

## ***Belonging in the Township of Wellesley:* New Play Shares Stories Unique to Township**

(Wellesley, June 2, 2024) A new theatre project is sharing stories that originate from across the Township of Wellesley.

*Belonging in the Township of Wellesley* is an original collection of scenes and songs about life today in Wellesley Township. The play will receive performances in all four of the Township's community centres, between June 17 - 21.

Scenes include perspectives on Fall Fair scarecrows, Agriculture Wellness, Facebook, preserving the blue bird population ... and ghosts!

Since February, Watercourse Theatre has worked with a core group of residents, reaching out to people who shared their stories about life in the Township today. The show will be presented by community actors, with local musician Allister Bradley providing music.

**"Listening to fascinating stories from residents across the Township, and working with them and our core group to create theatre scenes was an honour,"** says playwright Catherine Frid, Artistic Director of Watercourse Theatre.

Co-creator and actor Kathryn McEwin says, **"I really enjoyed our group meetings – sharing and hearing stories, and seeing them transformed into a play that's unique to our community. Now we're in rehearsal and it's fun to bring them alive onstage."**

**"I have a range of roles, from a 10-year-old actress, to a Ukrainian poet. I've learned lots about the township I grew up in by acting in this play,"** notes Cara Wakem.

Adds play director James Gordon, **"I'm grateful to be part of this unique and compelling community collaboration."**

Watercourse Theatre is a Guelph-based theatre company that explores innovative ways to creatively and theatrically share the stories of those whose voices are often not heard.

### *Belonging in the Township of Wellesley*

Monday June 17 @ 7:30 pm – Bill Gies Recreation Centre, Wellesley  
Wednesday June 19 @ 7:30 pm - Linwood Recreation Complex, Linwood  
Thursday June 20 @ 7:30 pm - Hawkesville Community Centre, Hawkesville  
Friday June 21 @ 7:30 pm - St. Clements Community Centre, St. Clements

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