



Welcome to *Under Milkwood* – the first production of the 2020-21 Greystone Theatre season!

This 1954 work of Welsh poetic genius by Dylan Thomas is also appropriately the first production of our 75th anniversary season – and a fitting tribute to the genius of another Welshman of the same era, Emrys Maldwyn Jones. Radio drama creates whole imaginative worlds out of words and vision. Arguably, Jones conjured a similar magic in 1945 in building the first drama department in the British Commonwealth out of the words and vision of a Saskatchewan emerging from World War II. It is also appropriately directed by Dwayne Brenna, not only a long-term faculty member of the department, but a former student who once graced the Greystone Theatre stage himself in the old Hangar Building.

Since mid-March, 2020, the Emrys Jones Theatre, home of our Greystone Theatre productions since 1993, has remained silent, dark, and dreaming. However, the department, through the work of its students, faculty, staff, and audiences, has “raged against” that silence and darkness, through finding new skills, new means, new ways to make its dramas continue to soar, speak and inspire. Due to covid-19 restrictions we still cannot have an audience in our theatre – but that will not stop us from bringing our theatre to you – in the cozy warmth of your own home no less! This on-line production involves 26 cast members, 6 designers, and 6 technicians - but it will not be complete until you join us as audience.

For those of you accustomed to taking our usual 10-day run, please note that *Under Milkwood* will only be running for three days via livestream, Feb 11-13. We have decided to lower ticket prices to \$10 per live stream but there is also an option to donate as making virtual theatre still has costs associated with it. After your ticket purchase you will be added to the list of attendees that a private link will be sent out a few hours before the performance. The viewing will take place on YouTube where you can also engage with the chat function that will be moderated. If you have further questions regarding ticket purchase please contact Jessica at our box office - jessica.klein@usask.ca. For tickets and further information on the cast, crew and show please visit our [website](#).

In presenting Greystone Theatre’s first virtual theatre production, we both loop back to honour the past and move forward to embrace the future. Welcome to *Under Milkwood* – and to the remaining plays of our 75th anniversary Greystone season, *Gordon Winter* (Kenneth T. Williams) in March and *Unity (1918)* (Kevin Kerr) in June. We also hope you will join us later this spring for our 75th anniversary celebration, honouring seventy-five years of “us” at the U of S.