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Drayton Entertainment has unveiled a spectacular 2027 Season lineup including 20 productions on seven stages in five vibrant communities across Ontario. Audiences will find something appealing for everyone, at all ages and stages of life, from spectacular Broadway musicals to laugh-out-loud comedies, from gripping mysteries to thought-provoking dramas.

"The stories in our new season may appear very different, but they share a common idea: people are capable of becoming so much more than the world expects of them," says Artistic Director David Connolly. "A miner's son becomes a dancer. A child believed unreachable discovers language. Strangers become a community. Students become rock stars. New friendships, second chances and unexpected possibilities emerge at every age. It's a season of surprising transformations, unlikely connections, and thrilling discoveries that invites audiences to laugh, look again, reach further, and expect the unexpected."

Tickets for Drayton Entertainment's 2027 Season will go on sale on the following dates:

- Members: Tuesday, December 1
- Subscribers: Monday, December 7
- Available to Everyone: Friday, December 11

Agatha Christie's

And Then There Were None

A Classic Whodunit

By Agatha Christie

Ten strangers are lured to a secluded island, where they become trapped and are accused of past crimes by an unseen host. As the guests begin dying one by one in ways that mirror a chilling nursery rhyme, suspicion mounts and the race to unmask the killer becomes a desperate fight for survival.

Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend
Drayton Festival Theatre
King's Wharf Theatre, Penetanguishene

July 8 to July 24
July 29 to Aug 14
Aug 19 to Sept 5

The Drayton Entertainment Production of
Billy Elliot: The Musical

Book & Lyrics by Lee Hall

Music by Elton John

Originally Directed by Stephen Daldry

Originally Choreographed by Peter Darling

Orchestrations by Martin Koch

Executive Producers (Original Production): Angela Morrison & David Furnish

Producers (Original Production): Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner, Jon Finn & Sally Greene

Originally presented in London by Universal Pictures Stage Productions, Working Title Films & Old Vic Productions

In association with Tiger Aspect

Based on the Universal Pictures / Studio Canal Film

Set against the miners' strike in northern England, *Billy Elliot* follows an 11-year-old boy who discovers a passion for ballet and dreams of a life beyond his working-class town. A production filled with heart, humour, and passion, this coming-of-age story has been rightly named TIME Magazine's "Best Musical of the Decade!"

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge
Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend

May 19 to June 5
June 10 to June 26

Clue

A Killer Comedy

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn

Written by Sandy Rustin

Additional material by Hunter Foster and Eric Price

Based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture

Based on the Hasbro board game *CLUE*

Original Music by Michael Holland

Based on the classic board game and cult-favourite film, *Clue* is a fast-paced comedy mystery that follows six suspicious guests stranded in a secluded mansion during a dark and stormy night. When murder turns the evening into chaos, the guests must race to uncover the culprit in a hilarious whodunit filled with twists, secrets, and surprises.

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

June 30 to July 18

Come From Away

The Hit Musical Based on the Remarkable True Story

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Irene Sankoff and David Hein

Come From Away tells the incredible true story of 7,000 airline passengers stranded in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, after the events of September 11, 2001. A celebration of small-town kindness and the inherent goodness in all of us, this Tony Award®-winning musical shows us how virtual strangers can become a community.

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June 2 to June 26
July 1 to July 24
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Country Legends: Home for the Holidays

Country Classics Meet Holiday Magic

Conceived by Alex Mustakas

Orchestrations & Vocal Arrangements by Nicole Gusé

The heart of country. The spirit of Christmas. Warm, nostalgic, and full of heart, this festive musical celebration features timeless country classics and holiday favourites. Venture back to the honky-tonks and saloons which shaped country music's glorious history and get lost in the nostalgia of a simpler time as we salute some of the genre's greatest pioneers.

Hildebrand Schoolhouse Theatre, St. Jacobs

Nov 10 to Jan 2, 2028

Doris and Ivy in the Home

An Ageless Comedy

By Norm Foster

Two very different women form an unlikely friendship after meeting in a retirement community, where life still holds plenty of surprises. As romance, laughter, and long-buried regrets enter the picture, the women learn about friendship, second chances, and embracing life at any age.

King's Wharf Theatre, Penetanguishene
Drayton Festival Theatre

June 17 to July 3
July 8 to July 25

Finding Neverland

The Story of How Peter Became Pan

Book by James Graham
Music by Gary Barlow & Eliot Kennedy
Based on the Miramax Motion Picture written by David Magee
and the play *The Man Who Was Peter Pan* by Allan Knee

Finding Neverland tells the inspiring story of playwright J.M. Barrie and the family who spark his imagination to create the beloved tale of *Peter Pan*. Filled with enchanting music and spectacular stage magic, this soaring family musical is a timeless tale of wonder, courage, and the enduring power of belief.

Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend

Aug 19 to Sept 5

Ghost: The Musical

The Romantic New Musical

Book & Lyrics by Bruce Joel Rubin
Music & Lyrics by Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard
Based on the Paramount Pictures film written by Bruce Joel Rubin
Original West End Production Produced by Colin Ingram, David Garfinkle, Adam Silberman, Land Line Productions, Donovan Mannato, Michael Edwards, Carole Winter
This version of Ghost: The Musical was further developed and produced by the Fulton Theatre, Lancaster, PA: Marc Robin, Artistic Director and Aaron A. Young, Managing Director, in association with Maine State Music Theatre.
"Unchained Melody" written by Hy Zaret and Alex North, courtesy of Unchained Melody Publishing LLC
Orchestrations by David Abbinanti

Ghost: The Musical is a romantic and suspenseful tale about Sam and Molly, whose love endures even after a tragic event separates them. Featuring memorable music (including "Unchained Melody") and breathtaking illusions, this moving love story will make you believe in human connection beyond the boundaries of life and death.

Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend
Drayton Festival Theatre

July 29 to Aug 14
Aug 19 to Sept 5

Home to Roost

A Canadian Comedy

Written by Kristen Da Silva

The quiet routine of two sisters enjoying retirement on Manitoulin Island is disrupted by the return of an adult daughter carrying life-changing secrets. Blending humour and emotion, this modern comedy explores family bonds, forgiveness, and the enduring strength of love through life's unexpected challenges.

St. Jacobs Country Playhouse
Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend

July 28 to Aug 14
Aug 19 to Sept 5

Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville

Where Paradise is a State of Mind

Book by Greg Garcia and Mike O'Malley
Music & Lyrics by Jimmy Buffett

Featuring the music of Jimmy Buffet, this feel-good musical follows a carefree bartender whose laid-back island lifestyle is turned upside down when he falls for a career-minded tourist. Filled with romance, humour, and tropical tunes, this sun-soaked comedy proves it's never too late to find the courage to change your course in life.

St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

June 9 to July 4

The Miracle Worker

The Remarkable True Story

By William Gibson

The inspiring true story of teacher Annie Sullivan and her determined efforts to break through the isolation of Helen Keller, a deaf-blind child struggling to connect with the world, comes alive on stage as a powerful saga about the indomitable human spirit.

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

Oct 20 to Nov 7

The Odd Couple

A Mismatched Comedy

By Neil Simon

This classic comedy follows neat and fussy Felix Ungar as he moves in with his carefree, disorganized friend Oscar Madison after a marital breakup. Their wildly different personalities clash in a series of hilarious misunderstandings as they learn to live with one another's quirks.

King's Wharf Theatre, Penetanguishene
Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend

July 8 to July 24
July 29 to Aug 14

Rapunzel: A Panto

A Tradition for the Entire Family

Tangled, twisted ... and totally hair-larious! Follow the adventures of a young woman with long, enchanted hair as she dreams of escaping her tower and discovering the world beyond. Packed with music, comedy, audience participation, and larger-than-life characters, this family-friendly fairy tale celebrates the power of believing in yourself.

King's Wharf Theatre, Penetanguishene
Huron Country Playhouse (South Huron Stage)
St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

May 26 to June 12
June 17 to July 3
Nov 16 to Jan 2, 2028

School of Rock

Straight-A Students ... Straight-Up Rock Stars

Based on the Paramount movie by Mike White

Book by Julian Fellowes

Lyrics by Glenn Slater

New Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Class is in session ... let's rock! When a struggling musician poses as a substitute teacher, he turns his young students into the rock band of his dreams. Packed with explosive performances, humour, and heart, this crowd-pleasing musical proves that sometimes the biggest lessons happen when you break all the rules and turn up the volume!

St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

April 7 to May 2

Shear Madness

The Hilarious & Wacky Whodunit

By Paul Pörtner

Listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as America's longest running play, and the most successful comedy in Drayton Entertainment's history, *Shear Madness* is an interactive comedy mystery set in a hair salon where an unexpected murder turns everyone into a suspect. Packed with improvisation, audience participation, and laugh-out-loud twists, audiences help solve the crime and determine the ending!

Hildebrand Schoolhouse Theatre, St. Jacobs

July 14 to Sept 5

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

A Musical Thriller

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by Hugh Wheeler

From an Adaptation by Christopher Bond

Originally Directed on Broadway by Harold Prince

Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

Originally Produced on Broadway by Richard Barr, Charles Woodward, Robert Fryer, Mary Lea Johnson, Martin Richards
in association with Dean and Judy Manos

In this thrilling musical, a wrongfully exiled barber returns to Victorian London seeking revenge against the judge who destroyed his life. Blending dark humour, soaring music, and suspense, this acclaimed masterpiece explores obsession, justice, and the devastating consequences of vengeance.

St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

Oct 6 to Oct 24

To Kill A Mockingbird

A Courtroom Drama

Adapted by Christopher Sergel

From the Novel by Harper Lee

In this powerful stage adaptation of Harper Lee's classic novel, a young Scout Finch watches as her father, lawyer Atticus Finch, defends a Black man falsely accused of a crime in the racially divided American South. Through its moving story of justice, empathy, and moral courage, this thrilling courtroom drama shines a glimmer of light in the heart of darkness.

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

March 24 to April 11

Mitch Albom's

Tuesdays with Morrie

An Inspirational Life Lesson

By Jeffrey Hatcher & Mitch Albom

Based on the book by Mitch Albom

This deeply moving stage adaptation of the best-selling memoir chronicles the weekly visits between a successful journalist and his former college professor. Through their heartfelt conversations, life's most important lessons unfold – love, purpose, family, and what it means to live fully.

Hildebrand Schoolhouse Theatre, St. Jacobs

May 19 to June 27

PLUS

Special Holiday Production To Be Announced

This title will be announced later this fall

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

May 19 to June 27

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

The Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy High School Musical Production of
Disney

High School Musical

This School Rocks Like No Other!

Book by David Simpatico

Songs by Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley; Randy Peterson & Kevin Quinn;
Andy Dodd & Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence & Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston
Music Adapted, Arranged & Produced by Bryan Louiselle
Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by Peter Barsocchini

Join us for another surefire hit production starring 50 students onstage and backstage in the annual Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy High School Musical Production. A pair of lovable schoolmates – Troy, a heartthrob captain of the basketball team, and Gabriella, a bookworm transfer student – surf the tricky tides of peer pressure and school cliques to follow their dreams and score the leads in the big school show ... and a place in each other's heart.

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

Sept 21 to Oct 3

2027 SEASON AT A GLANCE

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

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Clue	June 30 to July 18
Come From Away	Aug 19 to Sept 5
High School Musical	Sept 21 to Oct 3
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Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend

Mainstage

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South Huron Stage

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