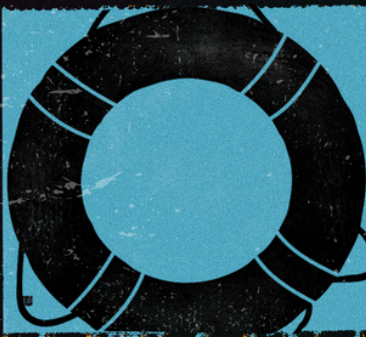
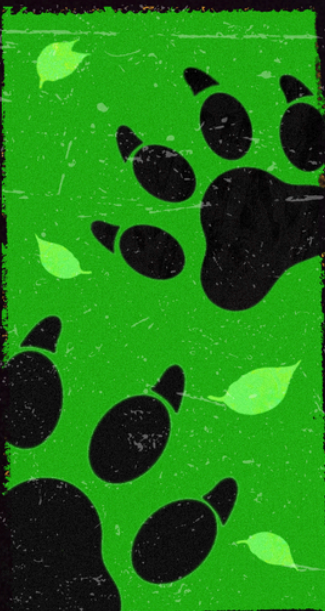




**FESTIVAL  
ANTIGONISH**  
—SUMMER THEATRE—



FROM  
**WHODUNNIT  
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**SUMMER 2026**

MYSTERY. MISCHIEF. HEART. WONDER.

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# WELCOME

*This summer, Festival Antigonish invites audiences of all ages into a season of mystery, mischief, tenderness, and wonder—four distinct stories united by laughter, imagination, and heart.*

— **Andrea Boyd & Caleb Marshall**  
Artistic Director & Managing Director

## BOX OFFICE

(Plus third-party service fees and taxes.)

Prime Seat | \$45  
Regular Seat | \$35  
Senior | \$30  
Student | \$25  
Family Stage | \$20  
Pay What You Can Previews | Recommended minimum \$10  
Relaxed Performances are discounted 50%.

### SUBSCRIBE & SAVE

Save 10% to 20% with season passes offering the best value and priority seating for the entire summer.

### BOOKING

902-867-3333 (during business hours)  
[festivalantigonish.ca](http://festivalantigonish.ca) (anytime)  
[boxoffice@festivalantigonish.ca](mailto:boxoffice@festivalantigonish.ca)  
At the Bauer Theatre: June | Tue–Fri, 10 am–6 pm (closed Mondays)  
July & August | Tue–Fri, 12–8 pm, Sat–Sun, 2 hours before show time

### STAY & PLAY

Save 15% on theatre tickets and lodging at The Claymore Inn when booked 48+ hours in advance through [claymoreinn.com](http://claymoreinn.com).

### DINE & DELIGHT

Save 15% at Gabrielle's with a 4:00–5:30 pm dinner reservation and show ticket (valid ±24 hrs). Reservations: 902-863-1925

### SUPPORT THEATRE

Your support helps Festival Antigonish create accessible and inspiring live performance in our community. Visit our website to make a gift.

### TICKET POLICY

*Exchanges accepted up to 48 hours before showtime. Additional ticket fees apply, including third-party AVPro/POS service fees on all tickets: \$3 per adult/senior ticket and \$1.50 per student/youth ticket, plus taxes. No refunds. Latecomers will be seated at an appropriate break in the performance. Children 5 and under are welcome at Relaxed Performances and Family Stage shows only.*

## MAINSTAGE

JULY 14-25

# Murder at Ackerton Manor

By Steven Gallagher

Directed by **Andrea Boyd**

Featuring **Theofani Pitsiavas, James MacLean, Karen Basset**

**A killer comedy full of suspects, secrets & silliness.**

A fast-paced comic mystery spoofing the grand tradition of the country-house whodunnit with eccentric suspects, mounting chaos, and theatrical sleight of hand. Full of quick changes and delicious absurdity, this playful murder mystery leans as hard into laughter as suspense.

**A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BRIDGE THE BAUER CAMPAIGN**

## All Roads Lead Home with Carolyn Curry

JUNE 19

**A heartfelt homecoming supporting our theatre.**

Carolyn Curry performs original songs and the show tunes that first called her to the stage, with special guests joining for an unforgettable evening supporting a community treasure.

*Fundraiser concert not part of season subscription package.*

## FAMILY STAGE

JULY 29-AUGUST 8

# The Biggest Little House in the Forest

**BASED ON THE BOOK BY DJEMMA BIDER  
ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY ROSANNA STAFFA**  
MUSIC BY VICTOR ZUPANC | ORIGINALLY COMMISSIONED AND PRODUCED BY CHILDREN'S  
THEATRE COMPANY PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PLAYS FOR NEW AUDIENCES

Directed by **Franziska Glen**

Featuring **Rachel Lloyd**

**A tiny house with room for one more friend.**

When Bernice the Butterfly discovers a little abandoned house in the woods, she sets out to make it a home—and soon finds herself joined by a growing circle of animal friends. *The Biggest Little House in the Forest* is a gentle, imaginative puppet show about friendship, welcome, and making room for one more.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

## Old Man Luedecke

JULY 31

**Banjo-driven brilliance with wit, warmth, and heart.**

Two-time JUNO winner. Banjo-driven stompers. Dry wit and guitar ballads. For nearly twenty years, Old Man Luedecke has been writing the soundtrack to a life well lived—and he brings that rare warm magic to our stage

**MAINSTAGE**

AUGUST 5-8

**THE  
GREATEST PLAY**  
IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD

BY IAN KERSHAW

PRODUCED BY THEATRE NEW BRUNSWICK

Directed by **Dean Patrick Fleming**

Featuring **Amanda Kellock**

**Intimate, funny, and unexpectedly cosmic.**

The world has stopped. Every light is out—except one, in the house across the street.

A breathtaking love story set on an ordinary road, in outer space, and somewhere in between. Funny, profound, and impossible to forget.

**MAINSTAGE**

AUGUST 18-30

**Beyond  
the Sea**  
By  
Kristen da Silva

Directed by **Andrea Boyd**

Featuring **Stephanie MacDonald** and **Ian Sherwood**

**Two strangers. One pier. A second chance at life.**

On a small-town pier, two lonely strangers meet by chance and begin to discover the possibility of connection.

A warm, witty, and heartfelt comic drama about self-doubt, second chances, and the courage to begin again.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**Ian Sherwood and Friends**

AUGUST 9

**A vibrant evening of music and storytelling.**

Guitar, saxophone, songwriting, and a Canadian Folk Music Award-winning voice. Ian Sherwood brings warmth, wit, and heart to every stage. A born storyteller, his live performances thrive on intimacy.

**SEASON PARTNERS**

**THE MAPLES**  
RETIREMENT LIVING



**PRODUCTION PARTNERS**

**BMO**  **Wealth Management**  
BMO Nesbitt Burns

**HIGH-CREST**  
ENTERPRISES  
NATIONALLY ACCREDITED CARE

# OPEN DOORS

**Pay What You Can Previews - July 14 & August 18 | 7:30 pm** ○

Audiences pay whatever amount they feel comfortable with.

**Relaxed Performances - July 19 & August 23 | 2:00 pm** ○

Adapted for a more welcoming and sensory-aware environment.

**Arts & Cultures Market - August 26 | 6:30 pm** ○

Pre-show artisan market celebrating diverse cultures.

**Pride Night - July 24 | 6:30 pm** ○

A celebration of love, community, and theatre.

**Mobility & Hearing Assistance**

Wheelchair-accessible seating and assistive listening support are available. Please call the box office at 902-867-3333 to reserve or book a test of the hearing system.

**Patio Chats - July 14 & August 18 | 6:30 pm** ○

Come early for a casual facilitated chat with artists from the show.

**Playwright's Lunchbox - July 16 & August 20 | 12:00 pm** ○

Bring your lunch, meet the playwright, and hear an excerpt from a new play.

*If you are experiencing financial barriers, need additional accessibility support, or would like information about advisories, trigger warnings, or age appropriateness, please contact the box office.*

*Got kids and need a grown-up date? Inquire with the **Box Office** about our matinee childcare options.*

# THEATRE CAMPS

Our professionally-led camps use games, improvisational play, and group creation to help campers grow as performers and people.

**Antigonish** | July 20–August 21 Ages 6–7 | 8–11 | 10–12 | 13–17

**New Glasgow** | July 6–10 (Ages 6–8)

**Pictou** | July 13–17 (Ages 9–12)

**All Camps:** Monday to Friday | 9:00 am–3:00 pm | \$275.00 + HST

For more details or to register, visit our website at [festivalantigonish.ca/theatre-academy](http://festivalantigonish.ca/theatre-academy)

*We are in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all treaty people.*

# SCHEDULE

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JULY

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AUGUST

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\*all events subject to change

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- *Murder at Ackerton Manor* —————
- *The Greatest Play in the History of the World* —————
- *Beyond the Sea* —————
- *The Biggest Little House in the Forest* —————

## SHOWTIMES

Evenings: 7:30 p.m.  
Matinees: 2:00 p.m.  
Family Stage: 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.  
See Website for details.

## THANK YOU PARTNERS!



## FINDING US

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