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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION FUNDS ACTORS THEATRE**

**Windsor, ON** - The Actors Theatre of Windsor (ATW) is proud to announce that it was awarded a \$14,200 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the purchase of lighting including a SmartFade Console, dimmer packs, Source Four Parnells, ellipses, and cable and equipment. Sandra Pupatello, MPP for Windsor West, joined OTF representative Shelly Bondy in congratulating the Theatre.

“This is a good opportunity for our community – Windsor will be able to highlight its arts and culture sector, build on the debut of the Fringe Festival and continue to promote itself as a regional tourist destination,” said MPP Pupatello. “I’m happy our government recognizes the benefits of supporting this initiative.”

Actors Theatre of Windsor, in partnership with the Art Gallery of Windsor, utilized the funding to upgrade the Betty Wilkinson Room at the Art Gallery of Windsor with flexible equipment, which could also be loaned to other venues and companies to increase theatre production in the region. This grant has enhanced the capacity of the professional theatre company and its Community Outreach Program, ATW Actors Umbrella, which recently produced the first Windsor International Fringe Festival.

“We are enormously grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for supporting our vision for the Windsor International Fringe Festival and our region,” said Mona el Baroudi, Artistic Director, Actors Theatre of Windsor. “The OTF funding will lead to increased opportunities for small and medium scale theatre productions in Windsor-Essex.”

Improving accessibility, efficiency and innovation, the equipment will be available year-round to theatre companies and groups using the Betty Wilkinson Room as a performance venue.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. It continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit [www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org).

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