

## \*NEWS FROM THE HOMEWOOD THEATER COMPANY\*

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### A NEW PLAY FOR THE DEPOT'S 125<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

The Williamsville Depot is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday and the Homewood Theater Company will be a part of the festivities. The resident theater company of the 1896 Lehigh Valley Railroad station will present the world premiere of a new play written and staged especially for this benchmark in the railroad site's history. "Trackside Reflections: 125 years of Railroading in Williamsville" will be performed on October 1 - 2 and 8 - 9, 2021 at 7:30pm. Performances will take place in the passenger waiting room of the depot.

"Trackside Reflections," written and directed by Marty Bauer, not only chronicles the history of the Williamsville Depot and the Lehigh Valley Railroad's branch line that ran through Amherst and Williamsville; the play also tells the story of the renovation and restoration of the railroad station that began in 1990. It also highlights how the Lehigh Valley Historic Site has evolved into what is seen on South Long Street today.

Members of the cast include: John Knipter, Mary Sue Bauer, Richard Rogenthien, Elizabeth Vitnanek, Joyce Haskell, and Marty Bauer. The production will be done in reader's theater style – a trademark of the Homewood Theater Company. This will be a unique theater experience for the audience in that the entire play is written in rhyming poetry.

This theater production is appropriate for the whole family. Tickets will be available at the door. They are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students, and \$4.00 for children 12 and under.

There will be no social distancing protocols in place, but audience members who wish to wear masks are encouraged to do so.

All proceeds from this production will be donated to the Williamsville Depot. This event is sponsored by the Western New York Railway Historical Society.

For more information about this special theater production, call Marty Bauer at 636 – 5798.

