the show to the ADFA Provincials in Leduc (May 29-30 at the City Life Church).

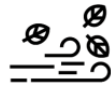
The festival saw the Strathmore Theatre Players Guild dominate the awards, taking home honors for Outstanding Production ("Go Get 'Em Tiger"), Runner Up ("Father-Daughter"), Direction (Doug Keeling, "Father-Daughter"), and Technical Merit ("Father-Daughter"). Additionally, Angela Reeves won Outstanding Performance for her role in "Go Get 'Em Tiger," while the Nose Creek Players earned Outstanding New Work by an Alberta Playwright for "He Thought, She Thought" by Garry Buzzard.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.adfa.ca/foothills>



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Call for Interest



The Highwood Centre would like to propose a partnership to Windmill Theatre Players, to produce a hybrid shadow cast showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show on October 31, 2026. Please email windmilltheaterplayers@gmail.com if you are interested in more information!

Sad News/Exciting Opportunity!

After three wonderful years of putting together our newsletter, this will be my **penultimate edition**, with June marking my final issue.

It has truly been a rewarding experience! I've loved gathering stories, sharing highlights, and helping preserve the memories that make our community theatre so special. Being part of this process has given me an even greater appreciation for the talent, dedication, and spirit of our members.

As I prepare to step away, we are looking for someone to take on this beloved tradition and continue bringing our stories to life. If you have an interest in writing, storytelling, or simply staying connected with everything happening in our group, this is a fantastic way to contribute.

If you're interested in taking on the newsletter, please reach out by email:
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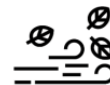
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Artstrek Funding!

Theatre Alberta's Artstrek is a summer theatre school for teens that provides professional learning with theatre artists and educators in a collaborative environment and this year it will be returning to Red Deer Polytechnic to celebrate its 65th anniversary. Artstrek has more than 10,000 alumni working across Alberta, Canada, and the world - including myself. Artstrek students explore the creative process through five daily classes that include the study of acting, movement, voice, devising, design, directing, and dramaturgy.

We are excited to fund this experience to two talented teens from Windmill: Archie F. and Georgina B. who both took the time to submit thoughtful applications for this funding. We hope that you both have a wonderful experience and we can't wait to hear all about it! Additionally, Windmill Theatre Players contributed to the Artstrek Community Funding which sponsors students through scholarships to attend this camp.



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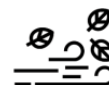
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AGM Date!



We will be hosting our AGM on Sunday September 13 (11:00 - 1:00PM)! This is a great morning to join us for breakfast to learn about what we have been up to this year and how you can be a part of the fun! This community is full of love, support, care for each other, laughter, and so much fun! Open positions of the Executive will be announced in the next newsletter and folks will be voting on nominations for those roles during the AGM.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a key moment for member involvement because it:

- **Ensures accountability:** Members review reports, finances, and decisions made by the Executive.
- **Shapes leadership:** Members elect or re-elect Executive members, directly influencing who leads the organization.
- **Provides a voice:** It's an opportunity to share ideas, raise concerns, and help guide future plans.
- **Strengthens community:** Active participation fosters transparency, trust, and a sense of ownership among members.

Ultimately, strong turnout and engagement at the AGM help keep Windmill democratic, responsive, and vibrant.

"If you love performing on stage... step into the spotlight at our AGM!"

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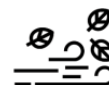
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The Venue!

Windmill is proud to continue our sponsorship of “The Venue”. They provide incredible summer programming, Bandstand Sunday, and many more artistic opportunities throughout the year for the High River Community! Check out their website to learn more: <https://www.thevenuehighriver.com/summer-series>

Upcoming Dates

June 11 - June Newsletter Submissions Due and June Executive Board Meeting @7:00

Windmill Annual Campout - August 13 - 16, 2026 (Wyndam-Carsland Group Site B)
Folks are welcome to camp for 1, 2, or 3 evenings. If you want to visit instead, join us on Saturday August 15 for some afternoon fun, a potluck dinner (at around 5:30ish), and an evening around the campfire!

End of August (dates TBD) - “*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*” Auditions - look forward to more details in our next newsletter!

AGM Sunday September 13 (11:00 - 1:00PM)

Trivia Answer: Horton the Elephant (*Seussical the Musical*) — a character who reminds us that “a person’s a person, no matter how small,” and that heart and imagination can carry a story to life.

Now, we’re excited to continue that spirit of wonder and storytelling as we look ahead to our next family-filled production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*! Another whimsical tale where imagination, kindness, and a touch of magic take centre stage!



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