



## SHAW FESTIVAL BOARDS APPOINT NEW MEMBERS

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (March 10, 2023)** — During today's Shaw Festival Annual General Meeting, Board Chair **Ian Joseph** announced the appointments of **Mary Mizen** and Lord Mayor **Gary Zalepa**. He also took the opportunity to acknowledge the contributions, energy and support of retiring board member **Vivien Dzau**.

During her 26-year career with IBM Canada, **Mary Mizen** worked in various roles including administration, education, training and marketing. She has experience in retail marketing, advertising, direct response marketing, brand development, fundraising and partner marketing. A resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake since 2008, Ms. Mizen has volunteered with numerous local organizations and been an active member of the Shaw Guild since 2014. She joined the Shaw Guild Executive Committee in 2019 and will serve as its president in 2023-2024. Ms. Mizen will sit on both the Shaw Festival's Board of Directors and Board of Governors as an ex-officio member.

A lifelong resident of Niagara, Lord Mayor **Gary Zalepa** has a strong connection and valuable understanding of Niagara-on-the-Lake. A town councillor from 2008 to 2014, he later took those aspirations to the regional level and has represented Niagara-on-the-Lake residents as the regional councillor for the past four years. He has served as chair on several committees including Niagara-on-the-Lake Community and Development Services Committee, Niagara-on-the-Lake Urban Design Committee, Region of Niagara Budget Committee of the Whole. As a committee member, Lord Mayor Zalepa sat on the Region of Niagara Housing Committee, Niagara-on-the-Lake Municipal Heritage, Niagara-on-the-Lake Committee of Adjustment Member, Region of Niagara Public Works, Region of Niagara Planning and Economic Development, Region of Niagara Development Charges Policy Review Task Force, Region of Niagara Procurement Advisory and Region of Niagara Linking Niagara Transit Committee. With over 30 years of business and volunteer experience, he has owned a local real estate brokerage, managed a large corporate firm in Toronto and now works for a national real estate company as Vice President of Brand Expansion. Approved in December by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council, Lord Mayor Zalepa will serve on the Board of Governors as an ex-officio member.

The Shaw Festival's 2023 season runs through to December 23, with a playbill featuring [\*Mahabharata\*](#), [\*Gypsy\*](#), Noël Coward's [\*Blithe Spirit\*](#), [\*The Amen Corner\*](#), [\*Prince Caspian\*](#), [\*On the Razzle\*](#), [\*Village Wooing\*](#), [\*The Shadow of a Doubt\*](#), [\*The Playboy of the Western World\*](#), [\*The Apple Cart\*](#), [\*The Clearing\*](#), [\*A Christmas Carol\*](#) and Lerner and Loewe's [\*Brigadoon\*](#). This season's Outdoors @ The Shaw includes [\*Mother, Daughter\*](#), [\*The Game of Love and Chance\*](#), Rodgers and Hammerstein's [\*A Grand Night for Singing – One Act – in Concert\*](#), [\*Coffee Concerts\*](#), [\*Speakesies\*](#), [\*A Short History of Niagara\*](#), [\*What's in Your Songbook?\*](#) and [\*Gospel Choir\*](#). Tickets are available through the Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW and online at [shawfest.com](http://shawfest.com). The 2023 Shaw Festival season is generously sponsored by **The Slight Family Foundation**.

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The Shaw Festival wishes to acknowledge and honour the land upon which its patrons and company members gather as the historic and traditional territory of First Nations peoples. Recognition and thanks are extended to the Neutral Nation, the Mississauga and the Haudenosaunee for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

### **About the Shaw Festival**

Inspired by the spirit of [Bernard Shaw](#), the Shaw Festival creates unforgettable theatrical encounters. The Shaw Festival is a place where people who are curious about the world gather to share the unique experience of live theatre and to create a deeper human connection with the artists, the beauty and abundance of Niagara and with each other. [shawfest.com](http://shawfest.com)

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