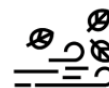




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Windmill Theatre Players Monthly Newsletter



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Summer 2026

A New Chapter

Hello everyone! If you haven't met me yet, I'm Gemma.

First, I'd like to thank Jennifer for the incredible work she's put into this newsletter. She's created something that keeps us connected beyond rehearsals and performances, and I'm honoured (and maybe just a little nervous!) to be taking over the next chapter.

Musical theatre has been part of my life since I was a teenager, but it wasn't until 2023 that I finally stepped outside my comfort zone and auditioned for Young Frankenstein with Windmill Theatre Players. It turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made. I came looking for a stage, but what I found was a family.

Like so many people in community theatre, I love wearing more than one hat. You'll usually find me on stage, but I'm always happy to jump in behind the scenes too, whether that's helping with costumes, sets or creating a prop or two and I am always trying to sneak in the occasional hidden Easter egg. If rehearsals or shows are underway, there's also a good chance you'll spot me backstage singing and dancing, and always fueled by an energy drink!

When the opportunity came to take over the newsletter, I couldn't resist. I love writing, sharing stories, and celebrating the people who make our theatre so special. My hope is that this newsletter becomes a place to recognize our members, share a few laughs, and preserve the memories we create together.

I'm excited to share this journey with all of you, so if you have stories, photos, or ideas you'd like featured in a future issue, I'd love to hear from you. There will be some big changes to this newsletter over the coming months, so stay tuned to see what happens next.

Here's to another fantastic season—I can't wait to see what stories we'll tell together!

True or False: The Oompa-Loompas weren't originally described as orange with green hair.

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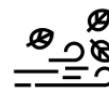
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Take Your Seat at the AGM!



Mark your calendars! Our **Annual General Meeting** is taking place on **Sunday, September 13, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at the **High River Masonic Hall** (306 – 4 Street SE, High River).

Whether you've been with Windmill for years or recently joined our theatre family, we encourage you to attend. The AGM is your opportunity to learn about the past year, have your voice heard, and help shape the future of Windmill Theatre Players.

Why Attend?

- **Stay informed** – Hear highlights from the past season, including reports, financial updates, and important organizational news.
- **Have your say** – Share your ideas, ask questions, and help guide the direction of our theatre.
- **Help shape our leadership** – Vote for the Executive team that will lead Windmill into another exciting season.
- **Connect with fellow members** – Catch up with friends and celebrate the incredible community that makes Windmill so special.

Every member's voice matters, and your participation helps keep our theatre strong, engaged, and thriving.

Executive Positions Open for Election

- President
- Vice President
- 2–3 Directors (*including Newsletter and AGLC Officer roles*)
- **Secretary** will be appointed from the elected Directors.

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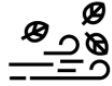
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The Venue!

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

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

True! In Roald Dahl's original 1964 novel, they were described very differently. The now-iconic orange skin and green hair first appeared in the 1971 film adaptation and have become the look most people recognize today.



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