

President's Report
AGM June 22, 2020

Our 61st season has been one for the record books with the onset of the Global Pandemic that has brought the world to a halt. We were fortunate to have completed four of our five slated productions before having our doors closed to keep everyone safe.

We are hopeful that we can move 'Arsenic and Old Lace' to a new set of dates when we are able to safely open our doors again and welcome back our friends and family to enjoy an evening of live theatre. I would like to thank the cast and production team for their patience and support of this production and putting the show on hold while we wait.

During the past season, we have made some changes to the lobby to give it a fresher look. Some of the bigger ideas for the theatre have been put on hold while we navigate through this uncertain time. We don't want to put any additional financial stress on the theatre as we look for alternate funding to help us replace the lost income that Covid19 has caused.

I'm very proud of the board of directors and our Youth team for all their efforts to continue to deliver programs in a new online environment. We are diligently looking for alternative and safe ways to deliver our productions and programs to our members, subscribers and patrons. There is no guidebook to traverse the new reality of social distancing and the impact that it has on live theatre and the general social wellbeing of our community. We know that we provide a much-needed cultural outlet for our members and patrons alike. We are committed to opening our doors again when it is safe and responsible to do so.

I'm very proud to have our theatre recognized by the Town of Aurora as we have been selected to receive the Arts and Culture Award this year. It is an honour that is well deserved and greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners of Thea Awards for their work on productions presented in the ACT-CO festival last season. It is always nice to be recognized by our peers in community theatre.

I'd like to thank all the members that have given of their time over this season to help Theatre Aurora stage the great productions that we were able to have this season and for their continued support of live theatre in Aurora. I am especially grateful to the members of the board of directors who continue to make Theatre Aurora a priority in their lives in spite of the uncertainty of the times. It has been an honour to serve with you all.

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Wolfer
President, Theatre Aurora