



*Theatre Ensemble's Spirit of a Nation - a War of 1812 Musical*

# Performing Arts

With many theatre companies, as well as a serious contingent of dance studios and theatres, the performing arts thrive in Windsor.

Founded in 1948, the Windsor Light Music Theatre has been bringing Broadway-style musicals to the area since its inception. Originally producing "light operas," this volunteer-led theatre continues the tradition of bringing two family-friendly musicals every year.

Though the well-established Theatre Alive recently produced its final show, newer, innovative and experimental theatre groups are filling the void and finding a voice.

Theatre Ensemble is a non-profit community company committed

to producing new Canadian work and strives to promote young artists and actors.

Another, Cardinal Music Productions, now brings Broadway-caliber acts.

Finally, the burgeoning Korda Artistic Productions offers up eight productions each season.

The performing arts in Windsor are varied, hence the proliferation of spoken word and dance activities.

With readings by the poet laureate, creative writing students, and other local authors, slam poetry and open mic evenings are common at places like Phog Lounge.

Spoken word also takes the stage at Windsor's annual BookFest with many ties to the local Windsor and Detroit area.

Dance in Windsor is also serious business with 20 Dance Studios. Many offer diverse programming, such as HNM Dance Company, a contemporary company committed to making dance accessible to all. Some of the classes they offered include Open Movement, Contact Improv, and Modern and Contemporary Ballet.

These activities are not geared for professionals but seek to serve the community. Many of the performing arts events are operated by a stronghold of volunteers committed to improving the lives of those within the community.



*Windsor Light Music Theatre's Les Miserables*



*Poetry at the Manor*



*HNM Dance Company at Tall Ships*