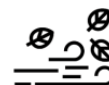




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The Cast and Crew are working “9 to 5”!



Rehearsals for “9 to 5” are well underway, and our cast is singing, dancing, and laughing their way through every caffeine, or poison, fueled moment! The energy in the room is electric as our performers bring Dolly Parton’s iconic soundtrack and these larger-than-life characters to the stage.

From ambitious choreography to powerhouse vocals, the cast is working incredibly hard and having a fantastic time doing it. Scenes are tightening, harmonies are locking in, and the story’s hilarious (and surprisingly heartfelt) moments are already shining. We can’t wait to share this high-energy, feel-good production with you. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue building our world of office antics, rebellion, and triumph! Tickets go on sale on March 1!

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>

Trivia Question: “9 to 5” was a huge hit, and only one movie topped it at the box office the year it came out. Which movie was more successful?



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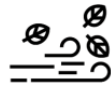
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Call for Draw Table Donations!

We are looking for new or gently used items for our upcoming Draw Table fundraiser! All proceeds support our Windmill Scholarship Funds!

What We Need:

- New or new-like items
- Gently used items in excellent condition
- Gift cards, product donations, or services
- Businesses welcome! Great opportunity for community visibility while supporting the arts.

If you are able to donate items, please contact Karalee Fox (kscheiris@gmail.com) to arrange a drop-off! Items are needed by April 10!

Thank you for supporting our group and helping us continue to build vibrant arts opportunities in our community!

Annual Camping Trip!

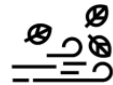
We are booked in for Windmill's Annual Camping Trip from Thursday August 13 (anytime after 4:00PM) to Sunday August 16 (check-out time is 2:00PM) at Wyndham-Carseland (Area B). This is an incredible tradition within our community and it is SO MUCH FUN!!! Folks are welcome to camp for 1, 2, or 3 evenings. 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 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!





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Highwood Lions Music Festival

Windmill Theatre Players is proud to continue our sponsorship of the Highwood Lions Music Festival. We are excited to support this long-running non-profit event, which has been a cornerstone of the Foothills arts community since 1979.

Each spring, the Highwood Lions Music Festival welcomes hundreds of performers, from young beginners to seasoned students, to share their talents in a wide range of disciplines. The festival offers professionally adjudicated classes in piano, strings, guitar, voice, musical theatre, speech arts, and more, giving participants valuable feedback and encouraging artistic growth. In recent years, the festival has featured close to 400 performers and continues to expand across venues in High River and Okotoks, with voice, musical theatre, and speech arts held in Okotoks and all other sessions hosted in High River.

The festival runs for two weeks each March and concludes with the beloved Adjudicators' Showcase, where top performances from each discipline are featured in a celebratory community concert. Admission to regular sessions is free, and the organizers encourage community members to attend and cheer on young artists throughout the Foothills region.

Windmill Theatre Players is honoured to help champion a festival that uplifts youth, strengthens arts education, and enriches the cultural landscape of our community.

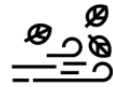
For more information, visit their website at:
<https://www.highwoodmusicfestival.com/>





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Foothills Regional One Act Play Festival - A Message from our ADFA Regional Rep!

The 2026 ADFA Foothills Zone One Act Play Festival will be held on April 10 & 11, 2026, at the Old Church Theatre (former Rotary Performing Arts Centre) in Okotoks. We are very excited to have Dewdney Players as our hosts!

The Festival is a good opportunity to present your group's work to a professional adjudicator and learn from the constructive criticism he/she will provide. If your group has never participated in a One Act Festival, why not try it this year. "One Acts" are an opportunity for trying new types of plays or, if you only have a few people interested, do something just for fun.

We love to have new groups take part and it gives everyone a chance to get to know people from other areas who share the love of live theatre. If you don't have any plays on hand, your local library is a good source. Theatre Alberta also has a wonderful script library. If you need any information or ideas give me a call at the numbers listed at the end of this letter.

One play at the Festival will be chosen to represent the zone at the Provincial Festival to be held in Leduc on May 29 & 30, 2026. Everyone is most welcome to come to the Festival without entering any plays. It can be a lot of fun and all of us can learn by watching the work of others. Registration Forms, with a clean copy of the script, should be sent to Ed Sands (ALBERTA DRAMA FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION FOOTHILLS ZONE c/o Dewdney Players Group Theatre Box 41, Aldersyde, AB T0L 0A0), before March 1, 2026. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact me, your ADFA Regional Rep, at fiorentina.maione@adfa.ca or 403-875-5068.

If you are interested in submitting a play, or would like more information, please contact windmilltheaterplayers@gmail.com



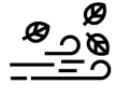
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2026/2027 - Accepting Show Submissions!

Our Executive Board is currently accepting submissions of Show Proposals for the 2026/2027 Season - our 52nd SEASON!! If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please read through the "Main Stage Submission Process" on our website (under the "Contact Us" tab).

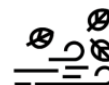
<https://www.windmilltheatreplayers.com/submission.php>

All submissions should be sent to Eric Baxter, WTP President (rickpinky@gmail.com), by Monday March 9 so they can be discussed at the March Executive meeting. 2026/27 season shows will be announced in the April 2026 newsletter.



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Upcoming Dates

March 12 - March Newsletter Submissions Due and March Executive Board Meeting @7:00

April 9 - April Newsletter Submissions Due and April Executive Board Meeting @7:00

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!

Answer: a tiny unknown sci-fi flick called "The Empire Strikes Back"... that whole Star Wars thing really went nowhere.



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