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**Hamilton-Gibson's Twentieth Annual  
 Theatre Excursion  
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**STRATFORD FESTIVAL**

**October 18-20, 2019**

*Photography by David Cooper.*



Ben Carlson, Maev Beaty

**THE FRONT PAGE**

**IT TAKES A WISE GUY TO GET THE TRUTH**

Star reporter Hildy Johnson has had it with the newspaper business—until he finds himself harboring a death row escapee with a tale to tell. Hildy's challenge now is to outwit corrupt cops and rival journalists to get the scoop of a lifetime—without losing the love of his life.

Written by two former Chicago reporters, this twentieth-century comedy is also a powerful and timely drama of civic corruption and journalistic truth-telling.

**FESTIVAL THEATRE**



Nolen Dubuc

**Billy Elliot the Musical**

**A SHOW TO MAKE YOUR SPIRIT SHINE**

Dreams don't come easy in the hardscrabble mining town, riven by a bitter national strike, where eleven-year-old Billy lives with his bereaved family. But Billy's discovery of his talent for dance awakens in him a passion that will transform his life and win the hearts of his whole community.

With its inspirational story, breathtaking dance numbers and music by pop legend Elton John, this fresh new take on the smash-hit show—reimagined for Stratford—will appeal to all.

**FESTIVAL THEATRE**



Mariah Campos (model)

**The Crucible**

**ONE MAN'S SIN. EVERYONE'S TRAGEDY**

In the Puritan town of Salem, Massachusetts, farmer John Proctor has been conducting an illicit relationship with a young woman in his employ. His refusal to take responsibility for his actions leads to an epidemic of fear and suspicion that engulfs the guilty and the innocent alike.

Inspired by historical events but no less pertinent to our own times, this American classic stands as a timeless tragedy of abusive behavior and its all-consuming consequences.

**AVON THEATRE**



**The Basics:**

- The Dates: October 18-20, 2019
- The Plays: ***THE FRONT PAGE, BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL, THE CRUCIBLE***
- The Transportation: Benedict's Bus Service
- The Accommodations: The Windsor Hotel (formerly The Albert Street Inn)
- The Cost (bus, hotel, & 3 plays)
  - PACKAGE "A" (Double/Triple Occupancy) \$495 per person
  - PACKAGE "B" (Single Occupancy) \$643 per person
- Hearing Devices (complimentary for all plays in package if requested).
- Deposit: \$125 per person (DUE IMMEDIATELY; fully refundable if trip is cancelled)
- Deadline for Payment in Full: August 12, 2019 (**PLEASE WAIT FOR NOTIFICATION IN JULY!**)

**Tentative Itinerary:**

**Friday, October 18**

- 5:30 am Bus departs Whitneyville (Begin boarding 5 a.m.)
- 5:40 am Bus departs Mansfield
- 6:20 am Bus departs Painted Post
- 9:00 am Rest stop near Batavia
- 12:00 pm Arrive Stratford; check in The Windsor Hotel
- 2:00 pm [Option: ***PRIVATE LIVES*** (walk to Avon Theatre). Buy own tickets in advance.]
- 8:00 pm ***THE FRONT PAGE*** (ride bus to Festival Theatre)

**Saturday, October 19**

- 2:00 pm ***BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL*** (ride bus to Festival Theatre)
- 8:00 pm ***THE CRUCIBLE*** (walk to Avon Theatre)

**Sunday, October 20**

- 9:00 am Bus departs hotel
- 12:00 pm Fast food lunch in USA
- 4:00 pm Bus arrives Whitneyville

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

- **PASSPORTS/PASSPORT CARDS.** U.S. citizens entering the U.S. from Canada must have a U.S. PASSPORT (Adult \$110; Minor \$80) or PASSPORT CARD (\$30; \$15). There's also a \$12 fee for the photo taken on site and a \$25 processing fee paid by a separate check.
- (The Passport Card is designed for folks who don't intend travel by air or beyond Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean.) If you're considering this trip and don't have a current passport, be sure you apply for one soon! Tioga County residents start at the Prothonotary's office at the Court House in Wellsboro (724-9281). Estimated turn-around time: 4-6 weeks.
- For more **INFORMATION ABOUT STRATFORD'S 2019 SEASON**, check the official website: [www.stratfordfestival.ca](http://www.stratfordfestival.ca)
- For more **INFORMATION ABOUT HG's OCTOBER TRIP**, contact Larry Biddison at 570-724-4586 or [biddison@epix.net](mailto:biddison@epix.net)

