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## Alberta Theatre Projects unveils 2025-26 “Season of Legends” featuring a bold lineup of iconic stories and untamed voices

**Calgary, April 22, 2025** – Alberta Theatre Projects (ATP) proudly announces its 2025-26 Season, a thrilling journey through timeless tales, powerful history, and defiant imagination, under the banner of *A Season of Legends*.

The four-play lineup showcases a dynamic range of stories — from classic folklore and reimagined fantasy to Canadian history and feminist myth-making — all tied together by larger-than-life characters who transcend the stage.

“This season is about legacy,” says Haysam Kadri, Artistic Director of ATP. “These are stories that have endured because they challenge, enchant, and inspire us — and now, they return to the stage with fresh eyes and fierce energy.”

### Alberta Theatre Projects’ 2025-26 Season features:

***The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*** kicks off the new season this October, and will be brought to life by the twisted genius of **The Old Trout Puppet Workshop**. This world premiere adaptation, presented in association with **The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity**, comes from the minds of Peter Balkwill, Anna Cummer, Steven (Pityu) Kenderes, and Judd Palmer, and breathes exciting new life into the enduring and haunting tale of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman. Just in time for Halloween...

For the holiday season, ATP (in partnership with **Forte Musical Theatre**) invites audiences to join them over the rainbow for the musical stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum’s timeless classic, ***The Wizard of Oz***. Featuring iconic songs and the wonderfully vibrant characters we all know and love, *The Wizard of Oz* has been warming hearts and sparking imaginations for generations. Celebrating the enduring power of friendship, bravery, and believing in oneself, this beloved story warmly reminds us that in the end, there really is no place like home. *The Wizard of Oz* runs from November 25 until January 4, 2026, and ATP is excited to be able to provide a great family entertainment option post-holiday season, but while the little Munchkins are all still off from school.

Canadian playwright Nick Green’s critically-acclaimed drama ***Casey and Diana*** comes to ATP in February, 2026, produced in association with **The Citadel Theatre** in Edmonton. Widely produced across the country since its premiere at the Stratford Festival in 2023, *Casey and Diana* is the story of Princess Diana’s historic visit to Canada’s first free-standing AIDS hospice in 1991, Casey House, and the handshake that changed the world. Inspired by incredible true

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events, this powerful, funny and hopeful play vividly captures a moment in time when a rebel Princess, devoted caregivers and dedicated advocates reshaped the course of a crisis—and how those stricken by the virus found hard-won dignity, community and love in the face of astonishing hardship.

The season closes with Canadian playwright Kat Sandler's **WILDWOMAN**, produced in association with **Gateway Theatre**. Based on the shocking true story that inspired *Beauty and the Beast*, **WILDWOMAN** dives into the lives of three powerful women as they fight for survival, influence, and legacy within the treacherous walls of a royal court. A viciously bold and sexy comedy, **WILDWOMAN** is about what happens when we let the monster out. Being bad never felt so good.

**Subscriptions to ATP's 2025-26 Season of Legends are on sale now at [albertatheatreprojects.com](http://albertatheatreprojects.com) or by calling 403-294-7402.** Remaining single tickets will go on sale this summer.

### Show billings and dates:

#### **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** – October 22 – November 9, 2025

Based on the story by Washington Irving

Adaptation & Story by Peter Balkwill, Anna Cummer, Steven (Pityu) Kenderes, and Judd Palmer

Written by Anna Cummer and Judd Palmer

Directed by Craig Hall

In association with The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

Featuring The Old Trout Puppet Workshop

World Premiere

#### **The Wizard of Oz** – November 25, 2025 – January 4, 2026

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

In association with Forte Musical Theatre Guild

#### **Casey and Diana** – February 24 – March 15, 2026

By Nick Green

Directed by Lana Michelle Hughes

In association with The Citadel Theatre

#### **WILDWOMAN** – April 21 – May 10, 2026

By Kat Sandler

In association with Gateway Theatre

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**About Alberta Theatre Projects:**

Alberta Theatre Projects has been a cornerstone of Calgary's arts community for five decades, showcasing the best in live theatre and fostering a vibrant cultural hub for audiences of all ages. With a commitment to artistic excellence and community engagement, ATP continues to inspire, entertain, and enrich the lives of theatregoers across the region.

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