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## Director Scandalis Lauded for Greek-Language Plays

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Greek-Canadian playwright and director George Scandalis has forged a unique path in the Canadian theater world, writing, directing and producing plays in the Greek language.

The Toronto Greektown resident, who is also an actor and radio host, received ten standing ovations on closing night last Sunday, according to his Facebook page. It was his third successful Greek-language stage production.

The play ΟΙ ΕΡΩΣΥΛΙΕΣ (Oi Erosyilies) — a made-up Greek word that is a play on the words “eros” and “sacrilege” — ran for ten performances at the Alumnae Theatre in Toronto. The three leading ladies were Stella Mastrogiannakou, Stavroula Karnouskou and Irene Bitha.

The setting of the play is the Patras carnival in 2015. It is the story of three women: Erofilis, her mother Yiota, and her Erofilis's cousin Maria. An invitation to the festival turns Erofilis's life around as Cupid finds her.

After that, a battle ensues between Erofilis's heart and mind.



Scandalis is a first-generation [Greek Canadian](#) and his parents spoke very little English when they emigrated to Canada. The multitalented playwright founded [Ten Tone Productions](#) company, through which he produced and directed three of his own plays, all written in Greek.

Scandalis wants his audiences to feel like they are watching a play in the country of Greece. He worked as a professional actor in Greece for four years and has brought that experience to the Toronto Greek community.

Two important aims of Ten Tone Productions are to highlight the Greek arts in Toronto and beyond, and to build a bridge between older and younger generations of Greek immigrants. Scandalis' ultimate goals, however, are to attract audiences to the modern theater experience and to keep the Hellenic language and culture alive in Canada.



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