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#### THE POND PLAYHOUSE

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# President's Message

Another summer comes to an end, and a new season at TAG begins.

The AGM took place on September 9th and I am proud to say I will remain as President for another year. Many of our current Executive members will also remain, but we welcome a few new members to the team. Shannon Nudds is our new Vice-President, Patrick Charron is our new Treasurer, and Maddi Mc-Kay is our new Volunteer Co-Ordinator. (You may have already received an email from her!) I cannot say thank you enough to Angela Butler, Carolyn Boyer, and Chantelle Dooley for the many years of outstanding work they have dedicated to the TAG Executive. Although they have opted to step down from their roles, they will continue to volunteer with us.

Tickets for the current production, *The Ladies Foursome*, are selling quickly. If you have not selected a date to come see this laugh-out-loud comedy, do so now to avoid missing out. Rehearsals for *The Wizard of...Oz?* our annual Pantomime, are well underway. Tickets go on sale Friday October 5th, and it is sure to be another sell out, so select your seats early.

And consider grabbing season tickets to secure your seat now!

In addition to our productions, TAG is holding a number of upcoming events. Visit our website or monitor your email for additional information about the TAG Variety Show, the Halloween Yard Sale, and our Broadway Dance Workshop.



Carolyn Boyer, awarded the Grey Squirrel Award at the AGM

### On Stage Now: Norm Foster's The Ladies Foursome

#### Runs September 19th to October 5th

*The Ladies Foursome*, the first production of our 2019-2020 Season, started last week to rave reviews.

I saw The Ladies Foursome last night. 4 Flawless Performances from 4 funny ladies. It was a laugh a minute and we enjoyed every bit of this beauty. Thank you Tag. ~Jim P.

Loved it! ~Angela B.

Saw the play on Thursday. Very funny! ~Victoria B.

Tickets are going fast and shows are almost sold out, so grab yours now! As always, tickets are available at all Ticket Atlantic locations, online at ticketatlantic.ca, or call 902-451-1221.





The Ladies Foursome by Norm Foster

Get your tickets now for *The Ladies Foursome*! Available at Ticket Atlantic outlets and Superstores, as well as at the Box Office. Visit <a href="https://www.tagtheatre.com">www.tagtheatre.com</a> or call 902-451-1221.

Until Oct 5

#### **TAG Season Tickets!**

Get 4 shows for the price of 3 and secure the seats you want for the entire year! Get your tickets at Ticket Atlantic outlets and Superstores, as well as at the Box Office. Visit www.tagtheatre.com or call 902-451-1221. While tickets last!

#### TAG Season Tickets Still Available!

From August 9th to October 5th, purchase 4 shows for the price of 3 and secure the seats you want for the entire year!

Cost: Members/Seniors/Students: \$45

Non-members: \$54

Season Tickets are available only from Ticket Atlantic at 902-451-1221 or in person at Scotiabank Centre Box Office downtown. As usual, Ticket Atlantic will charge a \$2 transaction fee per transaction for phone orders.

When you purchase Season Tickets, you will get first choice of seats for *The Ladies Foursome*, the annual Pantomime, and all subsequent productions this season. *The Ladies Foursome* tickets are almost sold out, so act fast while season tickets are still left!

Questions? Contact Bill VanGorder at: communications@tagtheatre.com

#### It's the Almost Annual TAG Variety Show Time



Come and join the fun at the long-delayed return of the TAG Variety Show! When: October 19 at 8pm Cash bar & doors open at 7pm

Tickets: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members at the door (no pre-purchase tickets necessary)

The TAG Variety Show is an informal evening of entertainment by TAG members and friends. Enjoy the wide variety of talent at TAG. Bring a friend, let your hair down and be entertained by musicians, singers, comedians, story tellers, musicians, and more.

There are a few performance spaces remaining. To put your name on the list to perform in the TAG Variety Show, contact Producer Bill VanGorder at communications@tagtheatre.com or 902-453-4077.

#### 2nd Annual TAG Halloween Yard Sale

Check out the sales, enjoy the BBQ & meet fun theatre folks!

Location: The Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road Date/Time: Saturday, October 26, 2019, 8am to 1pm

Open to anyone in the TAG family and surrounding community. There will be tables in the parking lot and lots to eat including BBQ hot dogs, chips, pop, grilled cheese, homemade chicken soup with matzoh balls, and a dessert table. If you would like to set up a table of your own, we would be delighted. There is no charge, only a donation, at your discretion, to the Building Fund.

#### If you're setting up a table at the theatre...

Bring a table or two to the theatre parking lot with any of your items for sale. Set up your table with pricing attached. At the end of the day, you can make a small donation to the Theatre Building Fund.

Any leftover unsold goods will be donated to charities around Halifax. If you wish to donate some goods, please let us know by emailing Lorne Abramson at labramson@eastlink.ca or call 902-478-5210. Please do not just leave items.

#### If you'd like to participate at your own home...

Several people in neighbourhood are setting up tables. If you live in the neighbourhood and wish to set up your own yard sale, please let us know in advance and we will include you in our notices to the membership. Once again, a small donation to the Theatre Fund would be appreciated.

#### Top Tips for the TAG Yard Sale:

- \* Bring tables and/or sawhorses and wood with tablecloths
- \* Bring change (\$10 bills, \$5 bills, rolls of loonies, toonies, quarters)
- \* Bring a container for the money (preferable one that closes or locks)
- \* Pre-price all your sale items (Dollarama has stickers)
- \* If truly interested in selling everything, make prices reasonable
- \* Post discounts on boxes of books, bags of clothing
- \* If something is not negotiable, add the word "FIRM" to sticker
- \* Separate clothing by size
- \* TAG has access to electricity for testing radios, lamps, etc.
- \* TAG will post "ALL SALES FINAL CASH ONLY"
- \* Bring plastic bags and small boxes for customers

There is still lots of room for anyone who has not registered. Email Lorne Abramson at labramson@eastlink or call 902-478-5210.

#### TAG Memberships - Prize Draw Winner!

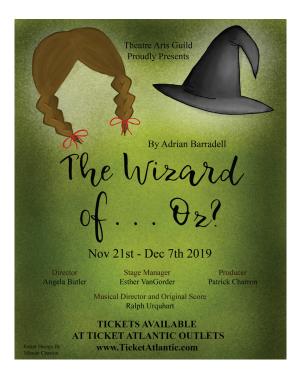
Congrats to Carol Von Syberg who bought a TAG membership, was entered to win Season Tickets for our 2019-2020 season, and won!

#### 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

#### Starting On Stage in November: The Wizard of . . . Oz?



The 20th Anniversary of the TAG Pantomime! *The Wizard of ... Oz?*By Adrian Barradell
On stage November 21 to December 7, 2019

Director: Angela Butler

Stage Manager: Esther VanGorder

**Producer: Patrick Charron** 

Music Director/Original Music: Ralph Walton-

Bone Urquhart

Follow some of our favorite past panto 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?

Tickets go on sale October 25th!

# **Broadway Dance Workshop**



Already 25% sold out!

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 6-9 pm

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. Limited to 20 participants.

Pre-Registration is required. No refunds.



The Wizard of ... Oz?

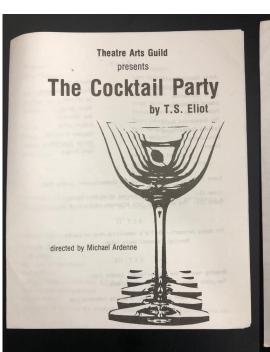
Follow some past panto favourites as they journey through the magical, mystical land of Oz. Can they find their way home or do they need the help of the Wizard? Tickets on sale Oct. 25th.



Broadway Dance Workshop Rescheduled

Join us 6-9pm on December 14th. Learn routines from shows such as Chicago and Hairspray. Instructor: Melanie Dumaresq Cost: \$20. Register here.

## From the Archives of TAG Productions Past - The Cocktail Party



CAST Sheila McLean Julia Shuttlethwaite Alexander MacColgie-Gibbs Jo Skilton Celia Coplestone Peter Smith Edward Chamberlayne Ray Doucette Peter Quilpe Robert Walsh The Unexpected Guest Maureen O'Reilly Lavinia Chamberlayne Sharon Harrigan Nurse-Secretary Mark Morgan Caterer's Man ACTI Scene I - The drawing room of the Chamberlaynes' London flat. Early evening. Scene II- The same room: a quarter of an hour later. Scene III- The same room: late afternoon of the next day. Sir Henry Harcourt---Reilly's consulting room in London. Morning: several weeks later. ACT III Drawing room of the Chamberlaynes' London flat. Two years later: late afternoon in July. There will be two 15 minute intermissions

