



Trent Valley Archives Theatre - 2025 Fundraising Campaign Donation Opportunities

Can you help us make *Crossing Over* a success by donating to TVA's pre-production expenses? The net profit from this fundraising activity will go toward TVA's general operating costs.

Incorporated in 1989, Trent Valley Archives (TVA) houses an extensive and growing collection of local historical resources and makes them available to the public. TVA also encourages local and family history research, operates a facility, and raises awareness of local history through historical tours, events, publications, and presentations.

Trent Valley Archives Theatre (TVAT) is an initiative to raise funds for TVA by producing volunteer-driven community theatre about local historical events. Our inaugural project in 2024, *Tide of Hope*, was the first of two plays commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Peter Robinson Irish immigration to the Peterborough region. Here is what people said about it:

"I really enjoyed the play. Learning about Irish history through theatre gave me a better understanding of what life was like for the Irish in 1825. Congratulations to you and your team on a very successful play." -- Maureen Crowley, Otonabee-South Monaghan, Peterborough Canadian Irish Club board member, and Peter Robinson descendant.



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"We so enjoyed the play! It was a great illustration of the plight of Irish immigrants - all told with a bit of cheeky humour. Loved the past-present thing going on!" -- Joanne Hill, Fenlon Falls.

"It was a wonderful evening and so appreciated by the audience. I feel much more informed about the history of that era." -- Mary Smith, Lakefield.

Tide of Hope was a resounding success both creatively and financially. Although history theatre has the potential to be

a profitable fundraising vehicle for TVA, it has one major challenge: the initial investment required. Unlike many archives with regular government funding, TVA receives no such support. TVA funds its many activities through memberships, donations, grants, user fees, and fundraising activities such as our historical walks and tours and our Trent Valley Archives Theatre project.

Our next production, *Crossing Over*, written by award-winning local playwrights Ed Schroeter and Gerry McBride, is set to be performed on May 29, 30, and 31, 2025 at 7:30 pm and a 2 pm matinee on May 31 at the Market Hall Performing Arts Centre in Peterborough, ON.

TVA is a registered charity. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt and be recognized on the *Crossing Over* playbill, the TVA website, and in a special TVA e-newsletter – unless you prefer to remain anonymous. Your name will be listed in one of the following donation categories:

Theatre Fan \$20 - \$99,
Theatre Devotee \$100 - \$199,
Theatre Enthusiast \$200 to \$499,
Theatre Aficionado \$500 to \$999, or
Theatre Connoisseur \$1000 or more.

Donate via:

- a credit card on the TVA website: <https://trentvalleyarchives.com/tvat/>
- e-transfer: accounting@trentvalleyarchives.com
- a cheque mailed to or dropped off at TVA or by cash dropped off at TVA

* Donor Notes:

1. Please let us know that your donation is in support of the *Crossing Over* fundraising production.
2. To receive a tax receipt, you must include your name, address, and phone number.
3. The donation deadline for recognition in our theatre program is April 25, 2025.

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