

# Aspiring playwright to direct GLT shows

Ian O'Brien, an aspiring actor and playwright from Georgetown, will be directing his first play at GLT's second annual *The Studio Shows* on September 8, 9, 10 at the GLT studio at 33 Stewarttown Rd.

GLT prides itself in its promotion of theatre among young people in the community.

A graduate of Fanshawe College's Theatre Arts program, O'Brien hopes to pursue a career in theatre. As a writer, O'Brien

has been heavily influenced by the late 20th Century absurdists such as Ionesco and Beckett, as well as writers and theorists like Artaud and Jarry. His plays thrust characters at the end of their tolerance into impossible situations, forcing them to deal with the fruitlessness of endeavor and the mortality of existence.

*Placid Ends At Mothballed Beginnings* is O'Brien's first play, written in his first year of Theatre School. It is a combination of three short plays written around the same time. Three pairs and their god inhabit an area as close to nowhere as possible. In here they suffer and mourn in complete and chilling isolation, while the deity feeds on what morsels of emotion it can gather from them. Most importantly, it is an experiment in text, sound, and shade.

Please come with an open mind, and be prepared to ask questions. Be aware that the play contains strong language, violence, and some sexuality. This play will be the closing play of *The Studio Shows*.

*Time Flies* and *I'm Herbert* will be performed prior to the intermission.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. Reservations may be made by phoning the studio at 905-877-3422. For further information go to [www.georgetownlittletheatre.ca](http://www.georgetownlittletheatre.ca).

## Halton bands teaming up for Live 4 Life concert this Saturday

The Halton Suicide Prevention Coalition, along with volunteers from Compassion and Peace and Canadian Mental Health Association-Halton Region Branch, has organized *Live 4 Life: Concert for a Cause* featuring local bands across Halton in support of suicide awareness Saturday, Sept. 10.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness for World Suicide Prevention Day and to

educate residents on how suicide can be prevented. All proceeds will go to local programs promoting suicide prevention and awareness.

Local artists volunteering their time and talents include: Left Turn City, Polarity, VOSQQ, Arsonist, Sunrise Salvo, Speedball Tucker, Jim Lefrancois & Rob Joy, Karen Droucher, Tim Alberts and Hannah Chapplain, Chris Golden, The Prodigal Son, as well as an

open mike schedule for The Roxy in Acton and more.

Events will be taking place at The Roxy in Acton, Emma's Backporch, Burlington; The Legendary Red Rooster, Burlington and CJ's Café in Oakville. A schedule can be found on [www.live4life.ca](http://www.live4life.ca). For more information about the Halton Suicide Prevention Coalition, visit [www.suicidepreventionhalton.ca](http://www.suicidepreventionhalton.ca).

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