

Carolee Mason - Theatre Bio



Carolee Mason has taught in the Theatre Department at Brock University, and has instructed practicing drama teachers and teacher candidates with OISE/UT. She spent her career as the teacher/director of generations of high school drama students, and countless community theatre groups. Since 1981, she has taken her Perth drama students to venues around the province to perform with the Sears Drama Festival, and entertained audiences from around Eastern Ontario with community theatre productions at her home theatre.

A winner of Theatre Ontario's Michael Spence Award, she and her husband Geoff were honoured in 2008 for their community and school theatre work with the naming of the Mason Theatre in Perth, Ontario. They dedicated more than thirty years to bringing thousands of elementary school children from rural and remote communities in Eastern Ontario to this theatre, so that they could experience the magic of live performance. These shows were a

training ground for teenage actors and technicians, many of whom have gone on to staff classrooms, university lecture halls, theatres and film sets across Canada.

A frequent workshop leader with the Council of Drama and Dance Teachers of Ontario, she has also presented for drama educators internationally, from Chicago to Paris, with the American Alliance of Theatre Educators, and the International Drama and Education Association.

Trained in technical theatre, design, and drama in education, Carolee has worked or studied with the Georgian Theatre Company, the University of Toronto Opera School, the University College Drama Program, the Brock University Theatre Department, and Queen's University Drama Department.

As an experienced director and adjudicator, Carolee has worked with student and community theatre groups across the province.

While she has directed and designed more than a hundred productions with adults, teens and children, she has more recently adjudicated at the Theatre Ontario Festival, Sears Festivals, the EODL Festival, ACT-CO Festivals, and WODL Festivals. A member of the Theatre Ontario Adjudicators' Group, she is a graduate of its training program.

An award winning educator and author, Carolee has written sections of Ontario's Ministry of Education Drama Curriculum, and has created a variety of text and online teaching resources for Ontario teachers. Her work in public education was recognized with the Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching.