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And That's A Wrap on the 2023 Season!



DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

A Conversation With Amy Mueller and Jacob Janssen



Amy Mueller
Managing Director



Jacob Janssen
Jackie and Steve Kane Artistic Director

Looking back at the 2023 season, which production was a personal favorite and why? **Jacob:** I am so proud of everything we accomplished this year. The work was ambitious in its scope, and created with such care and joy. I am particularly proud of *I Carry Your Heart With Me*. Making a world premiere is a special thing. Being the first artists to interpret a play, and for our audience to be the first to experience is really special. I hope it is the first of many world premieres here at TAP.

How did the audience respond to productions? **Amy:** It was so much fun to watch the audiences for the *It's a Wonderful Life* celebrate the holidays at TAP. So many friends and generations of family made TAP part of their holiday traditions and that is particularly meaningful- our schedules are packed so tight during this time and for people to choose to spend that precious time with us is so special and motivating.

What exciting initiatives or changes do you envision for the theatre in the coming year? **Jacob:** New for the 2024 season, we have committed to producing a show by a Wisconsin writer every season. This year we will have two shows written by Wisconsinites. To support this commitment, we have some big plans for new play development in Door County. Hopefully we will be able to tell you all about them soon!

What areas do you feel the theatre experienced the most growth or innovation in the past year? **Amy:** From my brief time at TAP, I think the theatre continued to weave itself into the community by hosting winter markets, growing the Community Partner program, Learning in Retirement opportunities, continuing to offer free tickets to students, and the Check-Out TAP program. I love that TAP always centers its mission to be of service, be inclusive, and be available to the community. I am so excited to be a part of supporting that work.

What were the major achievements of the theatre in the past year? **Jacob:** 2023 was a standout year for TAP. More people than ever before were a part of our audience. I think that is a testament to the incredible work that our artists are making, but also to our steadfast commitment to this community. Our partnership with the Door County Library has deepened. With the library we host a free play-reading discussion group and provide no-cost tickets through our Check Out TAP program. In 2023 we were the only arts organization to receive support from the United Way for our work to make our shows accessible to everyone. Last year we raised over \$8,000 for our community partners during our pay-what-you-will previews. That is \$8,000 that goes back into the community to make a positive impact. Every day we work to make incredible artistic experiences that draw us all closer to one another, to build our community. That is what I am most proud of this year.

Any final thoughts? **Amy:** I would love to add how excited I am to meet and become part of the TAP community. There is a lot of energy and momentum, and I am excited to spend the next months preparing for my first season with the company. It is a really important time for TAP to make sure we have the right resources, and that we make sound decisions for the future so we can continue to produce work that will be compelling, uplifting, and important to the community. I consider that a challenge in many ways, but also really rewarding and essential work for the good of Door County.



2024 Play Reading Festival

Ushuaia Blue

by Caridad Svich

Directed by
Mary MacDonald-Kerr

February 3, 7:30pm

A gripping exploration of human resilience set against the icy landscapes of Antarctica.

Part of the Big Read

Ryan's Pub, Trivia Night

by Alec Silberblatt

Directed by
Jacob Janssen

February 4, 7:30pm

Where wit and wisdom collide in a battle of brainpower and banter.

Home Hosts for TAP Artists

Local residents play a pivotal role in providing accommodations for artists and crew during the TAP season. Whether it's just a spare room or a full living space, ten days or two months, hosts participating in this program help to ensure that TAP can hire the best talent from all over the nation!



Participation involves providing a comfortable space for visiting theatre professionals. For those with available space, becoming a host can be a chance to get an insiders' look at life in the theatre.

We truly cannot thank our hosts enough for making our visiting artists feel at home in our community! For more information or to sign up to host in the 2024 season, contact Jacob at jacob@thirdavenueplayworks.org.

Interested In Volunteering?

We are searching for volunteers to usher and sell concessions on **February 3-4** for the Play Reading Festival, and **February 10** for "Songwriters in the Round". Sign up today!

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 EVERY 3RD SATURDAY
 NOVEMBER THROUGH MARCH
 10AM - 2PM

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What the Constitution Means to Me

Wednesday, January 17 at 3:30pm
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INTRODUCING THE 2024 SEASON

May 1-19

Ms. Holmes & Ms. Watson-Apt. 2B

by Kate Hamill

A rollicking murder mystery!

June 12-30

Stones in His Pockets

by Marie Jones

Rural Ireland goes Hollywood glam!

July 17-August 18

Jeeves Saves the Day

by Margaret Raether

A fizzy, family-friendly fun-fest!

September 25-October 13

No Wake

by Erica Berman

Discovering the ripple effect of unexpected connections!

December 11-29

A Gift of the Magi

by James DeVita and Josh Schmidt

A big-hearted holiday story reinvented as a chamber musical!



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 12: SUBSCRIPTION PRE-SALE

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MARCH 18: SINGLE TICKETS ON SALE



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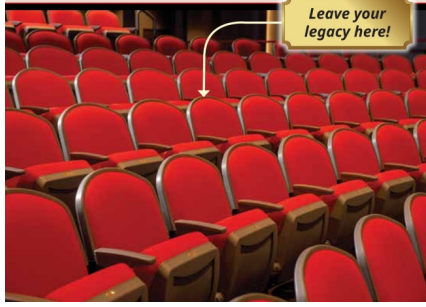
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There are many opportunities throughout the season for sponsorship! Businesses and individuals can sponsor a show, an event, or even the full season.

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