



CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
Downtown Development Authority
Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Agenda
To be held in the City Hall Council Chambers
161 E. Grand River Ave. Williamston, MI 48895
(517) 655-2774; www.williamston-mi.us

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Response
6. DDA Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024
7. Accounts Payable- None
8. Downtown Development Director Report
9. Treasurer- Budget Printout
10. Action Items
 - a. Williamston Theatre Request for Funding
 - b.
 - c.
11. Discussion Items
 - a. McCormick Park Electric Quote
 - b. Williamston Events Update
 - c. Downtown Planters
 - d.
12. Correspondence Received/Information Only
 - a.
13. Outstanding Issues- **No Action or Discussion**
 - a.
 - b.
14. Public Response
15. DDA Member Comments
16. Adjournment

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THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE WILLIAMSTON DDA WILL BE HELD ON JULY 16, 2024 IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APRIL 16, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chair Emily Sutton-Smith and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Chair Emily Sutton-Smith, Vice Chair Brooke Donnelly-Grzelak, Authority Members Leigh Baumgras, Tammy Gilroy, Narda Murphy, and Wendy Carroll-Parry. Absent: Jessica Modert, and Laurie Droscha.

Also Present: City Manager/DDA Director John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, and citizens Sharon LaPointe, and Carol Grainger.

Motion by **Gilroy**, second by **Donnelly-Grzelak**, to excuse Modert. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Gilroy**, second by **Murphy**, to approve the DDA agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Public Response:

Sharon LaPointe commented on the need for electrical access at the Farmers Market. They have over 12,000 visitors and a plan to increase that traffic by attracting diverse vendors. There is a need for electricity for food trucks and some of the market vendors. The cords being used are causing tripping hazards. They appreciate the use of the parking lot but would like to make it safer.

6. DDA Regular and Informational Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024:

Motion by **Gilroy**, second by **Donnelly-Grzelak**, to approve the DDA regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2024 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

None.

8. Downtown Development Director Report:

Director/Manager Hanifan commented he is working on the branding for the Williamston Experience. The committee worked on planning events in Williamston for the year. They have also started a Facebook page to advertise the events and they would appreciate any cross-promotion they can get. He feels the DDA's overall plan should be working on the physical attributes of the downtown to get more people to visit.

9. Treasurer- Budget Printout:

A budget printout was provided for DDA review.

11. Discussion Items

11a. Events Planning/Williamston Events:

Member Gilroy reported on the Williamston Events team.

Member Donnelly-Grzelak commented she wants to be sure their message is clean and feels they are working with a limited volunteer base.

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11b. Electric Service for Farmers' Market/McCormick Park Parking Lot:

Manager Hanifan commented this has not been budgeted for in the current fiscal year but can be added for the next fiscal year budget. He would like to get a handle on the real needs of the Farmers' Market and will get quotes for electrical service to the parking lot for the DDA to act on.

11c. Downtown Planter Boxes:

The board collectively felt the planter boxes were too far gone to repair or plant and asked for them to be removed. The board will look at getting new planters for next spring.

11d. Spring/Fall Downtown Plantings:

No discussion.

14. Public Response:

Carol Grainger wondered if some of the planters can be salvaged and commented the concrete planters could use more soil to create a deeper base.

15. DDA Member Comments:

None.

16. Adjournment:

Chair Sutton-Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Fund 248 Downtown Development Authority

GL Number	Description	PERIOD ENDED 04/30/2023	PERIOD ENDED 04/30/2024
*** Assets ***			
248-000-001.00	Common Checking	0.00	34,991.43
248-000-002.00	Cash - Savings	165,023.52	0.00
248-000-017.01	Investments - MI Class	55,020.53	222,724.49
248-000-120.07	2004 DDA River Refunding	7,800.40	8,231.61
248-000-136.00	Buildings, Additions And Improvements	2,465,256.53	2,841,505.08
248-000-137.00	Accum Depreciation - Bldg & Improvement	(919,306.00)	(986,273.03)
Total Assets		1,773,794.98	2,121,179.58
*** Liabilities ***			
248-000-214.00	Due To General Fund	192,602.88	0.00
248-000-214.08	Due To Equipment Fund	16,126.44	0.00
248-000-300.10	2004 DDA Refunding	25,000.00	0.00
248-000-300.17	2011 DDA GO Limited Bonds	135,000.00	0.00
248-000-314.00	Long Term Advance From General	0.00	125,000.00
Total Liabilities		368,729.32	125,000.00
*** Fund Balance ***			
248-000-390.00	Fund Balance	1,389,357.62	1,675,250.99
Total Fund Balance		1,389,357.62	1,675,250.99
Beginning Fund Balance		1,389,357.62	1,675,250.99
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures		15,708.04	320,928.59
Ending Fund Balance		1,405,065.66	1,996,179.58
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance		1,773,794.98	2,121,179.58

User: TOM
DB: Williamston
PERIOD ENDING 04/30/2024
& Fiscal Year Completed: 83.33

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	END BALANCE 06/30/2023 NORM (ABNORM)	YTD BALANCE 04/30/2023 NORM (ABNORM)	YTD BALANCE 04/30/2024 NORM (ABNORM)	2023-24 ORIGINAL BUDGET	AVAILABLE BALANCE NORM (ABNORM)	% BDGT USED
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Fund 248 - Downtown Development Authority						
Dept 000 - General Revenues						
Revenues						
401.01 Current Property Taxes	385,796.60	366,523.40	407,212.61	374,000.00	(33,212.61)	108.88
573.00 Local Community Stabilization	3,603.52	3,603.52	10,392.90	3,500.00	(6,892.90)	296.94
580.00 Contributions/Grants From Local Units	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	(3,000.00)	100.00
581.00 Ingham County Parks & Trail Grant	111,938.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
665.01 Interest Income	2,767.50	2,181.46	7,597.03	1,000.00	(6,597.03)	759.70

TOTAL REVENUES	504,106.15	372,308.38	428,202.54	378,500.00	(49,702.54)	113.13
Net - Dept 000 - General Revenues	504,106.15	372,308.38	428,202.54	378,500.00	(49,702.54)	

Dept 728 - Comm. & Econ. Dev. Administration						
Expenditures						
702.00 Salaries & Wages	25,253.15	20,448.54	18,837.85	30,000.00	11,162.15	62.79
704.00 Wages-Part Time	2,034.12	1,373.79	1,815.19	2,500.00	684.81	72.61
709.00 FICA	2,076.63	1,660.45	1,571.81	2,250.00	678.19	69.86
710.00 Unemployment	23.87	23.87	26.03	10.00	(16.03)	260.30
712.00 Payment In Lieu Of Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
718.00 Insurance Premiums	2,650.13	2,254.13	2,949.18	2,600.00	(349.18)	113.43
718.01 HSA Contribution	485.93	485.93	474.69	500.00	25.31	94.94
724.00 Disability Premiums	107.26	92.54	73.77	100.00	26.23	73.77
725.00 Retirement	4,782.71	3,632.65	3,077.80	4,800.00	1,722.20	64.12
726.00 Workers Compensation	183.86	21.47	96.48	400.00	303.52	24.12
801.01 Legal Services	449.40	449.40	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
802.00 Contractual Services	8,573.97	7,640.80	9,978.80	12,500.00	2,521.20	79.83
803.00 Contract - Audit	1,592.15	1,592.15	1,638.87	1,830.00	191.13	89.56
803.01 Fund Administration	21,000.00	0.00	0.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00
803.06 Niesa - Contract	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00
880.00 Community Promotion	8,770.00	3,300.00	5,055.00	25,000.00	19,945.00	20.22
880.01 Holiday Decorations/maint.	425.71	425.71	11,597.51	5,000.00	(6,597.51)	231.95
921.00 Utilities	34,092.18	25,606.74	24,613.27	35,000.00	10,386.73	70.32
940.00 Equipment Rental	14,629.06	13,882.83	9,124.42	22,000.00	12,875.58	41.47
955.00 Miscellaneous	353.96	74.96	76.78	1,000.00	923.22	7.68
964.00 Private/commercial Rehab.	6,281.66	6,281.66	2,250.00	10,000.00	7,750.00	22.50
968.01 Depreciation - Current	66,967.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	210,732.78	99,247.62	103,257.45	189,190.00	85,932.55	54.58
Net - Dept 728 - Comm. & Econ. Dev. Administr.	(210,732.78)	(99,247.62)	(103,257.45)	(189,190.00)	(85,932.55)	

Dept 901 - Capital Outlay						
Expenditures						
970.08 Boat Launch & Parking Lot	0.00	248,939.55	1,542.00	0.00	(1,542.00)	100.00
970.09 Boardwalk Replacement	0.00	933.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	249,872.72	1,542.00	0.00	(1,542.00)	100.00
Net - Dept 901 - Capital Outlay	0.00	(249,872.72)	(1,542.00)	0.00	1,542.00	

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PERIOD ENDING 04/30/2024

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Fund 248 - Downtown Development Authority

Dept 906 - Debt Service

Expenditures

991.06	1999 Refunding Bond Principal	0.00	0.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00
991.11	2004 DDA Refunding Bonds	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
994.06	1999 Refunding Bond Interest	5,480.00	1,849.50	1,850.00	0.50	99.97
994.11	2004 DDA Refunding Interest	2,000.00	625.00	625.00	0.00	100.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

7,480.00	7,480.00	2,474.50	162,475.00	160,000.50	1.52
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Net - Dept 906 - Debt Service

(7,480.00)	(7,480.00)	(2,474.50)	(162,475.00)	(160,000.50)	
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Dept 990 - Transfers

Expenditures

995.00 Transfer To General Fund

0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES

0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
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Net - Dept 990 - Transfers

0.00	0.00	0.00	(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)	
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TOTAL REVENUES

504,106.15	372,308.38	428,202.54	378,500.00	(49,702.54)	113.13
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES

216,212.78	356,600.34	107,273.95	376,665.00	269,391.05	28.48
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NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

285,893.37	15,708.04	320,928.59	1,835.00	(319,093.59)	7,489.30
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SPONSORSHIP REQUEST APPLICATION
Downtown Development Authority

- ▶ Individual/Group Name: Williamston Theatre
- ▶ Individual/Group Address: 122 S Putnam St
Williamston, MI 48895
- ▶ Contact Person: Emily Sutton-Smith, Executive Director
- ▶ Contact Person Phone: 517-655-7469/734-968-4294
- ▶ Contact Person E-Mail: emily@williamstontheatre.org
- ▶ Brief project title or description: We seek support for Williamston Theatre's 2024-2025 Season.

The season will include five full productions and seven special "dark nights" events. The season begins in September 2024 and will wrap up in August 2025. See attached brochure for details.

- ▶ Location of event, activity, or program: _____

All performances will take place at the Williamston Theatre in downtown Williamston.

- ▶ Provide a brief statement of why the project or program is important to our community:

The Williamston Theatre has been mounting award-winning professional productions in Williamston for 18 years, with a brief closure due to the Covid pandemic. Projected attendance at 2024-2025 shows is over 10,000, with approximately 80% of patrons coming from outside of Williamston. DDA Funds will be dedicated to marketing. The Theatre expects to spend over \$40,000 on marketing initiatives during the 2024-2025 Season.

- ▶ Total Amount Requested: \$3,000

<u>Emily Sutton-Smith</u>	<u>June 4, 2024</u>
Applicant's signature (and title where applicable)	Date

- ▶ Submit completed application to:
Williamston City Hall, Attn: DDA Director, 161 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston MI 48895
manager@williamston-mi.us

*Application must be submitted to the Williamston DDA Director by the first Monday of the month for consideration at the monthly DDA meeting, held on the third Tuesday of the month.
The Williamston DDA reserves the right to approve, modify, or deny any application at its sole discretion.*



STORIES THAT GROW
CONVERSATION

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INCIDENT AT
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'24 —
SEASON 18
— '25

A Case
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Existence
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A Very
WILLIAMSTON
Christmas

We invite you to immerse yourself in thought provoking productions
that inspire and entertain. Join us for Season 18 —
when the human spirit takes center stage.

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Season 18. Woah.

The Williamston Theatre can officially vote! Maybe not buy a beer. But WT is all grown up. As the parents, we, the Four Founders (Emily, Chris, John, and Tony), have nurtured this child of ours through many stages of growth. It hasn't always been easy, and there have been hiccups along the way. Remember that 2020-2021 Season? Yeah, neither do we. But we're pretty proud of the WT. It's grown into a promising young member of the community. It is our legacy.

Season 18 includes plays that ponder the nature of legacy and what we leave behind. They examine what we pass down and pass forward. These are both complex and everyday matters that we face as human beings. Season 18 will do what we always strive to do... make you laugh, make you cry, and make you want to reach out to someone in your world. Thanks for being with us on our storytelling journey.

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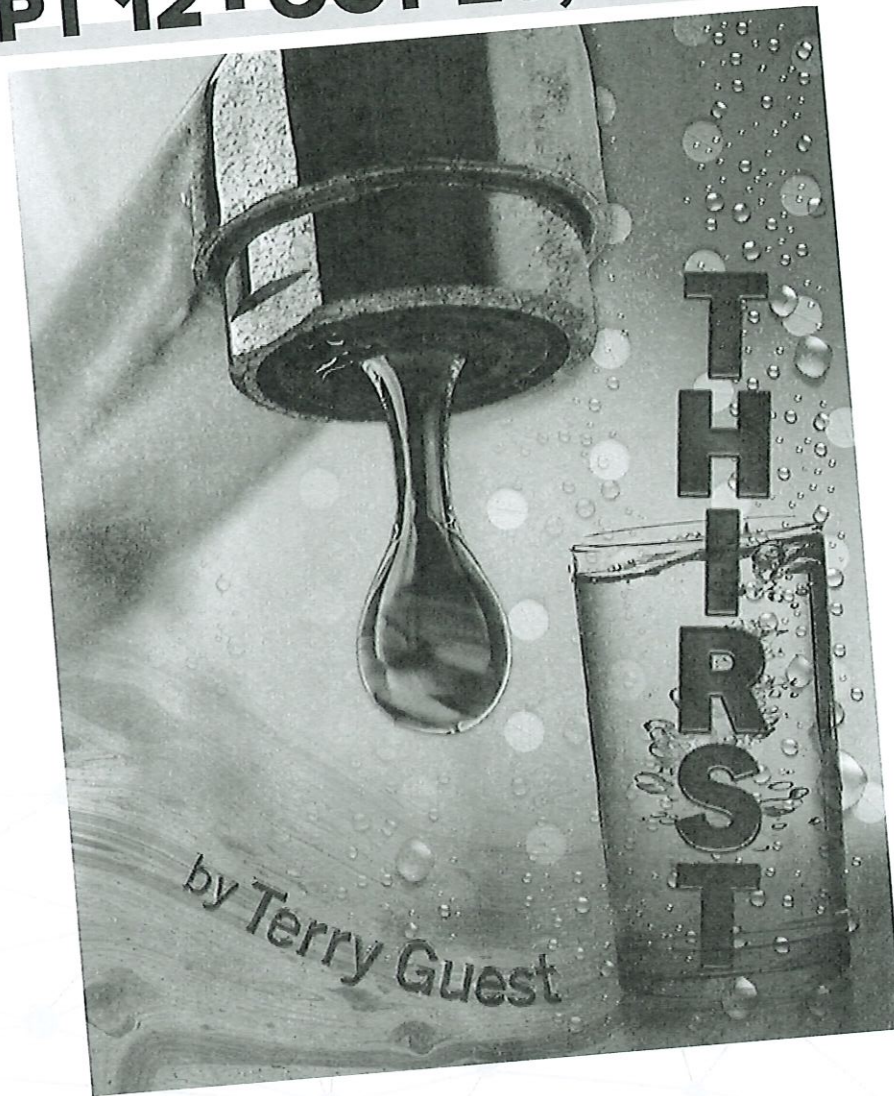
Williamston Theatre is a professional regional theatre that offers a diverse array of intimate storytelling experiences to entertain, build a sense of belonging, and foster empathy for the human journey.

OUR CORE VALUES

Excellence. Inclusion. Sense of Place. Sustainability.
Read more about our values on our website.
www.WilliamstonTheatre.org/about

SEPT 12 - OCT 20, 2024

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Tickets On Sale: Aug 20

Page To Stage Discussion:
Sept 3 at 7pm

Pay-What-You-Wish:
Sept 12 at 7:30pm

Previews:
Sept 13 at 7:30pm
Sept 14 & 15 at 2pm

Opening Night: Sept 20

Military Matinee: Sept 21

Conversation Sunday: Oct 13



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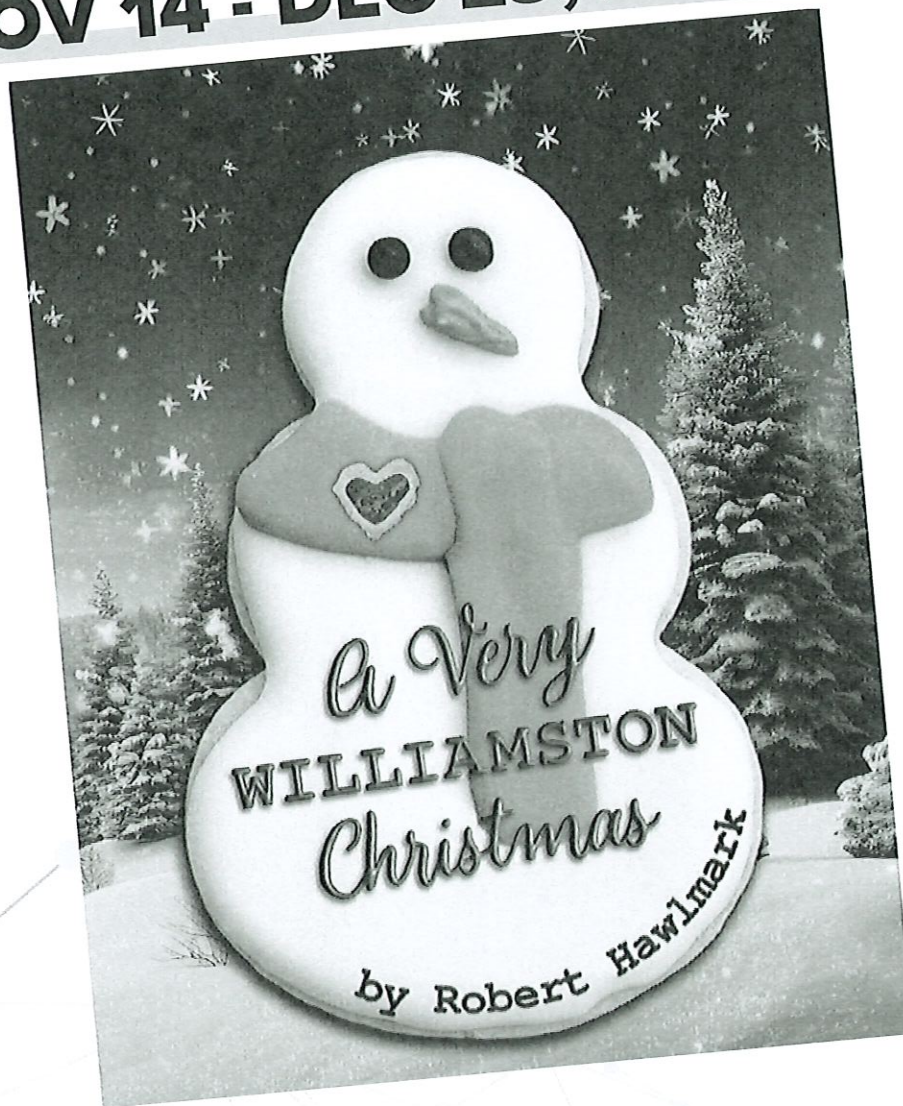
Directed by Tony Caselli

It is Michigan in the not-too-distant future, and thirst occupies the minds of everyone, especially those without access to fresh water, as the Great Lakes have been poisoned by a catastrophic spill. Jazz lives in Tablet Housing, so called because instead of providing water to the residents of the low-income housing systems, the government provides tablets that they claim fulfill the human body's need for water. Jazz's wealthy boss offers her a way to move up and out of Tablet Housing. But what he asks in return is unthinkable... almost. What moral boundaries will she be willing to push to save herself, and her community, from the fate they've been dealt? Contains adult content and language.

A WT Commission and World Premiere!

NOV 14 - DEC 29, 2024

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Tickets On Sale: Sept 17

**Page To Stage Discussion:
Oct 29 at 1pm**

**Pay-What-You-Wish:
Nov 14 at 7:30pm**

**Previews:
Nov 15 at 7:30pm
Nov 16 & 17 at 2pm**

Opening Night: Nov 22

Military Matinee: Nov 23

No performance: Nov 28

Extra Matinee: Nov 29

Conversation Sunday: Dec 15

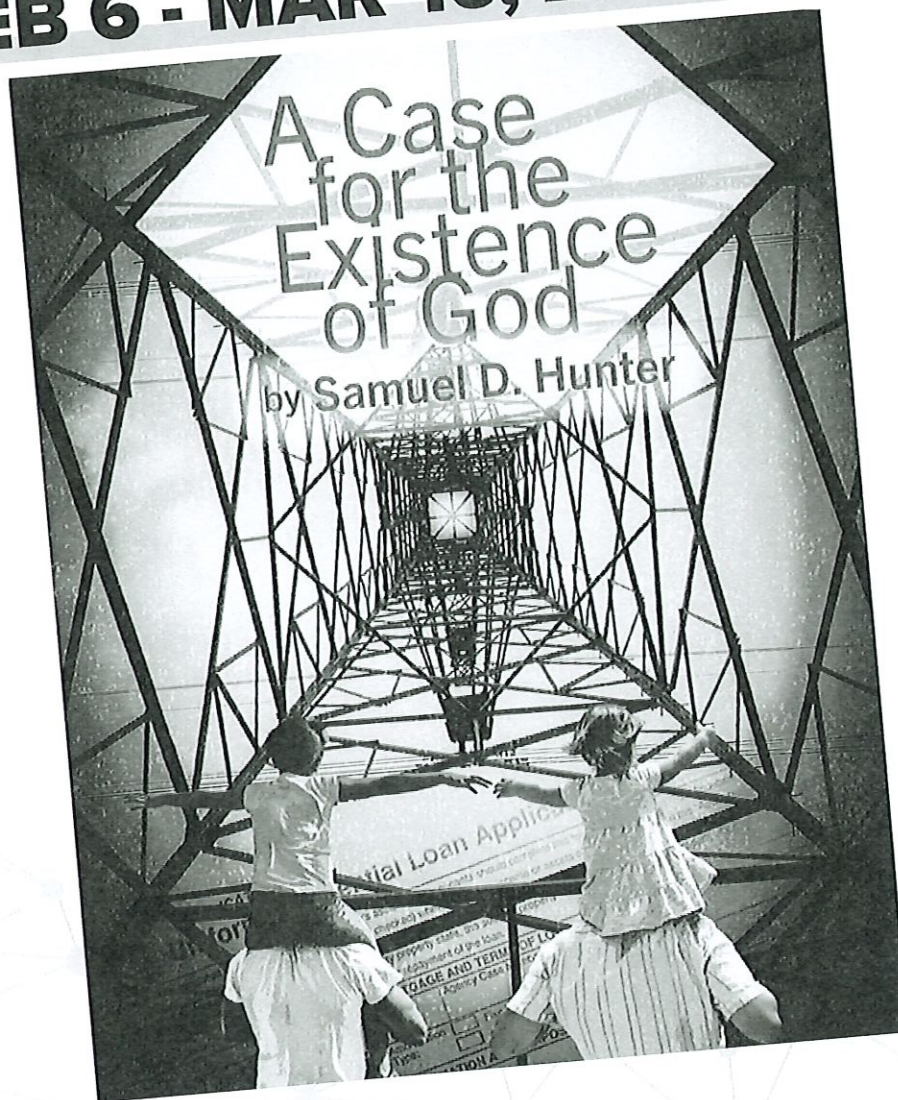
Directed by John Lepard

This Hawlmark original is back by popular demand! A professional woman running in the fast lane of the big city corporate world journeys back to her smalltown on a mission for her boss. When she runs into a handsome acquaintance from high school, she's forced to evaluate her life and priorities. Hot cocoa, light parades, and romance collide. Hilarity ensues. *A Very Williamston Christmas* is a holiday movie parody that will make your season complete!



FEB 6 - MAR 16, 2025

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Tickets On Sale: Dec 10

Page To Stage Discussion:
Jan 23 at 7pm

Pay-What-You-Wish:
Feb 6 at 7:30pm

Previews:
Feb 7 at 7:30pm
Feb 8 & 9 at 2pm

Opening Night: Feb 14

Military Matinee: Feb 15

Conversation Sunday: Mar 9

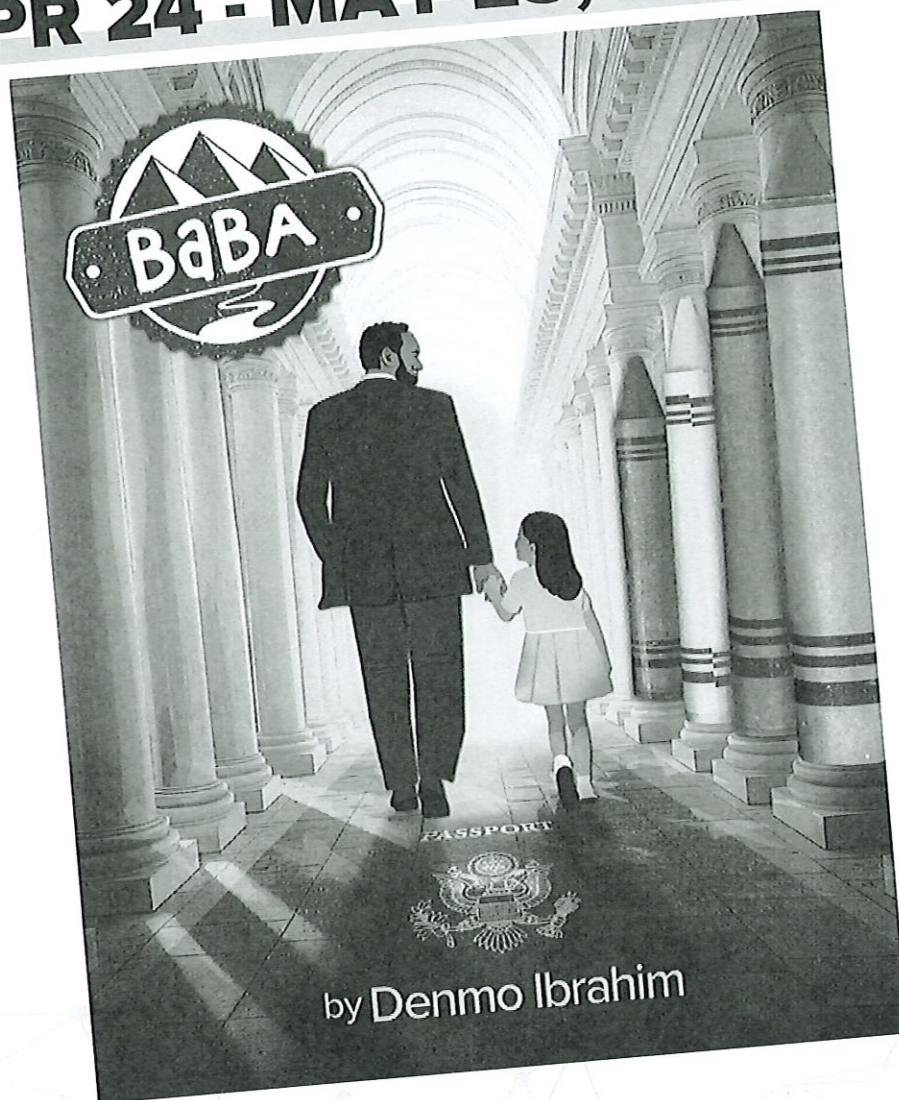
Directed by Jasmine Rivera

Inside an Idaho office cubicle, mortgage broker Keith and yogurt-plant worker Ryan couldn't be more different. Then they unexpectedly discover one thing they have in common – they are single fathers of toddler daughters. Keith, a Black, gay mortgage broker, is dealing with challenges to his hopes of adopting his foster child. Ryan, white and divorced, wants to buy a plot of land that his family once owned, with dreams of making a stable life for his daughter. With humor, empathy, and deep compassion, playwright Samuel D. Hunter intertwines these two lives in an intimate story about fatherhood, family, and friendship. Contains mature language.

A Michigan Premiere

APR 24 - MAY 25, 2025

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Tickets On Sale: Feb 25

Page To Stage Discussion:
Apr 15 at 1pm

Pay-What-You-Wish:
Apr 24 at 7:30pm

Previews:
Apr 25 at 7:30pm
Apr 26 & 27 at 2pm

Opening Night: May 2

Military Matinee: May 3

Conversation Sunday: May 18

Directed by Tony Caselli

Audience favorite Sarab Kamoo portrays both characters in a tender and touching father-daughter tale.

1980's, Manhattan. Trapped in the absurd circus of the office of US Passport & Immigration, Mohammed, an Egyptian immigrant, pleads his case – a passport for his little girl.

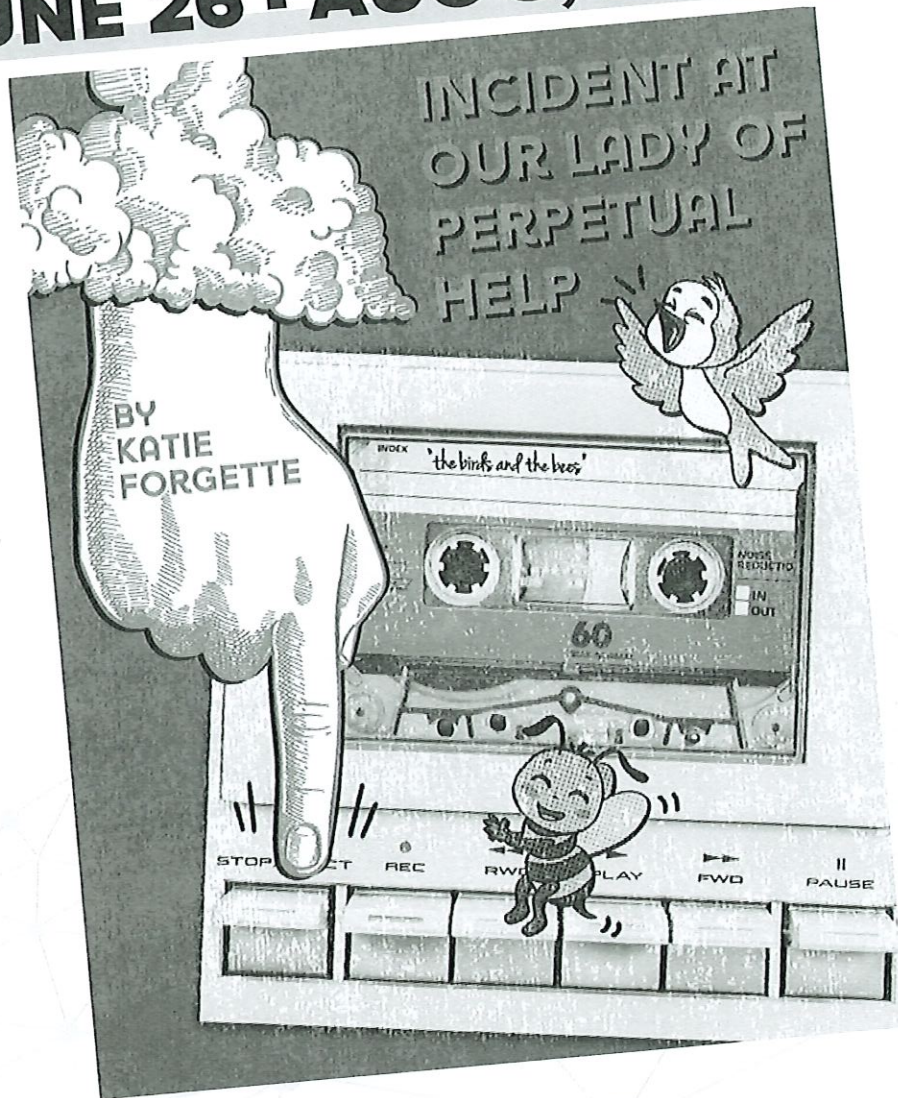
2010's, JFK Int'l Airport. His daughter Layla embarks on a journey halfway across the world in hopes of reclaiming the lost pieces of her culture, her father, and herself.

A heartwarming family reunion thirty years in the making.

A Michigan Premiere

JUNE 26 - AUG 3, 2025

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Tickets On Sale: April 29

**Page To Stage Discussion:
June 17 at 7pm**

**Pay-What-You-Wish:
June 26 at 7:30pm**

**Previews:
June 27 at 7:30pm
June 28 & 29 at 2pm**

No performance July 4

Military Matinee: July 5 at 2pm

Opening Night: July 5 at 7:30pm

Conversation Sunday: July 27

Directed by Karen Sheridan

It's 1973: Nixon is president, bell bottoms are in, and Aerosmith is releasing their first album. Nineteen-year-old Linda O'Shea has been tasked by her mother with explaining the birds and the bees to her little sister. Things quickly snowball into a hilarious crisis after the conversation is overheard by the parish priest. As secrets are unintentionally revealed, it takes every member of the modest, Irish Catholic O'Shea family — from Linda's quirky younger sister to her sassy aunt — to keep the family's name in good standing. This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, the pains of Catholic guilt, and ultimately, the power of family.

A Michigan Premiere

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Thirst

Sept 12 – Oct 20, 2024

Tickets on sale Aug 20, 2024

A Very Williamston Christmas

Nov 14 – Dec 29, 2024

Tickets on sale Sept 17, 2024

The Case for the Existence of God

Feb 6 – Mar 16, 2025

Tickets on sale Dec 10, 2024

Baba

Apr 24 – May 25, 2025

Tickets on sale Feb 25, 2025

Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

June 26 – Aug 3, 2025

Tickets on sale April 29, 2024

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Evening curtain time:

Thur, Fri, and Sat at 7:30pm

Matinee curtain time:

Thur, Sat, and Sun at 2pm

Thursday performance schedule:

First week: 7:30pm

All remaining weeks: 2pm

Saturday performance schedule:

First week: 2pm

All remaining weeks: 2pm & 7:30pm

Check individual shows for special schedules due to holidays.

THE FINE PRINT

- WT accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express. Payment is required at the time of the reservation.
- Tickets can be exchanged to another performance or converted to a gift certificate or donation up to 48 hours prior to the performance. Refunds (minus ticket fee) can be issued up to 72 hours prior to the performance.
- Patrons are responsible for knowing and understanding our policies. Visit our website for more details.
- For general information, helpful hints, directions, and parking information, check the Plan Your Visit page of our website.

TICKET PRICES & DISCOUNTS

All Tickets: \$44

Preview Performances: \$22 (other discounts not available for preview performances)

Student tickets are \$10 for any performance, with valid ID

\$30 Under 30 Patrons 30 or under for any performance, with valid ID

Senior Discount (65 and older): \$2 off regular tickets

Military Discount: \$2 off regular tickets

Group discounts for 10 or more

Ticket Fee: \$1 per ticket on all sales

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

ONLINE! 24 hours a day.
WilliamstonTheatre.org

PHONE! Call us at 517-655-7469.

IN PERSON! Stop by our box office at 122 S. Putnam Street in downtown Williamston.

BOX OFFICE HOURS: Tues – Fri, noon-5pm, and 90 minutes prior to each performance.

We do **not** reserve tickets via email or on social media messaging apps.

More information available at:
WilliamstonTheatre.org

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New and improved times!

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Enjoy the WT experience at your convenience. Our unique WT Flex Pass entitles you to all the benefits of a traditional theatre subscription in a completely flexible way.

- For \$200 you get 5 Flex Passes that can be used in any combination for any performance! Seriously, in any combination.
- Preferred seating! Sit right down front if that's your desire! (Subject to availability.)
- Early reservation opportunities for all productions. Jump to the head of the line.
- Changes to reservations up to 24 hours before the show without penalty. Change in plans? It's flexible!
- More tickets! Up to 6 additional tickets can be purchased per production at the discounted price of \$3 off per ticket.
- No ticket fees when using your Flex Passes to reserve your tickets.
- A **Share the Love** coupon! When you bring two friends who have not been to the WT before, their tickets are on us! All we ask is that you provide contact information for your guest. Valid for any regular performance in the season.

Flex Passes will be available for purchase beginning in July 2024.



As an official Blue Star Theatre, Williamston Theatre offers discounts to members of the military, both active and retired, at all performances. At our Military Matinees, members of the military and their families are invited to Pay-What-You-Wish.

The WT Experience

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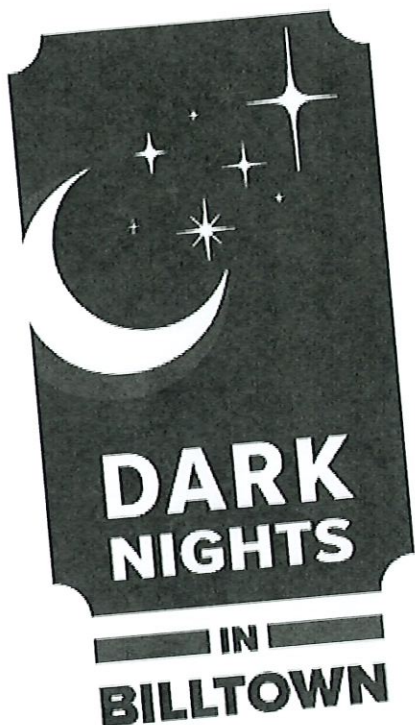


Our purpose is to enrich lives and elevate our community through the transformative power of live theatre. We believe that art has the ability to cultivate empathy, foster conversation, and illuminate the beauty and complexity of the world around us. By producing high-quality productions, engaging with our community, upholding professional standards, and celebrating diverse perspectives, we contribute to the cultural fabric of our region and beyond. As stewards of creativity and community, our goal is to ensure that every interaction with Williamston Theatre leaves a lasting impression and fulfills our commitment to elevating the human spirit through the power of live performance.

For more information on all our programming, visit our website at WilliamstonTheatre.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Dark Nights in Billtown is a series of staged play readings, performed by professional actors under the guidance of professional directors.

\$10 suggested donation at the door. No reservations needed.

October 7-9, 2024

Special three-day festival exploring election-year themes through compelling plays!

March 3, 2025

May 19, 2025



Come laugh with us at an evening of stand up comedy in the heart of Billtown!

These evenings feature a variety of comedians from around the mitten.

All tickets are \$20 and go on sale one month prior to performance.

October 1, 2024

February 25, 2025

May 13, 2025

July 15, 2025

All shows start at 7:30pm

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Giving Tuesday Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving that helps support local causes in communities around the world. At the Williamston Theatre, we celebrate Giving Tuesday by giving theatre to you. Join us for a day of three play readings! Come for one play or for the entire day.

Readings are at 11am, 3pm, and 7pm
Admission is free



Williamston Theatre offers a book club-style program focusing on plays. Scripts of the shows in our season, and a guide to reading them, are available to borrow from the WT Box Office and the East Lansing Public Library. Discussions, led by members of the production team and WT staff, are held at the East Lansing Public Library and are open to anyone. Join us for the full page-to-stage experience! Check individual show pages for dates.

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Preview Performances



At the Williamston Theatre we honor the important role that our audiences play with our Preview Performance process. The first four performances in a run are considered Previews. Though the play is fully rehearsed and ready for an audience, these are the first performances with an audience. These performances include a post-show talkback so you can share your feedback. You get to weigh in before the critics do! Previews are specially priced! The first performance is Pay-What-You-Wish, and the remaining three are just \$22.

Conversation Sunday



One Sunday of each production we host a post-performance conversation. We bring together a group of people (playwrights, designers, actors, experts in a topic specific to the show) to chat with our patrons following the matinee. More information about specific times and guests will be provided throughout the season. This is free and open to the public, whether you have attended the show that day or on another day. Check production listings for our scheduled Conversation Sundays!

Moments from recent productions...

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Alabaster



Maytag Virgin



On The Market



A Very Williamston Christmas



The Magnolia Ballet Part 1

Flex Pass & Donation Form

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FLEX PASSES

Number of Flex Passes _____ @ \$200 each = \$ _____

ONE-TIME DONATION

- \$1,000: Signature Society
- \$500: Designer's Guild
- \$250: Stage Crew
- \$100: Acting Company
- \$99 and below: Supporters = \$ _____

MONTHLY DONATION

I would like to make a monthly donation of \$_____.

Please charge my credit card every month from:

_____ to _____.

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

I would like to make a donation of stocks or annuities. Please contact me.

PAYMENT

- My check, made out to the Williamston Theatre is enclosed.
- Please charge my credit card.

Card Number: _____
(Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express)

Expiration Date: _____ V-code: _____

Signature: _____

SUBSCRIBER/DONOR INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Williamston Theatre is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Federal ID: 86-1125090.

Questions? Call (517) 655-SHOW (7469) or check our website: WilliamstonTheatre.org



STORIES THAT GROW CONVERSATION.

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