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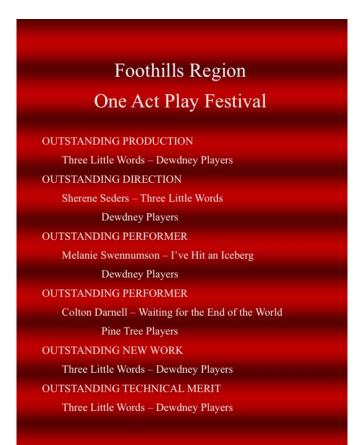
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# April 2025

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#### 2025 Foothills Regional One Act Festival!

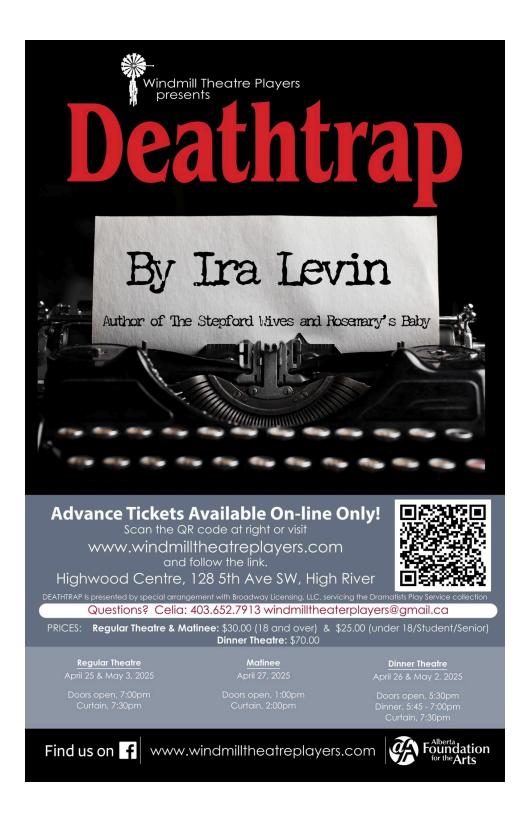
Congratulations to the Foothills Region One Act Play Festival winners! And congratulations to all the plays, directors, actors, tech crew and playwrights who participated! It was a great festival! Thank you to our adjudicator, Aaron Coates, for your time, feedback and care!



WTP Trivia: What is The total number of Windmill Main Stage shows that have been produced since Windmill's inception?

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### "Deathtrap"!

Tickets are now on sale – don't miss out on this incredible show filled with laughs, twists and thrills! FUN FACTS (harvested from the internet): "*Deathtrap* holds the record for the longest-running comedy-thriller on Broadway, and was nominated for four Tony Awards, including Best Play.

https://www.windmilltheatreplayers.com/tickets.php

We are looking for volunteers to support this production (Ushers, Draw Table, Ticket Scanners, and Dinner Theatre Help)! This is an awesome opportunity to support WTP, the cast and crew of "Deathtrap", and you get to see the show for free! Use the following link to sign up for positions:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAAD29A5F8C70-55555818-death

Lastly, we are looking for generous individuals, business, organizations, clubs, teams - really anyone - to support us by making donations to our Draw Table. This is a tradition of our shows and helps to raise funds for our organization. If you have something that you could donate for this table (artwork, memorabilia, maybe not weapons (but that kind of works for this show), gift certificates, items we can use in thematic gift baskets...be creative folks) please email Karalee at:

windmilltheaterplayers@gmail.com

#### 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: <u>https://www.thevenuehighriver.com/summer-series</u>





### Artstrek Funding!

Windmill Theatre Players is happy to offer funding for Artstrek, Theatre Alberta's summer theatre program for teens. Applications close on May 7 and funding decisions will be made at our Executive Board Meeting in May. Check out our website for more information!

https://www.windmilltheatreplayers.com/newsletterrequest

https://www.theatrealberta.com/artstrek/artstrek-2025-find-unexpected-connec tions/



What is Artstrek?

Theatre Alberta's Artstrek is a summer theatre school for teens that offers professional learning opportunities from practicing artists and educators in a collaborative space. Artstrek students leap into the depths of theatre appreciation and embrace the creative process through five daily classes: Acting, Devising, Design, Voice & Singing, and Movement & Dance.

Artstrek places an emphasis on creative exploration where each student receives an equal opportunity to participate and contribute. Once they become part of the Artstrek community, students develop lasting relationships and skills that will accompany them throughout their lives.

Artstrek is not an audition-based program. Artstrek is all about serious fun, growth, and development.

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

Must be within the ages 13 - 19 as per Artstrek registration qualifications. Participating members of Windmill Theatre Players, children of participating members or alumni, or non-members who reside in the Foothills MD. Applicants need to fill out the Application form and submit it to WPT.

#### Check back early 2025 for applications

All applications will be reviewed by the Windmill Theatre Players Board of Directors. Windmill Theatre players will provide a paid voucher to successful applicant(s) to be submitted with registration. (Theatre Alberta will then invoice WTP for the total for all applicants).

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#### A Conversation with Chris Hunt!

Chris Hunt, a Windmill Alumni, was recently awarded a "King Charles III's Coronation Medal" for "having made a significant contribution to Canada". We are so proud of him for this honour and for his incredible career in the arts. We had the chance to chat with him about this award:



## 1) How did you feel when you found out you'd be receiving the Coronation Medal?

To be honest, I didn't even know what the medal was at first. And when I told my family, they wondered if it was a scam or something – it just seemed to come out of nowhere! Once I looked into it more, it was truly a humbling feeling.

#### 2)What does this recognition mean to you personally?

It's an honour, really. It validates this crazy career path that I've chosen for myself. It's a good thing to recognize and value artists and the many people who do good things for their community. I feel this award could've been given to so many other worthy folks, but I'm extremely thankful that I was chosen. My Mom and my Gran would've been so proud of me – they loved anything to do with the Royal Family.

# 3) How did being a part of the High River/ Windmill Community impact where you are today leading to this recognition?

I had some great drama teachers in junior high and high school (in Okotoks), and I really enjoyed being onstage, but I was pretty shy. I took a year off after high school, and was planning to attend U of Calgary to become a drama teacher. In my year off, a friend and I came to audition

for WTP's SOUND OFF, and loved being a part of it. And in that same show was Scott Tannas, who now (over 40 years later) is a Senator, and has been for over a decade. And Scott somehow knew about my acting career, and he put my name forward for this award.

My time at Windmill gave me a lot of confidence, and when I started university, I soon switched my major from Education to Drama, and have had no regrets! (although I'm certainly not in it for the money)

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#### Annual Camping Trip!

We are booked in for Windmill's Annual Camping Trip from Thursday August 21 (anytime after 4:00PM) to Sunday August 24 (check-out time is 2:00PM) and Wyndham-Carseland (Area C). This is an incredible tradition within our community and it is SO MUCH FUN!!! Folks are welcome to camp for 1, 2, or 3 evenings. If you want to visit instead, join us on Saturday August 23 for some afternoon fun, a potluck dinner (at around 5:30ish), and an evening around the campfire! If you are camping, please email Jennifer at jennifer.campbell@ffca-calgary.com and let her know which nights you are staying, what kind of unit you are camping in (tent, rv/motorhome, or camper van/truck/suv). Camping is available for \$30/unit/night and payable by cash to Jennifer during the weekend! FLOATIES ARE MANDATORY!



### Upcoming Dates

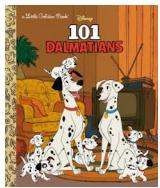
Deathtrap Performances: April 25 - 27 and May 2-3, 2025

- Dinner Theatre April 26 and May 2 (\$70.00/ticket)
- Regular Theatre \$30 Adult, \$25 (student and senior 65+)
- CONTENT WARNING: Murder (may not be appropriate for children under 12)

AGM TBA (June-ish) - we are always looking for new members for our group and for the Executive. This is a great day 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 is a great community to join full of love, support, care for eachother, laughter, and so much fun!

August 21 - August 24, 2025 - WTP Annual Camping Trip

<u>WTP Trivia Time - ANSWER!</u> 100!!!! But on April 25, that number will change to 101!!!



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