



Theatre on the Ridge

Enriching Lives Through Theatre

OUR STORY: Theatre on the Ridge is a registered charity committed to enriching lives through captivating professional theatre. Through performances, education programs, heritage projects and community partnerships, we contribute to the arts, tourism, social well-being, and economic development of the region. We present an annual summer theatre festival, perform in non-traditional venues, take live theatre into the community through heritage walks, productions and an annual new play festival. We engage seniors and youth with social connection through theatre related education programming and provide costume and prop resources.

We focus on Canadian and local content and reflect the lived experiences of all members of our community in our projects and by providing employment to area theatre artists, and inclusive, accessible hands-on theatre training and professional development. We are a cultural tourism and social well-being catalyst in the community, leading to greater year-round employment and engagement for members of the local arts community, visitors and local populace.

We have operated without interruption since incorporation in 2014, including through the pandemic, and currently serve over 3,500 persons/year.

Our Beliefs: We believe in the power of theatre as a universal language and medium of entertainment, self-expression, and communication to broaden understanding and empathy between individuals and communities.

Our Mission: We commit to telling our individual and collective stories through high calibre productions, the creation of new plays and the development of new artists. We tell these stories live and are adaptive and attentive to the impact of heritage and change. We increase accessibility to theatre and, through our stories, contribute to our community's sense of well-being and connection.

Our Values:

- #1** Supporting and inspiring the whole community, including youth, through dedicated programs and activities.
- #2** Taking artistic risks through the support of new artists and the production of challenging, new and thought-provoking works from diverse perspectives.
- #3** Enriching and growing theatre through collaboration, education and accessibility.
- #4** Recognizing and supporting the financial, cultural and holistic worth of our contributors, participants, artists and personnel.
- #5** Engaging with and giving back to our community by sharing our history, challenges and stories through theatre.



Blackstock United Cultural Centre

2026 CAMPAIGN

Preserving a Blackstock Landmark

Creating a Cultural Hub



It's Time to put down Roots!

The Blackstock Nestleton United Church, a longstanding community hub, has now been deconsecrated. Theatre on the Ridge plans to purchase and transform the property into the **Blackstock United Cultural Centre**.

The Centre will be a permanent, year-round home for the company and a continuing community space for individuals and organizations. We need your help to realize this vision.

A sense of place is essential to the longevity of Theatre on the Ridge, and after 13 years, we have outgrown our nomadic existence. We are seeking greater stability for all aspects of our charitable organization—performance, community programming and operations.

We are putting down roots here!

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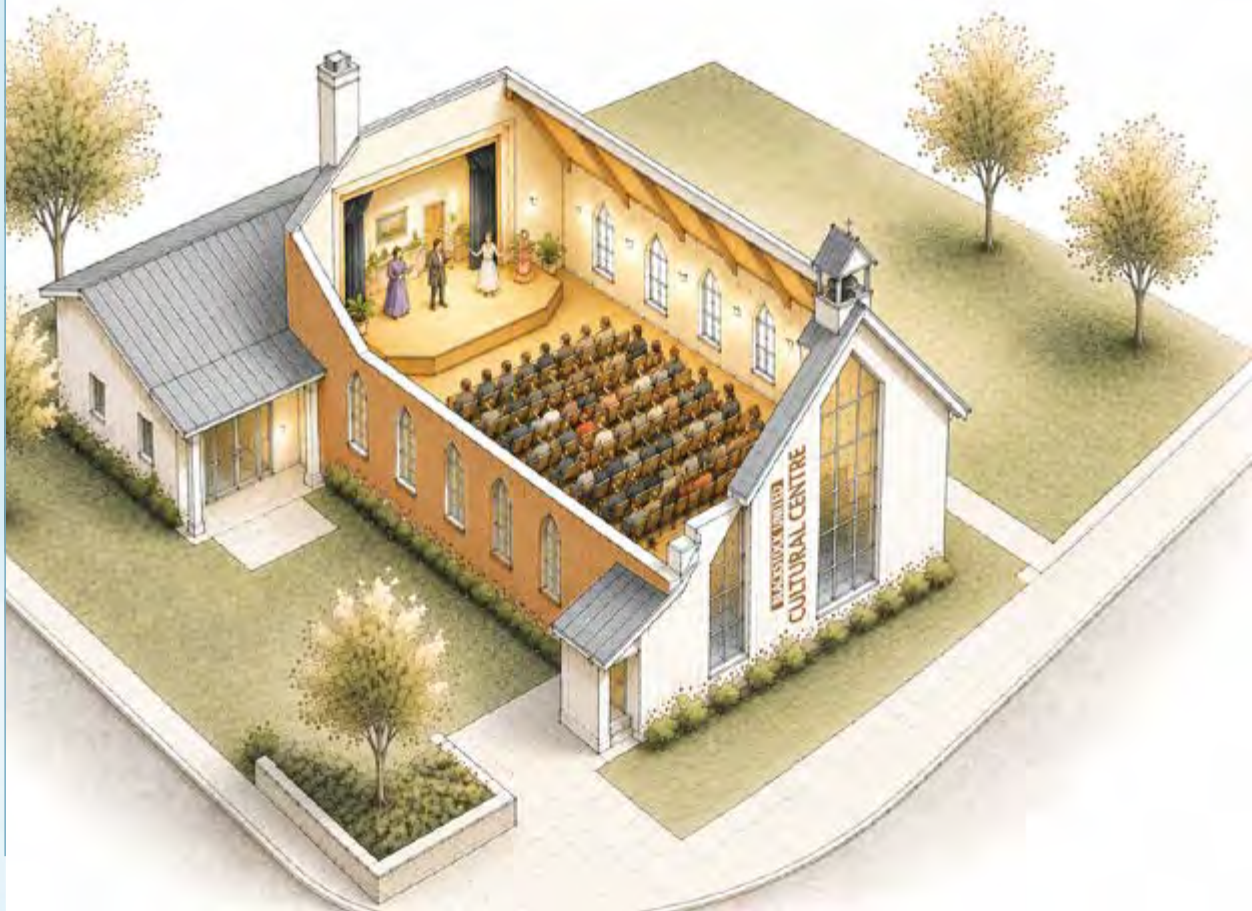
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Enriching Lives

*People, Performances, Programs
and Partnerships*

Theatre on the Ridge has a history of working with community members and organizations. The Centre will be available for rental to organizations such as Lake Scugog Historical Society, Scugog Arts, Scugog Studio Tour and others providing community programming, exhibitions and events. The Centre works well for a variety of operations, meetings, events, and activity space.

The Cultural Centre will be used daily, weekly, seasonally, and year-round. Imagine theatre and arts classes, art & heritage exhibitions, book clubs, readings, concerts, movie nights, practice space, morning yoga, games nights, coffee mornings, lending library and private rentals.



The Blackstock United Cultural Centre Campaign

Bringing People Together Across Generations, Interests and Experiences

Blackstock United Cultural Centre is a rare opportunity to preserve a gathering place and create a new cultural space for Scugog and North Durham.

With a permanent home:

- Theatre on the Ridge can grow from seasonal offerings to year-round activity, doubling its direct impact, engaging a potential of 6,000 people annually.
- 7,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor space will support all types of cultural and heritage programs, and administration needs.
- Ten existing Theatre on the Ridge and community partner programs will be positively impacted, with an anticipated additional ten created within the first year.
- 2,200 new community program hours will be added.

Your donation will help purchase the church, prepare it for its new purpose, and ensure full accessibility. Together, we can protect this significant building and create a welcoming home for theatre, learning, and connection.



Donation Levels:

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| 1. VISIONARY** | \$50,000 – \$100,000 |
| 2. BENEFACTOR | \$25,000 – \$50,000 |
| 3. FOUNDER | \$10,000 – 25,000 |
| 4. CONTRIBUTOR | \$5,000 – \$10,000 |
| 5. SUPPORTER | \$1,500 – \$5,000 |
| 6. FRIEND | \$500 – \$1,500 |

**All donations over \$500
will be recognized on our
donor recognition wall.**

***VISIONARY donation level
includes naming privileges.*

Every contribution, no matter the amount, is valued and appreciated. Thank you for considering a donation to our campaign.

Here's How To Donate:

1. **Cheque:** Made out to **Theatre 3X60** and mailed to 11811 Old Scugog Rd., Blackstock, ON, L0B 1B0
2. **E-Transfer:** Sent to bucc@theatreontheridge.ca
3. **Credit Card:** Pay online at www.theatreontheridge.ca/blackstock-united-cultural-centre

4. **Canada Helps:** Visit www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/theatre-3x60

Please include your name and contact information, including full mailing address and phone number, for tax receipt purposes (donations of \$25+), along with the name(s) you'd like displayed on the donation board.

To learn more or discuss your donation, please contact Tom Mitchell, Campaign Chair at **905-431-5850**.



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