

NEW SHAW FESTIVAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (March 7, 2025) – At this afternoon’s Shaw Festival Annual Meeting, Board Chair **Mr. Ian Joseph** announced the new member appointments of **Ms. Colleen Johnston** and **Dr. Dan Patterson**.

During her extensive career, Ms. Johnston has served in several roles, including board positions with Shopify, McCain Foods and Q4. Prior to her retirement from TD Bank in 2018, she served as chief financial officer from 2005 – 2015 before becoming Group Head of Direct Channels, Technology, Marketing and Corporate and Public Affairs. Accolades include Canada’s 2012 CFO of the Year, as well as receiving honorary degrees from St. Mary’s University and York University’s Schulich School of Business. Ms. Johnson has previously served on The Shaw’s Board – and the Festival is thrilled to have her back. Ms. Johnston is also currently the chair of Unity Health Toronto.

Similarly, Dr. Patterson also has been an exemplary leader in a career spanning five decades, and is known for his contributions to Niagara College, Ontario’s college system and to post-secondary education across Canada. In senior roles with both the provincial and federal governments, he has established partnerships with industry leaders to promote innovation and economic development. In addition to a MEd and PhD from the University of Toronto, Dr. Patterson has also received Honorary Doctorates from Niagara University (New York) as well as Brock University.

The Shaw Festival’s 2025 season begins April 9 and runs through to December 21, with a playbill featuring [*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*](#), [*Anything Goes*](#), [*Wait Until Dark*](#), [*Tons of Money*](#), [*Major Barbara*](#), [*Murder-on-the-Lake*](#), [*Gnit*](#), [*Blues for an Alabama Sky*](#), [*Irving Berlin’s White Christmas*](#) and [*A Christmas Carol*](#). This season’s Spiegel tent lineup includes [*Dear Liar*](#), [*La Vie En Rose*](#), [*Ella and Louis*](#), [*May I Have The Pleasure*](#), [*The Roll of Shaw – Through the Wardrobe*](#) and [*The Frogs*](#). Tickets are available through the Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW and online at shawfest.com.

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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

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