

FESTIVAL ANTIGONISH

—SUMMER THEATRE—

Co - Production PORTFOLIO

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WHY PARTNER WITH US



“Theatre thrives on connection—between artists and audiences, between communities, and between the companies that dare to dream together.”

— Andrea Boyd, Artistic Director

At Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre, we’ve discovered something extraordinary through our co-production partnerships: **when we join forces with theatres across the country, we don’t just share resources we amplify impact, expand reach, and create opportunities that would be impossible alone.** In today’s economic climate, collaboration is essential. Our recent partnerships with Neptune Theatre, Prairie Theatre Exchange and Mulgrave Road Theatre have expanded our geographic reach, enhanced production values and built meaningful relationships locally and nationally. We believe there are more stories, more communities to reach and more magic to create together.

“Collaboration is not only an artistic choice—it is a necessity, a philosophy, and the foundation of how we build sustainable, impactful theatre.”

— Caleb Marshall, Managing Director



Respond

Navigate the evolving economic environment and fragmented funding landscape through strategic partnership.

Develop

Foster professional development, sustainability, and innovation through cross-sector collaboration.

Amplify

Extend artistic voices to wider communities we couldn’t engage without shared support and expertise.

35+

Years of experience

100s

Community members

6000+

Annual patrons

HOW WE WORK

Our Approach

- **Prioritize relationships built on trust, openness, and shared artistic vision.**
- Set ego aside in service of the work to produce the best final product.
- Establish clear expectations early through transparent communication.
- Create detailed project budgets with shared revenues and expenses.
- Maintain flexible agreements that reflect each organisation's capacity

Practical Consideration

- **Close-knit team with clear understanding of capabilities**
- Strong leadership from both organisations essential
- Institutional buy-in required for success
- A dedicated focus on shared administrative and artistic roles
- Proactive conflict resolution and escalation pathways

What We Bring

- **Deep community connections and engaged volunteer base**
- Proven grant writing success and collaborative funding strategies
- Professional production capacity with experienced technical team
- Marketing reach to maritime, national, and international audiences
- Mentorship opportunities and professional development focus

Support we offer

- **Personnel, resources, and in-kind contributions**
- Technological expertise and equipment sharing
- Volunteer power and community engagement
- Grant writing support and collaboration
- Marketing and audience data sharing (with clear policies)

Our Venue: The Bauer Theatre

Proscenium Stage with a semi-circular apron

200 seat theatre with a balcony, and floor level accessible seating

Ground floor level accessibility, including stage access.

In-house workshop space for props, costume and set construction

Additional 40 person venue in the Greenroom Bar & Cabaret space

Historic theatre is on the Saint Francis Xavier University Campus

Summary

OUR VISION

Festival Antigonish is the theatrical heart of our region. We forge creative pathways that strengthen community, inspire compassion, and spark positive change through professional, live performing arts.

OUR MISSION

Festival Antigonish produces contemporary professional theatre that dramatizes our cultural moment in order to promote self-reflection on Canada's place in the world and what it means to be Canadian. Our work is shaped by our deep roots in our community and our strong local connections. This is the foundation for our theatre to be a cultural catalyst for our community and provoke social change.

OUR MANDATE

We build community through the creation and presentation of timely, professional theatre that engages, awakens, and resonates with our audiences in Antigonish and the surrounding rural communities.

1

Community

Building genuine relationships through theatre.

2

Empathy

Creating work that fosters understanding.

3

Inclusion

Honouring multiple voices and perspectives.

4

Excellence

Persuing high professional standards.

"The creative community-minded fusion between Festival Antigonish and Theatre Antigonish has encouraged careers galore and become a major contributor of artistic excellence."

- Jeremy Webb, Neptune Theatre Artistic Director

RECENT CO-PRODUCTIONS

For Love Nor Money

Written by Laura Teasdale

Mulgrave Road Theatre | 2025

By Antigonish playwright Laura Teasdale, this play was commissioned and developed by Mulgrave Road Theatre and presented in partnership at FAST, showcasing local talent and regional collaboration.



Photo: Dave Risk

Murder for Two

*Book by Kellen Blair and Joe Kinosian,
Lyrics by Kellen Blair, Music by Joe Kinosian*

Neptune Theatre | 2023

Thousand Island Playhouse | 2024

Co-produced with Neptune Theatre, this dynamic musical comedy went on to have an extended life at Thousand Island Playhouse, highlighting touring potential of strategic partnerships.



Photo: Stoo Metz

The Outside Inn

Written by Sharon Bajer and Elio Zarillo

Prairie Theatre Exchange 2024

With the world premiere in Antigonish (2022), this heartwarming story about Lily, a newly divorced mother, and her trans adult child Patrick, was re-mounted at Prairie Theatre Exchange in Winnipeg (2024), expanding its reach and impact across the country.



Photo: Leif Norman

Let's Create Together

We welcome conversations with prospective partners who share our vision and are excited to explore what we might create together.

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