

FRIENDS OF ENGLISH THEATRE
2019 SHAW FESTIVAL TRIP
THURSDAY, JULY 25 TO SATURDAY, JULY 27

Since 2003 FET's annual theatre trips to the Shaw Festival have earned a reputation for quality, superior organization and excellent value. Our theatre trips are unique. Each FET group experience allows you to spend every day according to your personal preferences. You choose your shows; you choose where and when to take your meals; you choose even where to stay. We offer superior hotel accommodation, but if your preference is a more intimate B&B, this is a definite possibility. Read on!

WE INVITE YOU TO CHOOSE YOUR SHOWS

THURSDAY
25 JULY
at
8:00PM

THE LADYKILLERS (FESTIVAL THEATRE)

by Graham Lineham, from the motion picture screenplay by William Rose. Directed by Tim Carroll
or

THE GLASS MENAGERIE (JACKIE MAXWELL STUDIO THEATRE)

by Tennessee Williams. Directed by László Bérczes

FRIDAY
26 JULY
at
2:00PM

BRIGADOON (FESTIVAL THEATRE)

Book and Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner. Music by Frederick Loewe. Directed by Glynis Leyshon,
Choreography by Agnes DeMille
or

GETTING MARRIED (ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE)

by Bernard Shaw. Directed by Tanja Jacobs
or

VICTORY (JACKIE MAXWELL STUDIO THEATRE)

by Howard Barker. Directed by Tim Carroll

FRIDAY
26 JULY
at
8:00PM

SEX: A Comedy Drama (JACKIE MAXWELL STUDIO THEATRE)

by Mae West. Directed by Peter Hinton

SATURDAY
27 JULY
at
2:00PM

THE LADYKILLERS (FESTIVAL THEATRE)

by Graham Lineham, from the motion picture screenplay by William Rose. Directed by Tim Carroll
or

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE)

By Edmond Rostand. Translated and adapted by Kate Hennig. Directed by Chris Abraham

TICKET PRICES

The registration form requires that you choose one performance in each of the four sessions. However, if you consider four performances beyond your limit, please contact the trip co-ordinator as exceptions can be arranged.

Thursday	The Ladykillers	Festival Theatre	Gold Seating	\$99
8:00	The Glass Menagerie	Jackie Maxwell Studio	Gold Seating	\$99
Friday	Brigadoon	Festival Theatre	Gold Seating	\$112
2:00	Getting Married	Royal George Theatre	Gold Seating	\$99
	Victory	Jackie Maxwell Studio	Blue Seating	\$55 (rev)
Friday	Sex	Jackie Maxwell Studio	Gold Seating	\$99
8:00			Blue Seating	\$82
Saturday	The Ladykillers	Festival Theatre	Gold Seating	\$99
2:00	Cyrano de Bergerac (Preview)	Royal George Theatre	Gold Seating	\$65 (rev)
			Blue Seating	\$55 (rev)

FET prices include HST and are much lower than the regular ticket prices. Prices shown in Shaw Festival publicity do not include booking fees, facility fees or HST.

FET knows very well that where you sit in the theatre really matters. Most seats reserved for FET are in the Gold section and when Gold seats were no longer available we chose the next best seats in the Blue section. In order to get the best possible seats in each section, our booking with the Group Office began last November. To see a map of the seating locations in the various theatres, go to the Festival website.

Please be aware that even though FET takes full advantage of group priority seating, occasionally 'best seats' in any section are bought out by Festival Members who have priority ahead of groups.

OPTIONAL ADD-ON ACTIVITIES

Friday, 11:30 - 12:30	LUNCHTIME PERFORMANCE <i>The Russian Play</i> by Hannah Moscovitch	Royal George Theatre	\$38 (rev)
Saturday, 10:00 -11:00	EXCLUSIVE FET EVENT. Details will be announced at a later date at which time you can indicate your interest. A minimum number of participants will be required.		
Saturday, 11:30 - 12:30	LUNCHTIME PERFORMANCE <i>The Russian Play</i> by Hannah Moscovitch	Royal George Theatre	\$38 (rev)

TRANSPORTATION

\$205 per person.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

The **FET EXPRESS** journey to Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL) takes about 6½ hours including two stops. Seating on the coach will be allocated in order of registration. There is a washroom on board.

Thursday, July 25 Coach will depart Ottawa in the early morning. Exact location of the pick-up point will be made available at a later date. We arrive in Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL) at approximately 3:30pm.

Saturday, July 27 Coach will depart NOTL immediately after the matinee performances, returning to Ottawa at approximately 11:30pm.

TRANSPORTATION WITHIN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Queen's Landing has a six-passenger van that is used as a shuttle for hotel guests. Limousine service is part of the pampering you can expect from Queen's Landing. When you need transportation between hotel, theatres and downtown or even to a nearby winery, simply make a request at the reception desk.

ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

A. AT QUEEN'S LANDING HOTEL

Your booking must be made directly with the hotel before **June 10**. You must identify yourself as a member of Friends of English Theatre staying over the two nights, July 25 and July 26. **Your room reservation is secured by your credit card. No deposit is necessary. Special room rate per night for FET members is \$269+ tax.** As a comparison, the 'best available rate' during peak season ranges from \$340 to \$460 (plus tax and extra charges).

Breakfast is not included in the cost of the room. You have the choice of enjoying a full buffet breakfast in the elegant Tiara Restaurant (\$18.00 plus tax and gratuities) or an à la carte breakfast delivered to your room. Alternatively, you can choose to eat breakfast elsewhere.

Contact details and cancellation conditions for the hotel are on the last page

Queen's Landing is a waterfront Georgian-style mansion beautifully situated adjacent to the Niagara River. It sits on the property of the Old Niagara Harbour and Dock Company (incorporated 1831). Its architecture reflects the Georgian era, a style born during the reigns of the British monarchs George I to George IV, a time in which Upper Canada began to flourish with the Loyalists' retreat from the new American colonies.

The rooms reserved for FET are traditional double rooms. Each air-conditioned room features two queen beds with down duvets, a 37" flat screen television, a Keurig coffee and tea machine, bottled water, and a mini fridge. Each room is elevator accessible. Hotel services include high-speed wireless internet, daily newspaper upon request, evening turndown service, concierge service, hotel shuttle service and use of the indoor heated saltwater pool, hot tub, cedar eucalyptus sauna and fitness facilities.

B. AT A BED AND BREAKFAST

Please make your own arrangements to reserve your accommodation. You are advised to choose a place that is within walking distance to the theatres. Taxi service in NOTL is not reliable.

FET has tentative bookings at 2 B&Bs that may be available to members. Please contact our trip co-ordinator to get details.

ACCESSIBILITY

The FET Express: We will be able to take fold-up wheelchairs and/or walkers carried in the baggage hold of the bus. If this is a concern for you, please contact the trip co-ordinator.

Special Access seating is available in all theatres but must be booked in advance.

Accessible washrooms are available in all theatres.

Assisted hearing devices must be ordered at the same time as the tickets. Cost is \$2 per unit per performance.

Please indicate any accessibility concerns on the registration form.

MEMBERSHIP

This excursion is exclusive to members of Friends of English Theatre. If you or any member of your party is not already a 2019 member of FET (\$10 annual fee), please contact our membership secretary, Manjit Chhura. (Contact details are on last page).

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Payment to FET covers only theatre tickets, transportation and optional activities. Accommodation and meals are not included.

Two cheques are required with your registration:

1. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person. This cheque is due upon registration.
2. A post-dated cheque dated no later than June 10 covering the balance of transportation and tickets.

Please see registration form for details of where to send cheques. Receipt of your registration will be acknowledged.

Letters containing final details will be forwarded to you one month prior to departure.

Possible additional charges:

- a. A participant who chooses to make the journey to Niagara-on-the-Lake independently will not have to pay the transportation fee. However, a surcharge of \$30 will be added to the amount owed to FET for theatre tickets.
- b. Registrations may be possible after June 10, if vacancies exist. If successful, this will require a single cheque covering the deposit, the balance as well as the late fee of \$25. The amount is entirely non-refundable.

For your convenience we recommend making a copy of the completed registration form before sending it in the mail.

CANCELLATIONS

What happens if you have to cancel your PERSONAL registration?

• CANCELLING YOUR TICKETS

If FET is notified prior June 10, only the post-dated cheque will be returned.
The deposit is not refundable unless FET cancels the trip for everyone.

• CANCELLING YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Cancellation at Queen's Landing is without penalty up to **July 4**. After that date, cancellation fee is the full cost of your 2 night stay. Remember that it is your credit card that is holding your reservation.

• WHAT HAPPENS IF FET HAS TO CANCEL THE TRIP

In the event that FET does not receive the minimum number of registrations by June 9, the trip will be cancelled and you will be notified by email. Your payments to FET will be refunded in full.

Even if FET has to cancel the trip you are nevertheless able to keep the reservations for your Shaw Festival excursion as long as the following actions are taken.

1. **Immediately notify FET that you wish to keep the show tickets being held for you. FET will make the necessary arrangements with the box office for the tickets to be transferred to your name.**
2. **Contact the hotel (or B&B) to confirm the status of your room reservation.**

Please be aware that it is quite possible the price of your tickets and the price of your accommodation may increase if the group discounts no longer apply.

WAIVER/TRAVEL INSURANCE

You will be asked to sign a waiver before departure. Travel insurance is your own responsibility. Please note that if you already have travel insurance, we strongly suggest that you check very carefully that your policy covers this particular trip. Some insurance companies do not cover travel within Ontario, nor the cost of theatre tickets

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| June 9 | Last day for 'regular registration' with FET. |
| June 10 | First day for 'late registration'. If places are still available, FET's late fee will apply. |
| June 10 | Last day for group rate at the hotel. |
| July 4 | Last day for personal cancellation of hotel room without penalty. |

IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

- To order a Shaw Festival booklet, phone [1-800-511-7429](tel:1-800-511-7429)
- For information on the season's plays, visit www.shawfest.com
- To book accommodation at the Queen's Landing, have your credit card number handy and contact [1-888-669-5566](tel:1-888-669-5566) or reservations@vintage-hotels.com
Remember to inform the reservation clerk that you are a member of Friends of English Theatre and wish to take advantage of the group rate. Cancellation of this personal reservation can be made without penalty up to July 4
- To book accommodation other than at the Queen's Landing such as at a B&B. There are several sites, but here's a simple one: <https://www.niagaraonthelake.com/bed-and-breakfasts>. Note: the location of the B&B you choose must be within walking distance of the theatres.
- Questions about this theatre trip can be directed to Fran Pearl
[613-726-9330](tel:613-726-9330) or franny@pearl01.ca
- FET Membership enquiries can be directed to Manjit Chhura. [613-746-3327](tel:613-746-3327) or s.chhura@sympatico.ca
Membership fees are \$10 per person per year (January to December).
- The local Chamber of Commerce will help with general enquiries about Niagara-on-the-Lake:
[1-888-619-5984](tel:1-888-619-5984) or admin@niagaraonthelake.com
- For more details about accessibility. [1 888-619-5984](tel:1-888-619-5984) ext. 210.



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