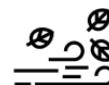




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April 2026



Tickets are on sale now! Don't wait—snag the best seats while they last. Be sure to follow us on social media for rehearsal sneak peeks and behind-the-scenes updates.

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

➔ **Special Performance-Only Raffle!**

At our performances, you'll have the chance to enter a raffle for a **voucher for two flights to anywhere WestJet flies** (terms and conditions apply).

- Tickets: **\$20 each**
- Only **1,000 tickets available**
- **Draw date: April 25**

Don't miss out—great theatre and an incredible travel opportunity!

Call for Volunteers – Join the 9 to 5 Team!

The Production Team is looking for a few awesome folks to help support our upcoming production of **9 to 5: The Musical**:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAAD29A5F8C70-62254112-9to5>

Did you know?

Windmill Theatre Players have been a cornerstone of the ADFA One-Act Play Festival in Southern Alberta—hosting the Foothills Regional Festival multiple times, including 2018, 2019, and 2023, and earning major honours along the way. Their productions and artists have received awards for Outstanding Director, Actor, and Production, helping showcase High River talent on the provincial ADFA stage.

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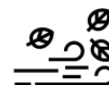
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Dewdney Players
are proud to present
the
ADFA
One-Act
Play Festival
2026

Featuring productions by
Dewdney Players, Strathmore
Players' Guild and Nose Creek Players.

Old Church Theatre, Okotoks.

April 10: 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)
April 11: 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm)
April 11: 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Tickets: \$20 per session, \$40 for weekend pass
At the door or www.dewdneyplayers.com

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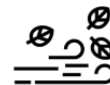
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Wild Rose Community Connections Fundraiser!



April 18, 2026
2:00pm

High River United Church
123 MacLeod Trail S.W.
doors open at 1:00

**Tickets available at the High River
United Church or at the door**

\$20 each
(cash only)



Proceeds from this concert will support the
Wild Rose Community Connections
FoodConnexx program. Find out more by
scanning the QR code or by visiting:

www.wildrosecommunityconnections.com



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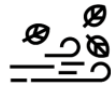
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Annual Camping Trip - RSVP DEADLINE!

We are booked in for Windmill's Annual Camping Trip from Thursday August 13 (anytime after 4:00PM) to Sunday August 16 (check-out time is 2:00PM) at Wyndham-Carseland (Area B). 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 15 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 BY MAY 4 and let her know which nights you are staying and 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 Eric during the weekend! Floaties are strongly encouraged!



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>

Artstrek Funding!

Windmill Theatre Players is happy to offer funding for Artstrek, Theatre Alberta's summer theatre program for teens. Applications close on May 4 and funding decisions will be made at our Executive Board Meeting in May. Check out our website for more information!

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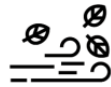
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<https://www.windmilltheatreplayers.com/home.php> (Grants/Artstrek Funding/Application Form)

<https://www.theatrealberta.com/artstrek/>



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.

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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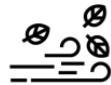
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WELCOME TO THE LAND OF THE BIRDS

“The truth about stories is that that’s all we are.” - Gulliver

Theatre Alberta is excited to share all of the details for **Artstrek 2026**!

Artstrek is a summer theatre school for teens that provides professional learning with artists and educators in a collaborative and fun environment. Artstrek has 10,000+ alumni working across Alberta, Canada, and the world.

Artstrek students explore the creative process through five daily classes that include the study of acting, movement, voice, devising, design, directing, and dramaturgy. Each week-long Exploration takes place within the performing arts facilities at Red Deer Polytechnic. All of these classes take inspiration from a single play of study—this year’s play is ***The Birds* by Yvette Nolan**.

The Birds is an adaptation of Aristophanes’ ancient Greek comedy. Nolan sets the play in Turtle Island (North America). Two humans, intent on leaving civilization behind, travel to the land of the Birds. While one finds kinship with the feathered friends, the other is unable to resist the temptation to distort the Birds’ homeland, unsettling and disrupting their way of life.

The dates for this summer’s program are:

Exploration I

July 12 – 17, 2026 | 12* – 15 year olds

*12 year olds must have completed Grade 7 to attend Exploration I

Exploration II

July 19 – 25, 2026 | 15* – 18 year olds

*15 year olds who have completed Grade 10 may attend Exploration II

Students stay in dormitories on campus and eat meals together in the RDP cafeteria. Classes run daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Artstrek Supervisors lead fun activities each evening.

Registrations open on Wednesday, April 1.

If you have any questions about **Artstrek 2026**, feel free to contact us at artstrek@theatrealberta.com and we will be more than happy to help! We are looking forward to seeing you this summer!

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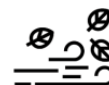
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Upcoming Dates

April 10 & 11 - 2026 ADFA Foothills Zone One Act Play Festival

April 17 - 19 and April 24 - 25 - "9 to 5" Production Dates

May 14 - May Newsletter Submissions Due and May Executive Board Meeting @7:00

June 11 - June Newsletter Submissions Due and June Executive Board Meeting @7:00

Windmill Annual Campout - August 13 - 16, 2026 (Wyndam-Carsland Group Site B)

AGM Tentatively Booked Sunday September 13 (11:00 - 1:00) - join us for breakfast and planning! 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 each other, laughter, and so much fun!

CALGARY & SOUTHERN ALBERTA THEATRE CALENDAR — APRIL & MAY 2026

FEB 6-APR 12 - *Who's Under Where?*

📍 Stage West Dinner Theatre (Calgary)

MAR 14-APR 12 - *A Killing Snow*

📍 Vertigo Theatre (Calgary)

MAR 28-MAY 30 - *Golden Girls: Vegas Vacation*

📍 Jubilations Dinner Theatre (Calgary)

APR 7-MAY 3 - *A Doll's House*

📍 Theatre Calgary, Max Bell Theatre

APR 17-MAY 8 - *Calgary Performing Arts Festival*

📍 Multiple Calgary venues

APR 30-MAY 2 - *Notre Dame de Paris* (Ballet)

📍 Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

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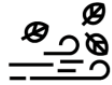
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MAY 15-16 - *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* in Concert

📍 Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
(film + orchestra, theatrical presentation)

MAY 19-24 - *Mamma Mia!* (Broadway Across Canada)

📍 Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

MAY 26-JUNE 21 - *Come From Away* -

📍 Theatre Calgary, Max Bell Theatre

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