



## ITR Fall Newsletter 2022

ITR Theatre is thrilled to be continuing to get back to as 'normal' a theatre year as possible while still doing everything in our power to keep our cast, our crew and our patrons safe. We were overwhelmed with positive accolades from the audience for our spring production - **Suburban Standoff** (see cast pictured right). Huge thanks go out to the entire cast and crew who worked tirelessly to make this show possible and to everyone who welcomed us 'home' to Osgoode. We were also proud to make a donation of \$450 to our chosen charity - Dress for Success - thank you to all who generously contributed during this show. We look forward to continuing to provide quality theatrical programming and getting back to as much of what you expect from ITR - such as dinner theatre - as we get into the fall.



**ITR's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Osgoode Community Centre, 5660 Osgoode Main Street on Sunday, September 25th from 2 pm - 4 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in any of the**

**positions on the board, please notify the current President Jorie Basque at [jorie\\_basque@hotmail.com](mailto:jorie_basque@hotmail.com) prior to the AGM. The elected Board Positions are: President, Vice President, Director of Communications and Outreach, Secretary and Treasurer.**

**In order to vote, you must have paid your 2022/2023 dues by the date of the AGM. For information on how to pay your dues please go to: [Become a Member | ITR Theatre Company](#)**

## Spring 2022 SHOW

### Suburban Standoff



(From left to right: Paola Della Malva, Michael Grant, Marjorie Desbiens-Poitras, Devon Tredinnick, Len Trembley, Liz Szucs)

This past spring we were very proud to present Micheal Grant's wonderful play, *Suburban Standoff* which offered enough comedy and pathos to appeal to all audiences. The director and cast had to overcome the many obstacles created by the Covid 19 pandemic. For the first two months, rehearsals were held via Zoom and once they were able to rehearse in person, they had to maintain social distance and wear masks. In fact, it was not until two weeks before opening night, that they were able to fully implement the Director, Liz Szucs', vision. Although masks still had to be worn at all times when not rehearsing as shown in the above photo.

Unfortunately, audience attendance was not as high as anticipated, probably also as a result of Covid. Those who did attend only had very positive comments to offer. Some even said that they thought that this was the best ITR production they have seen. Many also indicated that they were pleased that we returned to the Osgoode Community Centre.

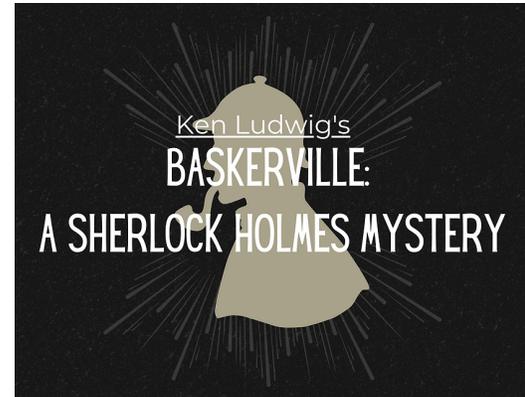
We were also very honoured that the playwright, Micahel Grant, traveled from his home in Elora to see the play. He said that the presentation was exactly as he had envisioned when writing *Suburban Standoff*. Kudos to the Director, Cast and Crew.

## Fall 2022 SHOW

## Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

"Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

ITR is proud to be bringing you Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery as our Fall 2022 Production. This show is a significant undertaking and is sure to dazzle audiences as Holmes and Watson, as well as a cast of varied characters all played by a chorus of 3 crack the mystery of the Hounds of Baskerville.



Here is a synopsis of the play: Get your deerstalker cap on - the play's afoot! From the award-winning mastermind of mayhem, Ken Ludwig (Lend Me a Tenor), comes a fast-paced comedy about everyone's favorite detective solving his most notorious case. Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson must crack the mystery of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" before a family curse dooms its newest heir.

**Tickets for Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery will go on sale the week of October 17th with performances running from November 24th through December 4th.**

## ITR's One Act Play Writing Workshop



We can't express how pleased we are that the One Act Play Writing Workshop is finally being held this September after a long delay caused by the Pandemic. Once again it is being very ably led by Brian Kennedy who has written several plays himself as well as two anthologies and a history of the Canadian theatre. Brian is a retired high school drama teacher as well so he is a wonderful resource for our playwrights.

At the time of writing, there is only one spot left in the workshop. However, there will be a great opportunity for the greater ITR community to experience the hard work of the participants at the Workshop Grand Finale which will be held at **7:30 on October 23 at Vibration Studios in Osgoode**. Not only will the audience be treated to some great new Canadian plays by local playwrights but they will also get to vote on their favourite. Tickets for the Finale are limited to 50 and will go on sale toward the end of September. Watch our website and social media for more details.

## Gearing up for ITR's 50th Anniversary!

2023 is going to be a big year for ITR – its 50th anniversary. And boy do we want to celebrate this amazing achievement. But we are not just celebrating ITR as an organization, we will be celebrating everyone in the ITR community from volunteers to patrons, sponsors and everyone who has supported us for all these years. Without all of you, we would not still be in business.

In addition to our usual spring and fall shows, we want to make sure this is a year to remember. Events being planned include a gala, an ITR based murder mystery, a performance tentatively titled “The Way We Were” which would feature the best loved scenes from the plays ITR has performed over the years as selected by you our supporters, and a trade show featuring booths and workshops related to the theatre community which will welcome both young and old and everyone in between to introduce them to or reacquaint them with the magic of theatre production.



Stay tuned to our website and social media for more information about 50th Anniversary events. For now though, we would really appreciate your input if you have a favourite scene from an ITR play. Please contact us at [ITR50th@gmail.com](mailto:ITR50th@gmail.com).

## FINAL WORDS

We are so very grateful for the amazing community that supports ITR including our many, many volunteers, our sponsors, our patrons - all of whom have jumped in to support our return to live theatre. One committee that often goes unmentioned is our **Reading Committee** - without this group of dedicated individuals, we would not continue to have a roster of shows to put on year after year. We are currently reviewing selections for our 2023 season and look forward to being able to announce these to you at our AGM (another great reason to attend!).

Many hands make light work, if you are interested in volunteering in any way, please let us know either via our website in the Get Involved section or by emailing [info@itrtheatre.com](mailto:info@itrtheatre.com).

Until we see each other again, we hope that you stay healthy and safe!