

# Roseneath Theatre

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## **BE TRUE TO YOU!** **Roseneath Theatre Announces Groundbreaking 2017-18 Season**

TORONTO, ON – Artistic Director **Andrew Lamb** and Managing Director **Annemieke Wade** are proud to announce Roseneath Theatre's 2017-18 Season – **Be True To You** – on today's **International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia** ([dayagainsthomophobia.org](http://dayagainsthomophobia.org)).

Roseneath Theatre will be touring the World Premiere of ***Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls***, a new play focused on gender identity featuring a transgender performer in the lead role. We are also thrilled to remount ***Outside***, our show that addresses homophobia and encourages Gay-Straight Alliances, which lands for a week of school performances at **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**, as well as remounting our elementary production of ***Birds of a Feather***, that explores diversity of family – including families with two moms and two dads.

“This season we encourage our young audiences to be true to themselves and positively embrace the world around them. Through these compelling stories we invite students to reflect on their own sense of self while supporting their peers and family to be true to themselves as well. Our season's social justice and equity-themes tackle gender identity, homophobia, mental health, racism, diversity of family, Indigenous culture, bullying and more.” - Andrew Lamb, Artistic Director

The two productions rounding out our season are an eight-week US venue tour of ***The Money Tree***, which includes a week of school performances in **Las Vegas**, and the remount of our acclaimed Indigenous production of ***Spirit Horse*** which will tour Ontario schools as well as spend a week in Ottawa schools with our partners at **MASC** and two weeks in Vancouver with **Carousel Theatre for Young People**.

### ***The Money Tree* by Robert Watson** **Recommended for grades 1-6**

**Touring US Venues | Oct. 10 - Dec. 13, 2017**

The story of Shasta and her neighbour Simon who learn through a magical adventure that our friends, family and imaginations are truly our greatest assets.

### ***Outside* by Paul Dunn** **Recommended for grades 7-12**

**Touring Ontario Schools and Buddies in Bad Times | Oct. 23 - Dec. 8, 2017**

Three friends, two high schools, one lunch hour. The story of Daniel, a teen who triumphs over homophobic bullying, depression and suicide.

### ***Birds of a Feather* by Robert Watson** **Recommended for grades K-4**

**Touring Ontario Schools | Jan. 29 - Feb. 23, 2018**

A junior bird watcher's adventure in Hawaii leads her to discover the Laysan Albatross whose families have similarities to her own.

### ***Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls* by Dave Deveau** **Recommended for grades 4-8**

**Touring Ontario Schools | Mar. 19 - May 4, 2018**

Fiona has always felt different. Struggling with gender identity, Fiona cuts her hair and asks family to start calling him Fin.

### ***Spirit Horse***

**Native American adaptation by Drew Hayden Taylor**

**from the Irish Play 'Tir Na N'Og' by Greg Banks**

**Recommended for grades 4-8**

**Touring Ontario Schools and Carousel Theatre for Young People | Apr. 6 - May 18, 2018**

When two Indigenous sisters go on a mystical journey with their horse Wildwind, their father must chase them down to save his family.

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Roseneath Theatre is committed to delivering geographically specific land acknowledgements before each of our performances in schools and venues.

### **SCHOOL BOOKINGS AND EARLYBIRD PRICING**

For all school bookings please contact Gretel Meyer Odell, Education and Marketing Manager, at [education@roseneath.ca](mailto:education@roseneath.ca) or 416-686-5199 x223. **Save \$25 – Early Bird Discount if you book by June 30th!**

### **ADDITIONAL WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH ROSENEATH**

**FREE PREVIEWS** – we offer free previews of most of our productions, please visit [roseneath.ca](http://roseneath.ca) and join our list!

**PA DAY AND SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS** – these are quickly becoming our most popular programs!

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** – free leadership and professional theatre training for ages 12-18.

**VOLUNTEER** – we're always looking for volunteers for our special events, youth programs or board of directors.

## **ABOUT ROSENEATH THEATRE**

**Roseneath Theatre** is the largest professional touring company in Ontario, reaching approximately 100,000 young people each season. Considered one of Canada's leading producers of high-quality theatre for children and their families, our plays address issues that resonate with today's youth, encouraging them to reflect on themselves and their place within the community. The company's extraordinary commitment to excellence has earned many accolades, including 43 Dora Mavor Moore Award Nominations and a total of 14 Awards as well as being a finalist for the Ontario Premier's Award for Excellence in the Arts and the winner of the National artsVest Outstanding Partnership Award from Business for the Arts.

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