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### President's Message

I hope this message finds you well, and you have been enjoying the summer. As much as I would like to announce that we can reopen our doors, the Executive has determined that we may not be able to do so for the rest of 2020. It's a difficult and unfortunate reality that other local theatres and organizations have been forced to face. The Executive continues to meet virtually every month and we are very focused on keeping TAG prepared for whenever we can resume activities.

In an effort to keep our patrons entertained during this theatrical dry spell, we are working on fundraising projects for autumn by way of online performances and events. We hope you will join in and support those performers and TAG. The details about these events will be sent in the near future.

If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to view some interesting features on our website at [TAGTheatre.com](http://TAGTheatre.com). Introducing "Pandemic Theatre" - a very scary (not really!) documentary made about *Dracula: The Bloody Truth*, which was to be our March production. Our hardworking Wednesday Crew were recently featured in [an article for BBC.com, Seniors Stage Their Second Act](#). It's a great read, and we are so proud and thankful for everything our Crew does on behalf of TAG.

Despite the fact our 2020/2021 season remains in limbo and we were not able to fully prepare and announce the next season, we hope you will consider renewing your membership. This can be done online at a cost of \$15.00. All members who purchased in June through August will be extended to include the next full season. Your support during this uncertain time is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful August, and we hope to see many of you online for our Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for Monday September 14th at 7:30pm.

Be safe. Be well.

~Rayna Smith-Camp

# Online 50/50 Fundraiser

TAG is excited to launch its first online 50/50 raffle fundraiser, in support of the theatre! The winner will receive 50% of all the money raised.

Due to Covid-19 the last three shows of the 2019-20 season were postponed. In fact, the cast and crew of *Dracula – the Bloody Truth* had just completed their final dress rehearsal and were ready to open in two days, when the decision was announced. Postponement of the remainder of the season was heartbreaking for both the cast and crew of our productions and our many members and patrons. And now the start of our 90th season (2020-2021) is uncertain.

The Theatre Arts Guild is proud to be the country's oldest community theatre with a record of continuous operation. Now we are facing the challenges of maintaining the theatre during Covid-19 and need your support to raise funds to maintain our community theatre.

Go to [www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/theatrearts](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/theatrearts). Good luck to all our TAG supporters and thank you!

Final Day for Ticket Sales: September 13, 2020

Draw Date: Monday, September 14, 2020

Draw Location: TAG's Annual General Meeting. Winner will be contacted directly to claim their prize.



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## *Nordic Pole Walking Fundraiser*

September 12th at 10:30am

Fundraiser for TAG. Come on out and learn how to properly use Nordic style walking poles at the Pond Playhouse.

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## *Online 50/50 Fundraiser*

Tickets are on sale until September 13th!

Go to [www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/theatrearts](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/theatrearts) to get your ticket today!

## Annual General Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:30pm

All members in good standing are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Theatre Arts Guild. The current Executive Board will present annual reports including the financial statements. Elections will take place for the 2020-2021 Executive Board. A Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

This meeting will be held online. Details will be provided at a later date

The winner of TAG's first online 50/50 fundraiser will be drawn during the meeting!! Get your tickets today!



## *Thought, Word, and Deed* by Joshua Law A Radio Play

Coming Soon! Presented by TAG in cooperation with Telescope Theatre. Listen for it later in August.

The best intentions are found where darkness lies.  
What really happened that night?

Joining us is The Telescope Theatre Project, who seek out lost and new works of poetry, prose, and plays, and present them on stage, and online, including audio plays.

## A Word from the Treasurer

Dropping a note of thanks to all our members and patrons who have been providing support during this difficult time. The Board is committed to seeing us through this pandemic, and we continue to rely upon the generosity of our patrons while we are shut down.

In that spirit, be warned that scammers are also active, looking to take advantage of the situation. Recently, members of our board were sent emails from someone pretending to be me, asking for money to pay maintenance costs at the theatre. While we are confident our member email list is secure (the scammer clearly poached our names and contact info directly from the TAG Website), remember to be cautious of anybody who approaches you for money. As Treasurer, I will only contact members to:

- 1) Remind them to purchase memberships
- 2) Promote the purchase of event tickets
- 3) Promote a fund-raising campaign

In all instances, I will direct you to our TAG theatre website, to utilize the PayPal or CanadaHelps links contained on our page. I will never ask you to conduct an email transfer of funds nor ask for your banking information. If you are ever in doubt, please reach out to me directly at [treasurer@tagtheatre.com](mailto:treasurer@tagtheatre.com) or contact any other board member, and we will be able to help you determine if the request is valid or not. Thank you!

~Patrick Charron



## Annual General Meeting

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Monday, September 14th at 7:30pm  
All members welcome. Executive annual reports presented. Elections will take place. This year, the meeting will be held online. Stay tuned for details.

## Coming Soon!

*Thought, Word, and Deed* by Joshua Law. A Radio Play. Stay tuned in August!

## Nordic Pole Walking Fundraiser - Beginner Class Saturday, September 12th

Date: Saturday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road, Halifax  
Cost: \$5 per person. Cash preferred. Credit, debit cards, and cheques accepted (donation to the Theatre Arts Guild).

Registration: Contact Esther or Bill VanGorder by emailing [info@NordicWalkingNovaScotia.ca](mailto:info@NordicWalkingNovaScotia.ca) or calling 902-454-2267 and leaving your name, phone number and # of persons attending. You will only receive a return phone call if the class is filled or postponed by weather. Class size is limited to 16 so we can accommodate 6 ft/2 m physical distancing between students and instructors. MUST Register in advance.

This beginner class is taught by nationally certified instructors Esther and Bill VanGorder. COVID-19 protocol procedures will apply. All participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Please do not come to the class if you are feeling at all unwell. Dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes. We will be both inside and out. If weather causes us to postpone the classes, we will contact you. We endeavor to start all classes on time. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to class start time to complete the registration form.

You will learn to use "Nordic" style poles and the proper technique for fitness and enjoyment. Loaner poles will be supplied. Reasonably priced high quality genuine Nordic style poles will be available for sale after the class. 10% net of sales will be donated to the Theatre Arts Guild.