



# **OPEN THE WINDOW**

## ***A Nationwide Celebration of Arts Education and Canadian Musical Theatre***

“Open the Window” is an exciting new outreach program to honour a teacher or group of students that has made a significant impact on those in their school/studio over the Pandemic.

Those nominated (either an educator or group of students) will have a unique opportunity to work one on one (either in-person or online) with an artist from Talk is Free Theatre to choose a song from the Canadian Musical Theatre canon that best represents the influence they’ve had in their school or studio and why they should be honoured.

This celebration culminates in a glorious concert in Barrie and Collingwood in mid November where video/spoken tributes will precede the songs that will be performed by Canada’s top musical theatre stars.

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Participants who wish to attend the concert will be able to do so **free of charge**.

The performance will also be recorded so that classrooms/arts programs will be able to watch and celebrate along with their fellow peers and teachers if they cannot attend in person.

All you have to do to participate is send a short written piece/video submission (feel free to get creative!) telling us who you are, what school you attend/teach at, who you are nominating, and why. **“I want to nominate \_\_\_\_ because...”**

Please provide contact info for yourself and for the person you are nominating.

Written submissions should be between 50 and 100 words.

Video submissions should be no longer than 1 minute in length.

Please visit [cmtddb.ca/openthewindow](http://cmtddb.ca/openthewindow) to submit your nominations.

**Submissions due Friday September 30th/2022.**

Feel free to get creative! BE AS UNIQUE IN YOUR SUBMISSION AS THE PERSON YOU ARE CELEBRATING.

Students/Teachers will choose songs for their nominee (with the help of your friendly TIFT representative) from Canadian musicals such as “Come From Away”, “Anne of Green Gables”, “Anne and Gilbert”, “The House of Martin Guerre”, “Bremen Rock City”, “The Drowsy Chaperone”, “Ride the Cyclone”, “The Louder We Get”, “Pollyanna”, “The Theory of Relativity”, AND MORE!!!

**THIS PROGRAM IS 100% FREE!!!!**

*\*If students wish to attend the concert and speak about their nominee in person TIFT will assist with transportation to the event in Barrie/Collingwood.*

Teachers and students have overcome the impossible over these past few years. It’s time to celebrate these extraordinary acts of kindness and inspiration the best way there we can - through music and theatre.

“Open the Window” is the title of Miss Stacey’s song in “Anne of Green Gables” where she inspires the students of Avonlea to “Tear down the fences, use your five senses, let your imagination sing”, and “LEARN EVERYTHING”! Hopefully this will inspire your submissions.

Eligible applicants/nominees are young people 19 of age and under OR educators in schools/extra curricular arts programs/private studios.

After school programs are also eligible as are private vocal/dance/drama studios.

\*Retired teachers are eligible to nominate/be nominated but they must have been teaching during the 2020/2021 school year.

Visit [cmtddb.ca/openthewindow](http://cmtddb.ca/openthewindow) for any further inquiries regarding eligibility and contact [openthewindow@tift.ca](mailto:openthewindow@tift.ca) with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing who has made a difference in your lives.  
BE WELL AND STAY SAFE!