



THEATRE AURORA

Annual General Meeting – VP Productions Report

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During our 2025/2026 season, Theatre Aurora continued to build upon the success and momentum of previous years, presenting a diverse and entertaining season that showcased the extraordinary talents of our volunteers, performers, production teams, and creative staff. The season featured a wonderful mix of musical theatre, holiday entertainment, classic comedy, contemporary drama, and beloved dark farce, offering something for every theatre patron while maintaining the high standards our audiences have come to expect.

Our season opened with Rodgers & Hammerstein's *A Grand Night For Singing*. This musical revue celebrated the timeless music of one of Broadway's most iconic songwriting partnerships. Featuring memorable songs from numerous Rodgers and Hammerstein classics, the production highlighted the vocal talents of an exceptional cast while creating an intimate and engaging experience for audiences. The show was warmly received and provided an energetic and uplifting start to the season, reminding audiences why these beloved songs continue to resonate across generations.

For the holiday season, we presented *Totally Scrooged: A Christmas Pantomime*. This festive production combined the familiar story of Ebenezer Scrooge with the humour, audience participation, and larger-than-life characters that make pantomime such a cherished theatrical tradition. Families and patrons of all ages embraced the production, which delivered plenty of laughter, holiday spirit, and memorable performances. The enthusiastic audience response demonstrated the value of offering family-focused programming that introduces new audiences to the magic of live theatre.

Our third production, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, brought wit, sophistication, and timeless comedy to the Theatre Aurora stage. Widely regarded as one of the greatest comedies ever written, the play challenged its cast with Wilde's brilliant dialogue and razor-sharp social satire. The production featured strong performances, elegant design elements, and impeccable comedic timing, resulting in a thoroughly entertaining theatrical experience that delighted audiences throughout its run.

In March, we presented *Where You Are*, a touching and heartfelt contemporary comedy that explored themes of family, memory, and human connection. The production offered

a beautiful balance of humour and emotion, allowing audiences to reflect on relationships and the bonds that shape our lives. The cast delivered nuanced and compelling performances that resonated deeply with patrons, making the production one of the season's most meaningful and memorable theatrical experiences.

Our season concluded with the beloved classic *Arsenic & Old Lace*. This enduring dark comedy proved to be the perfect finale, combining mystery, farce, and unforgettable characters. The cast embraced the play's unique blend of charm and madness, while the production team successfully met the many creative and technical demands of bringing this theatrical favourite to life. Audiences responded enthusiastically, enjoying the play's timeless humour and energetic performances. It was a fitting conclusion to a highly successful season.

Throughout the year, we continued to experience strong audience support and engagement. Patrons returned throughout the season to enjoy a wide variety of productions, reaffirming Theatre Aurora's important role within our community. The quality of the performances, direction, design, and technical execution reflected the dedication and passion of everyone involved in our productions.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you goes out to every volunteer who contributed their time and talents this season. Whether on stage, backstage, in the rehearsal hall, at the box office, front of house, in technical roles, or behind the scenes in countless other capacities, your commitment makes community theatre possible. Theatre Aurora's continued success is built upon the efforts of volunteers who generously share their skills, creativity, and enthusiasm with our organization.

We would also like to thank our patrons, sponsors, donors, and community partners for their ongoing support. Your encouragement and dedication to the arts allow Theatre Aurora to continue presenting high-quality live theatre and fostering a vibrant cultural presence within our community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that await us in the 2026/2027 season. As we continue to grow and evolve, we remain committed to providing exceptional theatrical experiences while creating opportunities for performers, volunteers, and audiences to come together through the shared experience of live theatre.

On behalf of the Productions Committee, thank you to everyone who helped make the 2025/2026 season such a success. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year at Theatre Aurora.

Respectfully submitted,

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