



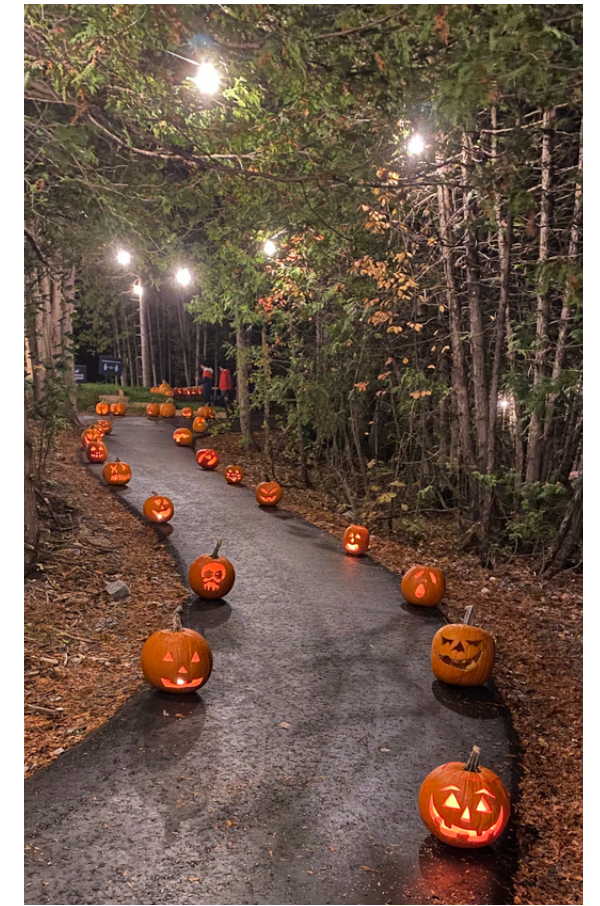
**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
OF KAWARTHA LAKES**



ABBA Tribute Concert (May 2022)



The 39 Steps (July-August 2022)



Pumpkin Parade (November 2021)



**Inspiration**

The Grove Theatre was conceived from an idea for the creation of a cultural hub that would engage and inspire both local residents and visitors alike, and additionally serve as a social and economic driver to the community.



**Community Need**

Created as a space that contributes to our collective sense of identity, our pride in belonging to this beautiful corner of the world called Kawartha Lakes, and a shared vision of community well-being.



**Community Leaders**

Tim Wisener, theatre Co-founder, explains, "The theatre aims to be a centre of the community and an asset for everyone in the Fenelon area. I look forward to seeing a dance recital, attending a church service, and enjoying a band or a play, all in the same weekend. The space is meant to serve as a hub for the creative life in Fenelon Falls."



**Action Plan**

A multi-year action plan lays out incremental goals in the following areas: theatre production, opportunities for youth, education, and community engagement.



**Local Impact**

The Grove Theatre has established itself as a driving force in the local economy, attracting audiences from throughout the region and beyond, and helping downtown businesses to thrive. Various community partnerships have provided mutually beneficial experiences by way of promotional opportunities, enhanced offerings, and social integrations.

## COMMUNITY NEED

The Grove Theatre aspires to create significant partnership and employment opportunities for the local community through a long-term vision of a highly esteemed summer festival. Providing audiences with pre-eminent artistic experiences presented in an idyllic natural setting meets a shared vision in the community: a vision of renewed connection, of artistic excellence, and of joyful gathering.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes
- Fenelon Falls Agricultural Society
- Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society
- Kawartha Works Community Co-operative
- The Rotary Club Fenelon Falls
- Fenelon Falls Brewing Co.

## RELATIONSHIP

The Grove Theatre Fund is administered by the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes, the acting charity responsible for all financial handling and coordination of related activities.

## CORE VALUES

- 1) Community:** This project is deeply rooted in the social, cultural and economic development of Fenelon Falls and prioritizes our relationship with the local community.
- 2) Excellence:** We hold ourselves to the highest artistic and professional standards and dedicate ourselves to creating exceptional work on stage and within the community.
- 3) Inclusion:** We embrace a diversity of people, ideas and cultures, enriching our art, our audiences, our workplace and our community at large. This includes a commitment to create space for people with developmental and/or physical disabilities. Educational camps and fully inclusive employment opportunities are part of that commitment.
- 4) Stewardship:** We are committed to the responsible use of all the resources entrusted to us in order to best sustain our organization, our community and the environment.



## LEADERSHIP

- **Jim Armstrong:** President, Kawartha Works Community Cooperative
- **Gord Grunwell:** Partnerships and Development Chair
- **Lynne Manning:** Chair, Grove Theatre Management Committee
- **David Prosser:** Leadership
- **Tim Wisener:** Co-founder
- **Christy Yael & Sean Cox:** Artistic Directors & Co-founders
- **Nicole Myers-Mitchell:** General Manager

## GOALS

- 1) Theatre Production:** Produce multiple professional theatre productions each season, with exceptional talent from around the country to provide audiences with pre-eminent artistic experiences.
- 2) Opportunities for Youth:** Create vibrant and robust youth programming, including summer camps and community outreach initiatives.
- 3) Education:** Develop various arts & culture programs that stimulate, enlighten, and inspire participants of all ages.
- 4) Community Engagement:** Partner with local organizations and businesses to offer meaningful cultural experiences to all members of the community. Make the space available to the community for special events and local arts programming.