



Theatre Saskatchewan Inc.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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A Year of Community Theatre at a Glance

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## Thank You

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Sask Lotteries Trust for continuing to fund the work of TSI and its membership through grants and programming. As part of our organizational grant application process, SaskCulture requests information about the communities we serve. With this in mind, please take the time to complete the Annual Member Survey. Look for it in the mail!

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# Message From the President

Greetings from Theatre Saskatchewan!

This past year has been challenging as we continue to navigate through the pandemic and reopen our theatres.

This year saw us return to familiar programs and introduce new ones. We were excited to have TheatreFest 2022 in Melfort at the Kerry Vickar Centre.

We teach programming to support Saskatchewan playwrights.

I want to thank the Board for all their hard work and dedication this past year. I would also like to thank all our members for their continued support in keeping theatre vibrant in our province.

Thank you to the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for their support, and remember to purchase your lottery tickets that support culture in Saskatchewan.

Stay Safe,

**John Dyck**

PRESIDENT



# Executive Director's Report

This past year was challenging as we attempted to get back to in-person programming while still dealing with COVID-19 numbers. Once again, we did a combination of in-person and online programming. TSI's programming consisted of workshops, TheatreFest and grant funding to our members.

Moose Jaw Community Players approached us about hosting weekly workshops to reach out to people to build their membership and awareness in their community. During the summer and fall, they ran workshops once a week in the evening to encourage socialization and knowledge in improv and acting. TSI found the facilitators and paid them for their facilitation. These workshops were fun and successful pilot projects and have led to a new programming opportunity that TSI will introduce in 2023.

In September, we held our first stand-alone Script Scramble in Stoughton. We had nine participants who learned about play production at the Legion Hall in Stoughton and performed for a sold-out crowd at The Happy Nun Café in Forget. It was a night of great food and entertainment.

We were looking forward to our annual dinner theatre fundraiser in Regina, but we had to cancel it due to low ticket sales. Odyssey Productions from Prince Albert would volunteer their time to come to Regina

and perform *A Very Die Hard Christmas* after they performed it in Prince Albert.

We offered Saskatchewan playwrights online opportunities to work with Gordon Portman over four months through Zoom on scripts. Then in June, we had in-person readings with volunteers in Saskatoon and Regina. This workshop was an exciting project, and we got to work with six playwrights from around the province.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their time and commitment this past year. Nathan Breitenbach resigned from the Board and I will miss him, his knowledge, and his sense of humour. I wish him all the best in the future and look forward to working with him again. We were fortunate that Pamela Uhrmann agreed to sit on the Board for the remainder of the term. Welcome Back, Pamela!

The work we have done and continue to do could not be done without the generous support from the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. We are also proud to be members of SaskCulture and are grateful for all their resources to better our organization.

**Melissa Biro**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Board of Directors

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**John Dyck**  
President  
Cochin



**Mathew Derworiz**  
Finance Director  
Prince Albert



**Dannyll Challis**  
Vice-President  
North Battleford



**Crystal Milburn**  
Member-at-Large  
Moose Jaw



**Debbie Burgher**  
Member-at-Large  
Moose Jaw



**Pamela Uhrmann**  
Member-at-Large  
Regina

# Year at a Glance

## Script Scramble



## Playwriting Workshop

## TheatreFest 2022

TheatreFest 2022 Time to Gather was in Melfort at the Kerry Vickar Centre from April 20 to 24. Melfort Amateur Dramatics were our hosts for TheatreFest. Battlefords Community Players, Regina Little Theatre, Moose Jaw Community Players and Odyssey Productions from Prince Albert performed over the four nights to enthusiastic crowds.

Dan Macdonald was our adjudicator, and this year, we had Kelsey Dyck as our festival stage manager and our backstage adjudicator. Dan also led our apprenticeship program with workshops on script analysis, auditions and directing.

Moose Jaw Community Players were the winners of our first ever "Viewer's Choice Award" fundraiser.



Our lovely emcee for TheatreFest, Michelle Waldbillig



# Year at a Glance



## TheatreFest 2022!

*(clockwise from top left)*

Battlefords Community Players  
Dan Macdonald, adjudicator  
Regina Little Theatre cast  
Regina Little Theatre crew  
Odyssey Productions  
Moose Jaw Community Players



# Year at a Glance

*CAMERON MCINTOSH MEMORIAL TROPHY — WINNING ENTRY*

**THE SUNSHINE BOYS, BATTLEFORDS COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*RUNNER-UP TO WINNING ENTRY*

**LADIES FOURSOME, MOOSE JAW COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*S. J. SAFIAN TROPHY — BEST ACTOR*

**JIM WALLS, THE SUNSHINE BOYS, BATTLEFORDS COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*Honourable Mention: Dan Carr, Sylvia, Regina Little Theatre*

*VERNA ALONZO LANTIQUA AWARD FOR BEST STAGE MANAGER*

**GREGORY KWONG, THE SUNSHINE BOYS, BATTLEFORDS COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*MARGARET CORBETT ASPIRANT AWARD*

**FLAUBERT IZIVYOSE, SYLVIA, REGINA LITTLE THEATRE**

*BEST VISUAL ENTRY*

**THE SUNSHINE BOYS, BATTLEFORDS COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*GOODFELLOW TROPHY — BEST DIRECTOR*

**DARREN OLSON, THE SUNSHINE BOYS, BATTLEFORDS COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*HILDA ALLEN MEMORIAL TROPHY — RUNNER-UP TO BEST DIRECTOR*

**DEBBIE BURGHER, LADIES FOURSOME, MOOSE JAW COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*MCINTYRE TROPHY — BEST CHARACTERIZATION*

**ANNIKA DANIELSON, SYLVIA, REGINA LITTLE THEATRE**

*MARY ELLEN BURGESS TROPHY — BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE*

**NADIA FROST, LADIES FOURSOME, MOOSE JAW COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*WALTERS TROPHY — BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE*

**FRASER GLEN, THE SUNSHINE BOYS, BATTLEFORDS COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

*STAN DANBROOK MEMORIAL TECHNICAL MERIT AWARD*

**THE SUNSHINE BOYS, BATTLEFORDS COMMUNITY PLAYERS**



# Nominating Committee Report

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2022 THEATRE SASKATCHEWAN INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OCTOBER 7, 2022

Two Directors of the Theatre Saskatchewan Inc. Board: Mathew Derworiz and Crystal Milburn, were appointed to act as the Nominating Committee for the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Following past practice, the Nominating Committee sought to determine the number of Director positions eligible for election, the length of their remaining terms and whether there were any new nominations per Bylaw VII 1. other than incumbents.

It was determined that three of the existing Director positions expire in 2022, or the incumbents are not seeking re-election. Those three positions are/were held by:

John Dyck (Running for President, seeking re-election)

Debbie Burgher (seeking re-election)

Dannyll Challis (seeking re-election)

Incumbents with one year left in their term of office:

Mathew Derworiz

Crystal Milburn

Nathan Breitenbach resigned from the Board.

Following past practice, the nominations committee sought to determine the intention of each current Director whose position expires in 2022.

Committee has determined that elections will be held at the TSI Annual General Meeting to determine Directors for three (3) available, two-year positions on the Board of Directors of the Theatre Saskatchewan Inc., to expire in 2024.

All those running unopposed could be declared elected by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mathew and Crystal

# 2021 AGM Minutes



2021 Annual General Meeting  
November 22, 2021  
Kerry Vickar Centre, Melfort, SK and Via Zoom

## VOTING ATTENDEES

*Names in bold are TSI board members who have voting rights at the AGM as they are delegates for their group.*

### VOTING MEMBERS:

Amber Matechuk, Paper Bag Players (Yorkton)  
Heather Entner, Tumbleweed Theatre (Balgonie)  
Marianne Woods, Regina Summer Stage  
**Dannyll Challis, Tale Spinner Theatre (Battlefords)**  
Donna Challis, Battlefords Community Players  
Michelle Waldbillig, Melfort Amateur Dramatics  
John Chaput, Regina Little Theatre  
**John Dyck, Cochin Community Players**  
**Mathew Derworiz, Odyssey Productions (Prince Albert)**  
Linda Kort, Indian Head Stage Left Players  
Paulette Thompson, That Kritical Stage (Kyle)  
**Debbie Burgher, Moose Jaw Community Players**  
Anatassia Oborotova, Wadena Players Theatre  
Sharon Pope, BOARD MEMBER  
Nathan Breitenbach, BOARD MEMBER

### NON-VOTING ATTENDEES:

Angel Genereux, Regina Little Theatre, Board nominee  
Dennis Garreck, SaskCulture  
Pamela Uhrmann, Regina Little Theatre  
Steve Thiessen, Odyssey Productions (Prince Albert)  
Teresea Weber, Paper Bag Players (Yorkton)  
  
Melissa Biro, STAFF

## Annual General Meeting called to order at 19:14

### 1. VOTING PRIVILEGES

Any motions from the above items will require a 50% +1 majority to pass (7)  
Any items not previously reviewed and brought forward at the Annual General Meeting will require a 2/3 majority to be presented at the meeting (8)

### 2. APPROVE AGENDA

**01-AGM-21** Motion to approve agenda as amended to include:  
Calls for nominations

M. Derworiz

CARRIED

### 3. NOMINATION REPORT / FIRST CALL FOR NOMINEES

Debbie Burgher presented the current slate of nominees running for president (1 position) and directors (2 positions):  
President: John Dyck  
Directors: Mathew Derworiz Crystal Milburn

#### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

**02-AGM-21** Motion to approve the 2020 AGM minutes, via ZOOM

L. KORT

CARRIED

#### **5. REPORTS**

- ANNUAL REPORT

**03-AGM-21** Motion to approve the Annual Report

A. OBOROTOVA

CARRIED

- FINANCIAL REPORT

**04-AGM-21** Motion to approve the audited financial report as presented

S. POPE/

A. OBOROTOVA

CARRIED

- APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR NEXT YEAR

**05-AGM-21** That we appoint Marcia Herback and Associates as our auditor for 2021 - 2022

A. OBOROTOVA/

M. WOODS

CARRIED

#### **SECOND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

*There were no nominations from the floor.*

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Festival Update:

We will be hosting one festival every spring; alternating TheatreFest and TheatreOne.

TheatreFest 2022 will be in Melfort in April.

#### **7. MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

Member groups gave updates on their groups' activities

#### **THIRD AND FINAL call for nominations**

*There were no nominations from the floor.*

**06-AGM-21** Motion to cease nominations

S. Pope

CARRIED

#### **8. Board Elections**

By acclamation, John Dyck is President and Mathew Derworiz and Crystal Milburn are TSI directors.

#### **9. Adjournment**

07-AGM-21 Motion to adjourn the meeting

S. POPE

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