



THE FOOTLIGHTS

The Voice of the Niagara Regional Theatre Guild



March 2026

Cheers! to NRTG



Only Weeks Away!
April 19 at 2pm

Cheers to NRTG means so many things to us at the Guild. The first thing that comes to mind is the beautiful Spring morning that we all gather at Classics V to celebrate so many things. Our team of workers begin at 10:00 am - coffee in hand - excitement in the air as we bring basket after basket, and silent auction items and tables and wine bottles from the Playhouse to Classics V. We have four hours to turn that room into magic before you, our attendees arrive. Then we grab a glass of wine, and some of the delicious hors devours, and wait for the excitement to begin.

During the next three hours, we look back at the current season, with one production left to go, and reminisce about the memories of the past four productions. We anxiously await the announcement of the new season - looking forward to building many new performance memories. We get to spend time with our patrons, who have been so loyal to us over the years. We hope we hold the winning ticket to the 100+ baskets out for display. Or maybe we hope we get that winning bid on one of the numerous silent auction items, the wine paired with restaurant gift cards, the lottery tree, or so much more. It is such a fun-filled afternoon.

But the importance of Cheers goes further than that. It is one of our most important fundraisers of the year. We count on this event to raise money that we need to invest back into the theatre. We've used these funds for air conditioning. We've used these funds for a motorized revolve. We've used these funds to upgrade lighting and sound equipment. Believe it or not, these funds were even used to help offset the recent flood we experienced in the building. And most importantly, we use these funds to help keep our ticket prices affordable to everyone.

This year is no different - we have a long wish list of how we would spend the profits of our one day event - but we need you to help bring us over the finish line. We're not simply asking for a donation - we're asking you to join us for that beautiful Spring day, to join us for wine and hors d'oeuvres, to join us in hoping to take home that basket, to join us in the celebration of NRTG. If you haven't purchased your ticket to Cheers to NRTG, there's no better time than the present. Give our box office a call at 716-260-2319 - we promise you won't be disappointed! Come and celebrate with us! We hope to see you at Cheers! To NRTG.



ONLY WEEKS AWAY: APRIL 19, 2026 - [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)



A HILARIOUS MUSICAL FINALE TO OUR 2025-26 SEASON

Lawrence Jameson makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. Freddy Benson more humbly swindles women by wakening their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother's failing health. After meeting on a train, they attempt to work together, only to find that this small French town isn't big enough for the two of them. They agree on a settlement: the first one to extract \$50,000 from a young female target, heiress, Christine Colgate, wins, and the other must leave town. A hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep audiences laughing, humming and guessing to the end!

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels first appeared onscreen in 1988, co-starring Steve Martin as Freddy and Michael Caine as Lawrence. The musical premiered on the Great White Way in January 2005, starring John Lithgow, Norbert Leo Butz, Sherie Rene Scott and Joanna Gleason, and garnered an impressive 11 Tony Award nominations.

Directed by Dawn Marcolini Newton, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* opens May 1, 2026 and runs for 3 weekends through May 17, 2026. Visit niagaratheatre.com or call the box office at (716) 260-2319 to get your tickets.

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Save the Date!



May 29, 30 & 31

Master of Ceremonies Gabe DiMaio & Music Director Tim Dyet return for a revue of Broadway's greatest hits performed by some of NRTG's greatest singers, concert-style.



Cheers! To NRTG on April 19th kicks off the anticipation of our next season. We will announce our 2026-27 playbill while we are celebrating the afternoon together at Cheers, and with that comes our favorite time of year, the sale of season tickets!

April 19, 2026: Cheers! To NRTG - we will begin selling tickets to all in attendance.

May 1, 2026: Season tickets go on sale to the general public. We will begin selling tickets to the public starting with our opening night performance of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* on May 1, 2026. As in the past, we will process season ticket seat preferences in order of sale so your best chance of securing your seat is to be in attendance at Cheers!



A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Every April we do a little event called "Cheers To NRTG" - I don't know if you have heard about it... If you have been within ten miles of the theatre in the past six months, then I am sure you have heard about it. Cheers is our largest and most important fundraising effort of the year. This year will be just a little more important than other years! We have had some unexpected expenses this year, starting with the flood in the theatre. That incident alone has made this expensive season already. We will need your support more than ever this year, so please purchase your tickets and come ready to celebrate with us!

The good news is that the repairs we did resulted in a beautiful new floor and a new and improved stage, all of which were needed. That, however, is

just the tip of the iceberg! There are some very exciting, very big things happening at NRTG. Things that you, our patrons, will love, and be thrilled about. I can't wait to share them with you, BUT....that will have to wait. You see, along with over 100 baskets, tons of silent auction items, raffles, door prizes, wine, and food - there will be two exciting announcements at Cheers. First will be the new season. We have already been working on locking in some incredible shows for next year, and we will share the entire line up at Cheers. Second...will be announced at Cheers, but it is every bit as exciting, and you won't want to miss it! Please join us this year. We need your support, and we want to celebrate our good news with you!

LET FREEDOM SWING!



The Ladies First Big Band is a 16-pc. all-female group formed by bassist Jennifer May. The band had its roots in a six piece ensemble started in 1994. Join them for an unforgettable evening of your favorite patriotic tunes, big-band style!

Friday, June 26th

7:30PM



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