



Imagine the Night

Quinte Stage Production to host evening to benefit United Way

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Belleville, ON – Imagination will take centre stage at Centennial Secondary School on November 28th as local children and youth sing, dance and act for a good cause. Quinte Stage Productions, along with the Angela Maracle School of Dance, Kidz Upstage and the Susanna Moodie Elementary School Choir, present “Imagine the Night” to benefit the United Way of Quinte in support of their fall fundraising campaign.

Quinte Stage Productions has supported several charities in the past and decided to support the United Way of Quinte this year.

“It’s special this year,” says Wendy Proctor, Director of Imagine the Night. “We are calling it our ‘kids helping kids’ presentation. These agencies depend greatly on United Way funding. We need to support the United Way as a community, so the work they do can continue.”

Imagine the Night will take place at Centennial Secondary School on Saturday November 28th. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for a welcome reception with the production starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with half of all proceeds going to the United Way of Quinte.

Quinte Stage Productions is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization. It consists of child and youth actors from the Quinte area. It is committed to fully staged theatrical productions by children and youth ages 4-21.

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Fact Sheet

Quinte Stage Production's Mission Statement:

"To foster and encourage the development of and commitment to the highest form of theatre art for children and youth in the Quinte area through the presentation of community based quality theatrical events focused toward enhancing confidence, individual creativity and self esteem in our participants."

- "Imagine the Night" will be Quinte Stage Productions' 6th fall presentation.
- This year QSP has decided to partner with the United Way of Quinte and donate half of all proceeds to their fundraising campaign "It's our community".
- There will be an opening procession of children representing over 15 local schools carrying signs with the names of various agencies represented by the United Way of Quinte.
- The evening will include an original performance of "A Corker of a Christmas" written by QSP Director Wendy Proctor.
- For the first time, QSP is working with outside theatre and dance troupes.
- "Imagine the Night" will have something for everyone; an epic battle, Kristmas Kats, singing, dancing, acting and even comedy.
- Bridging the Gap recently launched Kidz Upstage, a theatre arts program working with a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
- Over 60 performers and 40 volunteers have all been working together building sets, props and costumes for "Imagine the Night"
- Volunteers with QSP work on a volunteer basis; any fees go directly to costs associated with the production. Such as venues, costumes props advertising etc.
- All performers are between 4 and 21 from the Quinte area.
- "Imagine the Night" will take place Saturday November 28th at Centennial Secondary School. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for a welcome reception, and the performance starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.



Backgrounder

Quinte Stage Productions was launched in 2003 by Barbara Robinson. QSP performed their first play that Christmas with “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”, at the Belleville Theatre Guild. Since then, QSP have presented at least one full length production a year.

Quinte Stage Productions is a non-profit volunteer driven organization that consists of child and youth actors from Belleville and surrounding areas. QSP is committed to fully-staged theatrical productions by children and youth 4 to 21. QSP relies on volunteers to help make costumes, props and sets. Parents are encouraged to attend rehearsals and to assist with the play anyway they are able to.

This year’s production is “Imagine the Night”, an evening full of choral presentations, song and dance numbers, ballet, a theatrical performance and some Kristmas Kats. This year will mark the first time that QSP has teamed up with outside theatre and dance troupes. The Susanna Moodie Children’s Choir will be making a special appearance performing ‘Sounds of the Season’. The Angela Maracle School of Dance will also be making a special appearance performing ‘The Little Match Girl’.

The children in Kidz Upstage from Belleville will be presenting excerpts from ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’, while children from Trenton will be performing excerpts from ‘Kristmas Kats’. Kidz Upstage is the Theatre Arts program from Bridging the Gap operating on a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation; this is the first year for Kidz Upstage. The Ontario Trillium Foundation provides grants to charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social service and sports and recreation sectors.

Every year QSP teams up with a local charity for their fall production. This year the core cast of 18 children got together and unanimously decided that they would support the United Way of Quinte. Tickets for “Imagine the Night” are \$5 dollars with 50% of all ticket sales going to the United Way. The remaining money goes to cover expenses like the rental of Centennial Secondary School, rent of their rehearsal space, printing the programs, costumes and sets.

The doors open at 6:15 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m. Following the opening procession, there will be an introduction by “Imagine the Night” Producer Randy Wallbridge. The evening will be emceed by Chris Robinson, a Public Relations student at Loyalist College. There will also be a closing ceremony by children and youth from the Quinte Area.