



45 years at play

45 years to celebrate - 153 productions in downtown Oshawa, 101 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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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.

YOUTH AUDITION— *New This Year!*

Audition: Mon. August 27, 2018, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
DSP offers 3 challenging roles for youth this season, so we're holding a separate audition to focus on those characters: Emma and Joe in *The Long Road* and Jessie in *Tomcat*. Please be sure to read all the details of this audition at www.durhamshoestring.org/come-play

ADULT AUDITIONS

The Long Road by Shelagh Stephenson

Audition: Tues. Aug. 28, 2018 7:00-9:30 pm

Characters:

Joe	20
Mary, Joe's mother	52
John, Mary's husband	50-60
Emma Price	18
Elizabeth, a social worker	40-60

Love and Anger by George F. Walker

Audition: Thurs. Oct. 11, 2018 7:45-10:00 pm

Characters: All roles involve moderate stage combat.

Peter 'Petie' Maxwell	50+
Gail Jones	20 - 40
Eleanor Downey	40+
John 'Babe' Conner	45+
Sean Harris	50+
Sarah Downey	35+

Tomcat by James Rushbrooke

Audition: Tues. Nov. 27, 2018. 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Tom	30-60
Caroline	30+
Charlie	30+
Rachel	25+
Jessie	12

(will be played by an older teenager)

Tickets

DSP Subscriber Benefits

Purchase a \$35 DSP subscription and save \$10 off the Shoestring single ticket price. 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 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.

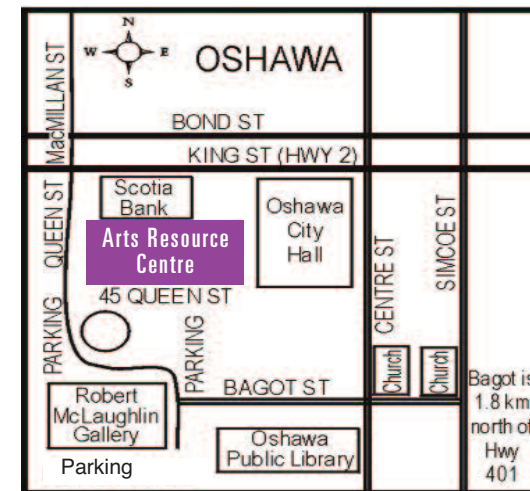
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Our Location

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



The Long Road



Love and Anger



Tomcat

2018-2019

“It’s a long road...No one tells you how to do these things.”

“The official charge is: Being ... Consciously ... Evil.”

“Are you one of those people who watch me through the mirror?”



The Long Road

by Shelagh Stephenson
directed by Joe Szekeres



Is redemption only possible through forgiveness? Shattered by the impulsive street crime of a young offender, the Pritchard family’s unsteady, conflicting steps through the stages of grief threaten to drive them apart. In this gripping drama, each person follows a long and difficult road from denial to acceptance where no character treads the same path. But the search for meaning and accountability is absolutely necessary and there’s hope that the paths will converge. Real life doesn’t provide easy answers.

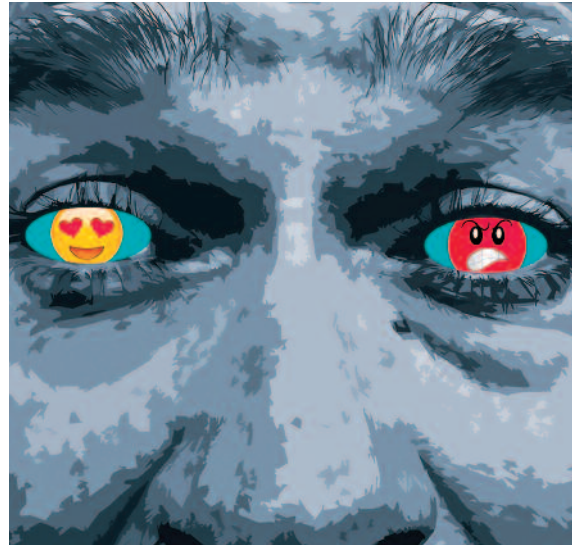
Nov. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2018

8:00 p.m.

Art by Phil Ireland

Love and Anger

by George F. Walker
directed by Carolyn Wilson



As a corporate lawyer, Peter Maxwell helped rich, greedy and often corrupt men maintain their privileged status, but he’s had enough of enabling the 1%. Now as ‘Petie’, Maxwell reorients his life and career to attack the power and gender disparities that ruin life for many of his fellow citizens. Welcome once again to Walker’s dynamic political comedy of the east end, where marginalized women rally for renewal and challenge the insanity of the status quo with riotously funny, logically absurd tactics that always hit home.

Jan. 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2019

8:00 p.m.

Art by Phil Ireland

Tomcat

the North American premiere
by James Rushbrooke
directed by John Lunman



A futuristic drama set not too far from now in a society optimistic that people can be the best version of ourselves. Mandatory screening has eliminated most genetic disorders, but one particularly troubling case remains: Jessie, the 12 year old daughter of a long-dead murderous psychopathic parent. She has been under close clinical observation for years. Is she dangerous? Is she evil? And what do you do with the material when the study ends? DSP is proud to present the North American premiere of an important story.

Mar. 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2019

8:00 p.m.

Art by Anna-Maria Maleshev

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For options 1 and 2 send a cheque payable to Durham Shoestring Performers for:

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