

Stratford FESTIVAL

Shannon Taylor (front), Irene Poole. Creative Direction by Punch & Judy Inc. Photography by David Cooper



June 19 – 21, 2019

Hosted by Gary Schmidt & Debra Freeberg

Five expertly selected plays in three days will have you talking! It might seem like a lot, but this tour has enough downtime for daily discussions around the plays, free time in between shows, and daily group dinners. One of the days you'll even get backstage on a tour of the Festival Theatre. Join Gary Schmidt, Debra Freeberg, and Calvin College friends as you immerse yourself in the stage.

**19, Wednesday
Depart, Stratford**

Early morning we depart Calvin for the drive to Stratford, Ontario. Along the way we'll stop for Customs and a brief break, arriving in Stratford before noon. Then, let the festival begin! After an independent lunch, the first performance is the matinee of *The Neverending Story*. Following this performance, we'll check into The Queen's Inn for a two-night stay. There is a group buffet dinner this evening. After the meal, we're off to see our second performance, *Mother's Daughter*. Afterward, return to the Inn for a good night's sleep. (D)

**20, Thursday
Stratford**

After breakfast we meet with Gary, Debra, and the group for a discussion of the two plays. After that, we take the Festival Theatre tour.* Go behind the scenes to see how a show is created. The rest of the morning is free for shopping, sightseeing, and an independent lunch. Since The Queen's Inn is located within the heart of Stratford, we can easily walk downtown in less than ten minutes. Mid afternoon, we'll attend

Nathan the Wise. After the performance, we'll enjoy a group dinner before the next play. Then we are off to the Festival Theatre to see *Othello*. After another wonderful day, return to the Inn for a restful night. (B, D)

* This tour may be challenging for those with mobility restrictions. There are many stairs (100+) at the Festival Theatre.

**21, Friday
Stratford, Return**

Our last day in Stratford starts with breakfast and another group discussion of the plays. The rest of the morning is free. Mid afternoon we'll attend our last performance of the tour: *Billy Elliot the Musical*. Afterward, we begin our journey back home, stopping for dinner and a rest break along the way. (B, D)

Tour Cost

\$940 per person from Grand Rapids, land only, based on double occupancy
Single supplement is \$145

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Tour Pace



MODERATE – Activity levels vary from day to day. Sightseeing is often a brisk walk over distances of several miles on cobblestone streets and uneven ground.

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SCHULICH CHILDREN'S PLAYS
**THE NEVERENDING
STORY**

The Plays:

The Neverending Story

Hiding in a closet to avoid school bullies, ten-year-old Bastian becomes immersed in a strangely compelling book: the tale of a hero's quest to save the realm of Fantastica from the encroaching terror of the Nothing. But is Bastian just a reader of this extraordinary story – or a vital part of it?



**MOTHER'S
DAUGHTER**

Mother's Daughter

Upon the death of Edward VI, the princess Mary – daughter of Henry VIII and Katherine of Aragon – easily wrests the throne from Edward's official heir. But Mary remains haunted by her mother's ghost, urging her toward the course that will earn her the nickname of Bloody Mary.



**NATHAN
THE WISE**

Nathan the Wise

In twelfth-century Jerusalem, a wealthy Jew whose daughter loves a Christian faces a dangerous question from the Muslim sultan: which is the one true faith? Nathan responds wisely and well – but subsequent surprising discoveries offer an even more persuasive answer to religious divides.



OTHELLO

Othello

Undeterred by the differences in their backgrounds and life experiences, Othello and Desdemona defy prejudice to be united in marriage. But deadly malice lurks where the newlyweds least expect it, as the one man Othello trusts the most resolves to destroy their happiness at any cost.



**BILLY ELLIOT
THE MUSICAL**

Billy Elliot the Musical

Dreams don't come easy in the hardscrabble mining town, riven by a bitter national strike, where eleven-year-old Billy lives with his bereaved family. But Billy's discovery of his talent for dance awakens in him a passion that will transform his life.

With its inspirational story, breathtaking dance numbers and music by pop legend Elton John, this fresh new take on the smash-hit show – reimagined for Stratford – will appeal to all.



From top: Daniel Shoag, Qasim Khan, George Krissa. *Nathan the Wise*. Creative Direction by Punch & Judy Inc. Photography by David Cooper.

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Meals. Breakfast daily and dinners as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

Tour Personnel. Gary Schmidt and Debra Freeberg are hosts and tour managers.

Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary.

Tiping and taxes are included for all services, including the tip for the motorcoach driver.

The tour cost does not include air transportation, portage of luggage, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.

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Baggage Delay	\$250
Equipment Delay	\$200
Emergency Medical & Dental Expense	\$50,000(\$500 dental sublimit)
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Luggage allowance. You may take one suitcase with a maximum size of 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 lbs. You may also carry a purse, a camera and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum size of 45 linear inches and weight of 15 lbs. Hand luggage does not fit in the overhead bins on the motorcoach. There may be room for it in the storage compartment under the coach or by an empty seat on board. If not, it will need to be placed on the floor in front of your feet. You will be responsible for your own luggage throughout the tour so don't bring more than you can comfortably lift and carry. Backpack-style and over-the-shoulder luggage is recommended.

Tour cost. The tour cost is based on a group of 32 passengers and current tariffs for land arrangements.

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Deposit of \$500 per person with Registration Form.

Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 60 days prior to departure

If you are registering for the tour after one of the above payment dates, increase your deposit amount accordingly so your account will be up to date. Please note that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$30 service fee.

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Cancellations and refunds. Witte must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

More than 90 days before departure	\$200
Between 90 and 46 days before departure	\$400
Between 45 and 31 days before departure	\$845
30 or fewer days before departure	No refund

The nonrefundable portion of any special arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant is also added to the above penalties. Allow two to four weeks for processing of refunds. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card are credited back to the same credit card.

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Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

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Passport Number _____ Issue Date _____ Expiration Date _____
(MM / DD / YY) (MM / DD / YY)

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Vegan Low Sodium Vegetarian Diabetic Gluten free Other _____

Food allergies: _____

Mobility concerns: (walker, wheelchair, etc) _____

Medical _____

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Male Female Birthdate mm____/ dd____/ yyyy____ Citizenship: U.S. Other _____

Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Passport Status: Current I do not have a passport My passport has expired. I am renewing.

Passport Number _____ Issue Date _____ Expiration Date _____
(MM / DD / YY) (MM / DD / YY)

Dietary Needs:

Vegan Low Sodium Vegetarian Diabetic Gluten free Other _____

Food allergies: _____

Mobility concerns: (walker, wheelchair, etc) _____

Medical _____

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The per person premium for this travel protection is \$87* for double occupancy and \$113* for single occupancy.

- I/we wish to purchase the travel protection at this time. Full payment of the plan cost is included with my deposit.
- I/we wish to decline the travel protection at this time. I/we understand that travel protection can be purchased later, as long as it is done prior to making final payment on the tour.

*It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan for participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. This could increase the plan cost.

The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. To view/download the Policy based on your state of residence at: <http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/335A-1217>. Travel Insurance is underwritten by, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company (formerly known as Stonewall Insurance Company), 1314 Douglas Street, Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102. 4PZ

Travel Protection Information:

- You can enroll in this plan when you register for the tour or at **any time prior to making final payment on the tour.**
- **If plan is purchased within 15 days of initial trip deposit, pre-existing medical conditions are waived when full trip cost is insured and traveler is medically able to travel at the time of plan purchase.**
- The travel protection premium is nonrefundable after the 15-day review period, provided you have not departed on your trip or filed a claim.
- For more information and an outline of the included benefits, see "Optional travel protection" in the Terms and Conditions of your tour brochure.
- Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. Please visit www.travelexinsurance.com/company/fraud-warning to view the state specific fraud warnings or call 844.858.9910.

Special Arrangements

Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional that may apply.

Special Air Arrangements: To spend additional time abroad, I/we would like to depart on _____ and return on _____. To request special land arrangements (car rentals, hotels, rail, etc.), include a note and we'll contact you.

Signature

I/we have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the tour brochure. I/we acknowledge receipt of information about Witte's Travel Protection Plan as well as the Price Increase Rules.

1. _____ Date _____
2. _____ Date _____

Note – Payment reminders will be emailed to Passenger #1. If no email is provided, payment reminders will be sent by U.S. mail.

Enclose your deposit of \$500 per person. If you are purchasing Optional Travel Protection, add the full plan cost to your deposit.

Return this form to Witte Travel & Tours
3250 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

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Please fax or mail back.

Name of Passenger(s):

1. _____

2. _____

Type of card: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____ Security code _____

Name as it appears on card _____
(Please Print)

Billing address of credit card (if other than on application):

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Billing phone _____ / _____

I hereby authorize Witte Travel & Tours to charge this credit card for the deposit and full travel-protection premium (if selected). Remaining payments may be made by going to bookings.wittetravel.com/login, by sending a check, or by calling 1/800-469-4883. For security reasons, we are unable to store your credit card information.

Cardholder's signature _____ Date _____

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Reservation ID _____

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit of \$500 per person with Registration Form
Balance due approximately 60 days prior to departure