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CAPITOL THEATRE 2024

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In 2024, we're celebrating community at the Capitol. Each of our offerings onstage celebrate that wonderful spark that can happen when people come together to make something better. And that exact spark is what we love about making theatre—creating opportunities for the folks in our community (and beyond) to have a shared artistic experience.

We hope that you'll see that the diversity of programming has grown again for 2024; we are listening carefully to the needs of our community and responding as best we can. You'll also see growth based on previous successes, including the expansion of our Billboard in Concert series, more offerings in the intimate Sculthorpe Theatre, more programming for children and families, and three world premieres! And all of it will be created right here in Port Hope, specifically for audiences at the Capitol.

We'd love your help in introducing your friends and neighbours to the Capitol by sharing what we have going on with them. After all, it's more fun to experience the work on stage with loved ones around you. Grab dinner at one of the many restaurants around town and make a night of it!

No matter who you are, we've got a reason for you to come together.



Rob Kempson
Artistic Director



Erin Peirce
Managing Director

Rob Kempson and Erin Peirce at the 2023 Gala.

**SAVE THE DATE for the
Annual Gala: April 27, 2024!**

Sharing Stories.
Creating Memories.
Making Connections.
That's the Capitol.

OUR BIGGEST FANS SAVE THE MOST!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Becoming a Capitol Theatre Subscriber is the best way to save money, access pre-sales and discounts, and get invites to special events. You can book your seats at any time and make changes if your schedule changes. It's never been easier to come to the Capitol—and there are three different ways to become a subscriber!



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you'll save even more!

Find out more at capitoltheatre.com/subscriptions.

NEW! BEHIND THE SCENES

Throughout the season, we'll be offering backstage tours, artist talks, design presentations, and other events to get you behind the scenes at the Capitol. These events are **FREE for subscribers**, but available for everyone! If you've ever wanted to learn more about professional theatre, we're creating opportunities just for you in 2024.

NEW! TALK BACK THURSDAYS

If you want to hear from the actors themselves, we're hosting Talk Backs in 2024 after every Thursday night performance. Stick around after the show for a **FREE** Q & A with the artists involved and find out more about the process of making live theatre. Just look for the talk back symbol on the calendar before booking your tickets.

NEW! PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN PREVIEWS

In 2024, we're offering tiered pricing for our preview performances to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to attend live, professional theatre in their community. Audiences on Preview Nights get the first look at each production and help the artists involved learn about audience reactions before Opening Night. And with tiered pricing options, there's no reason to miss a show at the Capitol—no matter your budget!

NEW! NEW SHOW TIMES

For 2024, all evening performances start at 7:30 pm to make things more accessible for those who don't love a late night out. So whether you're feeling like a post-show drink or an early bedtime, the Capitol has you covered.

a year with Frog and Toad

MUSIC BY **ROBERT REALE** BOOK & LYRICS BY **WILLIE REALE**
 BASED ON THE BOOKS BY **ARNOLD LOBEL** DIRECTED BY **FIONA SAUDER**

THE BELOVED BOOK SERIES COMES TO LIFE ON STAGE—AND IT'S FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Based on Arnold Lobel's beloved books, this whimsical show chronicles the story of two friends—the very chipper Frog and the rather grumpy Toad—through four fun-filled seasons. Alongside the other animals of the forest, they plant gardens, go swimming, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons along the way. It's a show for both the young and the young at heart!

Part vaudeville, part make-believe, and all charm, *A Year with Frog and Toad* tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons.

MAY 17 – JUN 2, 2024

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ORIGINALLY PRESENTED ON BROADWAY BY BOB BOYETT, ADRIANNE LOBEL, MICHAEL GARDNER, LAWRENCE HOROWITZ AND ROY FURMAN. WORLD PREMIERE AT THE CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Haneul Yi and Joel Cumber. Photo by Sam Moffatt.

BED & BREAKFAST

WRITTEN BY **MARK CRAWFORD**

DIRECTED BY **ROB KEMPSON**

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A SMALL-TOWN COMEDY ABOUT FINDING A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Brett and Drew want to move out of their tiny downtown condo and into a house, but they just lost their seventh bidding war in Toronto. When Brett's beloved Aunt Maggie dies in a nearby small town, the couple decides to make the move and start up a B&B out of her historic home. But when they face friction in their new community, the two discover that the simple life is more complicated than they thought.

With dozens of characters all portrayed by two actors, *Bed and Breakfast* is a theatrical tour-de-force and a riotously funny comedy that will leave you laughing all the way home.

JUN 14 – 30, 2024

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Amir Haidar and Kyle Golemba. Photo by Sam Moffatt.

CHRISTMAS TOWN

WRITTEN BY **BRIANA BROWN**
 DIRECTED BY **ROB KEMPSON**

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A WORLD PREMIERE FARCE ABOUT MAKING MAGIC ALL YEAR LONG

Kringle, Ontario is in a rut. When the well-meaning Town Reeve devises a tourism development plan to celebrate Christmas all year round, the town thinks it's a great idea. But two weeks and a heat wave later, they're having second thoughts. Nora, whose convenience store (and gas station) is the centre of cultural activity, is suddenly desperate for a much-needed vacation. Throw in an anxious restaurateur, a sassy teenager, and a wide-eyed new resident, and you've got a recipe for a veritable blizzard of hilarity!

This world premiere Canadian comedy chronicles the holiday magic of small-town living—all while sweating in Santa suits in August!

AUG 16 - SEP 1, 2024

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Alison Deon, Christy Bruce, Darrel Gamotin. Photo by Sam Moffatt.

TICKETS ON SALE TO SUBSCRIBERS AUG 1
GENERAL PUBLIC SEP 10

Rapunzel

A MERRY (HAIRY) HOLIDAY PANTO

BY CARLY HEFFERNAN

DIRECTED BY CHERISSA RICHARDS

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A TWISTED TAKE ON THE STORY OF SOME VERY VERY LONG HAIR

Rapunzel is bored and lonely, with her lengthy braid as her only potential for escape. When a dim-witted prince accidentally discovers her plight, it sets in motion a string of events that will unravel the original story in surprising and wonderful ways. In this wildly funny reimaging of the traditional tale, Rapunzel comes to discover the power within—all set to a score of popular songs and beloved panto traditions.

Written by Second City Creative Director Carly Heffernan, this world premiere panto will take our celebrated holiday tradition to new heights!

SHOWS
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NOV 22 – DEC 23, 2024

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* Schedule may be
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ANY DREAM WILL DO

CONCEIVED & DIRECTED BY
ADRIAN MARCHUK

MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS BY
CHRIS TSUJIUCHI

PRODUCED BY
**BRIAN GOLDENBERG
& ADRIAN MARCHUK**

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TEAM**

FEB 9 - 10, 2024



HOLIDAYS AT THE CAPITOL!

Rapunzel

A MERRY (HAIRY) HOLIDAY PANTO

FESTIVAL OF
LIGHTS & TREES
28TH ANNUAL • 1997-2024

Holiday Concerts

**THERE'S NOTHING LIKE
CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS
AT THE CAPITOL!**

From the much anticipated **28th Annual Festival of Lights and Trees** to the beloved tradition of our **Panto** and a number of **Holiday Concerts** sprinkled through, the beautiful Capitol Theatre is ready to welcome guests of all ages to celebrate the season!

Billboard

in concert 1973 & 2000

CONCEIVED BY
**JEFF NEWBERRY
& ROB KEMPSON**

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1973 MAR 22 - 23, 2024



2000 OCT 25 - 26, 2024



IN THE SCULTHORPE

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Join us upstairs in our Sculthorpe Theatre for intimate music experiences with incredible talent from across the country—and our own backyard. These concerts come with all the signature Capitol Theatre charm, but in a more casual cabaret setting.

“IRRESISTIBLE” — THE SLOTKIN LETTER
“CANADA’S QUEEN OF CABARET” — CTV

Gabs Sings Babs

CONCEIVED & PERFORMED BY **GABI EPSTEIN**

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A LOVE LETTER FROM ONE ARTIST TO ANOTHER.

Capitol Theatre favourite Gabi Epstein is one of Canada's leading stage and cabaret performers, often referred to as "Canada's Barbra Streisand." Accompanied by Mark Camilleri, *Gabs Sings Babs* shares the story of Epstein's own artistic journey, told through Streisand's iconic music in original arrangements.

JULY 31 – AUG 11, 2024

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MORE MUSIC



CAPITOL KITCHEN PARTY

Bluegrass, country, celtic, and roots music take the Sculthorpe stage in these casual and captivating jam sessions. If you love harmonies and strings, this series is for you.

CAPITOL CABARET

Intimate shows with stars from stages across the country. Our cabarets are the perfect shows for musical theatre enthusiasts, jazz lovers, and anyone looking for an up-close and personal experience.

ON SCREEN

THEN & NOW

In collaboration with the **Marie Dressler Foundation** and **TIFF Circuit**, we are proud to bring you a new series of double-bills celebrating the cinema of yesteryear and today! In this new series, we'll be presenting a vintage film alongside a contemporary film with shared themes in order to spark conversation from 'then & now.' Featuring panels and artist conversations, these events are not to be missed! Stay tuned for more details.



MET OPERA

We will continue our tradition of presenting the **Met Opera** film screenings and look forward to sharing this world-class artistry in our celebrated heritage cinema.

YOUTH & COMMUNITY

MARCH BREAK SONGWRITERS' PROGRAM

In collaboration with **SONG**, we are thrilled to once again present the March Break Songwriters' Program from **March 11 - 15** at the Capitol. If you know a burgeoning songwriter between the ages of 13-18, we'd love to help them launch their craft!

CAMP CAPITOL

Our experienced and caring staff will introduce campers to the exciting world of live theatre and the backstage magic that makes it all come to life—in the beautiful and inspiring setting of the Capitol Theatre!

March Break: Mar 11 – 15

Summer Session #1: July 15 – 19

Summer Session #2: Aug 19 - 24



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We partner with several local organizations to create meaningful arts experiences for our community. This year, we will be working closely with **SONG (Sounds of the Next Generation)**, **Critical Mass**, the **Marie Dressler Foundation**, and of course—the **Northumberland Players**. If you'd like to work with the Capitol, don't hesitate to reach out!

PLAY A PART

JOIN THE CAPITOL CIRCLE

Becoming a member of the Capitol Circle means taking pride in supporting your local arts community. Members receive exclusive offers and help to ensure the long-term sustainability of this organization! Membership starts at just \$50.

Find out more at capitoltheatre.com/membership.



BE A VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization. If you're interested in a unique opportunity to give back to your community, consider volunteering at the Capitol.

Find out more at capitoltheatre.com/volunteer.

HOST AN ARTIST

We bring more than 60 artists from across Canada to Port Hope every season! By offering accommodation, you can make a personal connection with an artist working on our productions. Hosts typically receive \$100-125/week, depending on the kind of accommodations. Contact info@capitoltheatre.com for more information.

MAKE A DONATION

Like all arts institutions in Canada, the Capitol Theatre relies on donors to help accomplish everything we do. When you support the Capitol, you are also supporting Port Hope and the region.

Find out more at capitoltheatre.com/become-a-donor.

BECOME A SPONSOR

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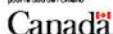


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