



## **Theatre on the Ridge (Theatre 3x60)** ***Captivating Theatre, On and Offstage***

### **About Us**

Theatre 3x60 is a not for profit, professional, collaborative company in which committed artists can produce high quality work in a broader scope of theatre and storytelling in the Region of Durham. Through our programs and services, we nurture increased engagement and growth for audiences and theatre practitioners. Theatre 3x60, founded in 2013 by Joan Etienne and Carey Nicholson, serves communities in Durham and has made its home in Scugog. In 2018 the company rebranded as Theatre on the Ridge and now operates under the leadership of our volunteer Board of Directors and Artistic Director/General Manager, Carey Nicholson.

### **Our Mission Statement**

Theatre 3x60 is committed to broadening perspectives, creating new opportunities, facilitating discussion and building bridges within our community. We believe in programs that support the growth of new theatre works, artists, audiences and the work of other theatre groups in Durham through engaging and educating new, emerging and experienced theatre practitioners and providing access to opportunities for skills development and performance.

### **Our Values**

- ◆ Supporting and inspiring youth through theatre with a commitment to dedicated programs and activities
- ◆ Taking artistic risks through the support of new artists and the production of challenging, new and thought-provoking works
- ◆ Enriching and growing theatre through collaboration and education
- ◆ Recognizing artists financially
- ◆ Reaching out to our community through theatre to share our history, concerns, challenges, and lives
- ◆ Engaging and giving back to our community

### **Our Promise**

Theatre 3x60 aims to challenge the status quo through productions and stories that encourage participants to think, feel and broaden their insights into the world and human nature. Heightened social awareness makes for stronger more compassionate communities.

### **Our Big Picture:**

#### **Increasing Community Access to Live Theatre**

Theatre 3x60 is committed to increasing community access to theatre by bringing theatre to alternative venues, taking theatre to the audience (ie. schools, community groups and events), providing mentorship and education, and other activities to support the creation of meaningful theatre experiences for the whole community.

Through our own programming, and with area theatre groups, we work to leverage revenues, patron donations and partner support to make theatre tickets available to individuals, groups and organizations otherwise unable to benefit from attending live performing arts.

### **Our Organizational History**

2013 – company founded by Joan Etienne and Carey Nicholson

2013 - First Production: Vern Thiessen's Vimy, Port Perry

2014 - Incorporated as a not for profit organization

2015 – Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant for 1<sup>st</sup> Durham Minifest in 2016

2016 – Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grants for Summer Stages Youth Camps, 3x60 Youth Collective, Port Perry Heritage Cemetery Walks

2018 – Ontario Summer Theatre member

2018 – Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant for First Nations Youth Program in for Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

2019 - Charitable Status approved

### **Our Past Community & School Tours**

- 2015 – Vimy by Vern Thiessen
- 2016 – The Shape of a Girl by Joan MacLeod
- 2017 – Toronto Mississippi by Joan MacLeod
- We have brought live theatre to more than 3,500 elementary and high school students through our school and community touring program, and introduced the work of Canadian playwrights to area audiences

### **Our Impact in the Community Since 2013**

- We have provided mentorship (play polishing, costuming and set design) to area high schools and community theatres,
- We have developed unique youth theatre training programs in Durham with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
- We have been able to increase financial accessibility to local theatre by donating theatre tickets for local productions to students and those of limited financial means.
- We have created a repertory summer theatre festival in Port Perry, providing an “incubator” for emerging artists and supporting local tourism and business partners in the community.
- We launched Durham Minifest, an educational one-act play festival with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
- We have provided employment and financial compensation for local theatre artists and practitioners through our programs and productions.
- We have worked with local heritage partners to create a dramatic cemetery walk program in Port Perry with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation
- We have created programming for the Ontario Black History Society,
- We provide role playing services to Durham Regional Police Services and Elder Abuse Ontario training programs.