Young People's Theatre
Susan Douglas Rubes, Producer

Still young after all these years!

This isn't New York; it's Old York

Young People’s Theatre was founded in 1966 by Susan Douglas Rubes to give young people all over Ontario the chance to be entertained by seeing live theatre. The Theatre was housed at 373 Charlotte Street, just off the St. Lawrence market, and the theatre was named for the old York, the city that was once the capital of Ontario.

Back then, YPT had three or four actors at a jammed production and their plays were all being heard off to classrooms full of young people. Cast members and others who have taken part in YPT’s 70s and 80s. As time went on, hundreds of adults and young people began committing themselves to the growth of YPT's young people’s theatre in Ontario.

Since those days, YPT has grown considerably. It’s programs — both in schools and downtown — reach millions of young people every year in hundreds of schools and communities throughout the province.

Fabulous fun for you and your young people!

Dear Ms. Brick,

The Diary of Anne Frank

The Diary of Anne Frank is the story of a young Jewish girl who goes into hiding with her family during World War II. As she and her family live in hiding, she writes about her thoughts and feelings in a diary. The story is a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering the past and the need to stand up against hate and prejudice.

The Count of Monte Cristo

People’s Theatre International presents

Heritage Theatre presents

People’s Theatre International presents

Theatre of Image presents

LAMPOON PUPPET THEATRE

In 1987, the Theatre of Image presented a puppet show that was based on the story of the Count of Monte Cristo. The show was performed at the People’s Theatre in Toronto and was well-received by both children and adults.

The Wizard of Oz

People’s Theatre International presents

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Children’s Theatre Grows Up

Children’s Theatre has become one of Canada’s best-known theatres for young people. The theatre was founded in 1966 by Susan Douglas Rubes, who believed that children should have the opportunity to see live theatre.

This used to be a home for sleepy streetcars

Streetcar No. 505, the old streetcar that ran along King Street, had been retired and was sitting in a lot. The theatre bought the streetcar and restored it to its original condition. The streetcar was then used as a prop in several productions, and it became a popular attraction for visitors to the theatre.

Mothers, Fathers, Young People.

Write your own play

If you have a story to tell, you can write your own play. The theatre provides workshops and classes to help you develop your ideas and bring your story to life on stage.

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Young People’s Theatre Centre