

Theatre Orangeville receives a \$102,000 OTF grant

The much anticipated 2016/2017 season at Theatre Orangeville will shine like no other, as the Ontario Trillium Foundation has given the organization a \$102,500 grant for a lighting upgrade at the Town of Orangeville Opera House. The grant was formally announced Saturday night by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Fred Aitchison, an Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer.

With this generous grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Theatre Orangeville audiences and our community at large will benefit from improvements to the lighting system in the Opera House, Jones said. The Opera House is not only home to Theatre Orangeville, it is a well-used and valued asset that provides a stage for displaying our community's art, culture and heritage. The lighting system that illuminates Opera House productions; that highlights a character solo or sets a scene, has not been updated since the Theatre Orangeville opened in 1994. Even then, many of the lights that started this theatre were purchased used. With Trillium funding, Theatre Orangeville, on behalf of the Town, is now able to purchase a new console board, new dimmers, and 14 new energy efficient LED lights. These much needed upgrades will help Theatre Orangeville to produce the most technically advanced productions to ever be seen at the Opera House. This grant will also benefit every user group who rents the Opera House, ensuring that we offer our community an enhanced performance experience, and the Town an even more valuable community asset. The leading grant-making foundation in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities.

Subscriptions for the 16/17 season are now on sale.