



# 44 years at play

Something to celebrate - 150 community productions in downtown Oshawa, 99 of them Canadian, 34 of them by local writers. Since 1974, DSP's non-profit objectives have been all about quality and accessibility: to present challenging and entertaining plays with an emphasis on innovative directing and design, and to keep production costs low so that live theatre can be enjoyed by all members of the community. Our shows are always chosen by the director so there's passion for the piece right from the beginning, and auditions are always low-threat and open to all.

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# unlace your imagination



## Auditions

DSP auditions are designed to be a comfortable experience. No fees, experience, monologues or appointments necessary, but it's advisable to read the script to determine your interest and suitability. People wanting to work backstage or front of house are always welcome.

Please call 905-725-9256 or email DSP to borrow a script for a couple of days.

### In (Roles We) Play

11 plays by 10 Canadians selected and directed by Andra Kelly  
November 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 2017, 8 pm

**Audition:** Wed. Sept. 6, 7:30 – 10:00 pm

**Characters:**

6 to 10 actors, 17 – 70, ages + genders flexible, one play requires singers

### The Other Place

By Sharr White  
directed by Phil Ireland  
January 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2018, 8 pm

**Audition:** Tues. Oct. 10, 7:30 – 10:00 pm

**Characters:**

Juliana early 50s  
Ian, her husband 50 – 60  
The Woman 25 – 35, portrays 3 characters  
The Man 35 – 45, portrays 2 characters

### Girl in the Goldfish Bowl

by Morris Panych  
directed by Carolyn Wilson  
March 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2018, 8 pm

**Audition:** Tues. Dec. 5, 7:30 – 10:00 pm

**Characters:**

Iris playing her adult and 10-year-old self  
Sylvia her mother  
Owen her father  
Miss Rose their boarder  
Mr. Lawrence a stranger

## Tickets

### DSP Subscriber Benefits

Purchase a \$30 DSP subscription and save 33% off regularly priced Shoestring single tickets. Exchange tickets at no charge (subject to availability).

You can connect with DSP to buy your subscription by mail using the form on the reverse. Or visit DSP's website at [durhamshoestring.org](http://durhamshoestring.org) for an electronic subscription form and more details.

Single DSP tickets (\$15 cash) can also be reserved by email, phone or purchased at the theatre on performance nights if available.

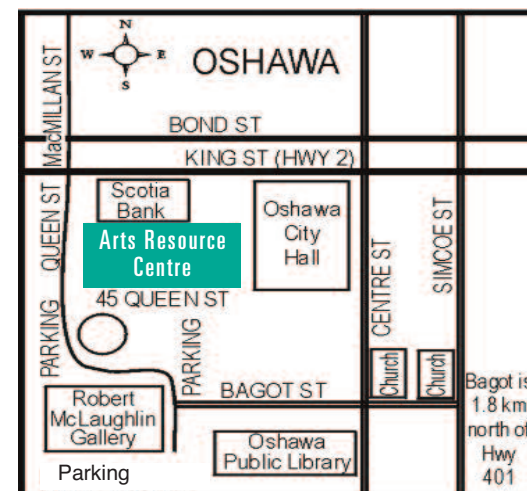
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<https://www.facebook.com/DurhamShoestring>

## Our Location

Attend DSP events at the 100 seat air-conditioned, fully accessible Arts Resource Centre, 45 Queen St., operated by the City of Oshawa. Plenty of free evening parking; doors open at 7:30; curtain at 8:00 p.m.

DSP does not admit latecomers until intermission due to the stage layout.



Brochure design + art: David Schembri Design 905.235.3730



# Durham Shoestring Performers

## THE 44th SEASON



### In (Roles We) Play



### The Other Place



### Girl in the Goldfish Bowl

## 2017-2018

"It's all make-believe,  
isn't it?"

"I float. I breathe.  
I am a woman in-between..."

"These are the last few days  
of my childhood."



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The act of Acting is something we do every day. We exist 'in role' for most of the people who surround us. Deconstructing the theatre of our lives, this collection asks the questions - who are we when we're not ourselves? Who are we when we are? We'll try to reveal, as Tom Stoppard wrote, "...a kind of integrity, if you look on every exit as being an entrance somewhere else". Plays by Shirley Barrie, David Gillies, Don Hannah, Karen Hines, Kate Lynch, Michael MacLean, Nick Mitchell, Sharon Pollock, José Teodoro and Judith Thompson.

**Nov. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 2017**

8:00 p.m.

## The Other Place

by Sharr White  
directed by Phil Ireland



Juliana Smithton is a successful scientist whose life suddenly takes a left turn. Her husband is filing for divorce, her research assistant has run off with her daughter, and to top it off, she has brain cancer...possibly. Or is everything not quite as clear as it seems? When Juliana navigates through shards of memory to the other place, she can't escape a truth that is far more challenging than the life she thinks she has all figured out. Reality proves both less and more kind than we could ever have imagined.

**Jan. 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2018**

8:00 p.m.

All photographic art by Phil Ireland

## Girl in the Goldfish Bowl

by Morris Panych  
directed by Carolyn Wilson



Iris is sure that the death and departure of her beloved goldfish have brought Russian missiles to Cuba, caused her mother's decision to escape an airless marriage, and delivered a promising mysterious stranger to their door on the same day. Harnessing all the hope and wit in her crafty 10-year-old imagination, Iris is determined to manoeuvre her spinning world back from the brink of heartbreak. Winner of the 2003 Dora Mavor Moore Award for Best New Play and the 2004 Governor General's Literary Award for Drama.

**Mar. 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2018**

8:00 p.m.

To purchase a subscription of 3 plays  
for \$30, you have three options:

- 1. Select your play dates, send DSP this form + payment, and pick up your tickets at the first show.
- 2. Keep your schedule flexible, send DSP this form + payment, and book your seats later by phone or e-mail.
- 3. Email or phone your ticket choices to DSP and arrange with us to pay at your first performance.

For options 1 and 2 send a cheque payable  
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Order by Sept. 30 to enter our Early Bird Draw  
to win a 45th Season Pass!

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