

Happy National Volunteer Week! Join Our Team at the St. Jacobs Theatres

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Happy National Volunteer Week! Volunteers have always been an integral part of the success of the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse and St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre, and this year will be no exception. With eight productions on stage from late May through the end of December, the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse and Schoolhouse Theatre will require many helping hands to assist the thousands of theatregoers that will attend more than 200 performances over the course of the season. Join the volunteer team in St. Jacobs for the 2022 Season.

"Quite simply, we couldn't do what we do without our volunteers' support and commitment to the arts," says **Alex Mustakas**, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. "We're looking for enthusiastic people who want to donate their time and energy to provide a positive experience for everyone who visits the theatres in St. Jacobs."

Do you have a passion for theatre? If so, becoming a volunteer at the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse or St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre is a fantastic opportunity to learn what it's like to work behind-the-scenes, while helping others to discover the exciting experience of attending a live performance. Whether you're retired and looking for interesting social activities that can also help others, or looking to expand the customer service experience on your résumé, volunteering at the theatre is a rewarding activity that allows you to make a positive contribution to your community.

Volunteers do a variety of tasks including acting as ambassadors for the theatres by ushering at performances – duties include welcoming patrons, checking tickets, leading audience members to their seats, and more. They may also assist with special events or help spread the word about upcoming shows through local distribution of promotional materials.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. The week is an annual celebration recognizing that volunteers provide vital support to their communities. The initiative also encourages more people to consider volunteering. This year's theme for National Volunteer Week is *Volunteering Is Empathy In Action* – it affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the St. Jacobs theatres, please contact **Ellen Berwick**, Director of Audience Services by email at ellenb@draytonentertainment.com, by phone at 519-621-5511 ext. 253, or visit www.draytonentertainment.com/Online/article/volunteer.

The 2022 Season in St. Jacobs includes *Billy Bishop Goes to War* (May 25 to June 12), *The Crooner* (June 29 to Sept 4), and *We'll Meet Again* (Sept 28 to Dec 24) at the St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre in the Village of St. Jacobs, and *Mamma Mia!* (June 15 to July 9), *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club* (July 27 to Aug 13), *Driving Miss Daisy* (Oct 6 to Oct 22), *American Son* (Nov 2 to Nov 20), and *Wizard of Oz: The Panto* (Dec 1 to Dec 31) at the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse near the famous St. Jacobs Farmers' Market. For more information, please visit www.draytonentertainment.com/online/article/season-2022.

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