



Brantford Resident Wins \$85,790 in June Ultimate 50/50 *Online raffle to run again in July with some exciting changes*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – The holiday long weekend was extra special for one lucky theatregoer! **Meryl Penman** of Brantford, Ontario was the winner of Drayton Entertainment’s June online Ultimate 50/50 draw. She took home an amazing cash prize of **\$85,790**. The winning ticket number was #99423963048.

“I’m over the moon! You enter these things, but you never think you’ll win,” says Penman. “I saw the call come in from Cambridge and I knew the time of the draw, so when I answered the phone, I got excited. What a wonderful surprise!”

Penman has been attending productions at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge and the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse since 2013. She’s a theatre fan and has particularly enjoyed shows like *Twelve Angry Men* and *Man of La Mancha*.

Penman isn’t quite sure what she’ll do with her windfall, but she hopes to travel to England and Italy when restrictions allow. She and her husband have given half the prize to their daughter. The money will also help with costs associated with a basement renovation project that is already underway.

“These online 50/50 draws continue to be a welcome source of joy for all of us. It’s entertaining to watch the prize grow throughout the month, and especially exciting to see it climb quickly in the final days,” says **Alex Mustakas**, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. “When people enter the draw, they dream of winning the jackpot, but when it happens for that one lucky person, they are always totally shocked. It’s such a fun phone call for me to make. Congratulations to Meryl on her big win!”

The June Ultimate 50/50 draw launched at 12:01 a.m. on June 1 and ran through 10:00 a.m. on June 30. The jackpot shot up in the final days leading up to the draw – it jumped over \$25,000 in the final 48 hours from \$57,620 to \$85,790.

Drayton Entertainment’s Ultimate 50/50 raffle launched in March. Diane Halstead of Cambridge took home a prize of \$83,470 that month. In April, Shawky Fabel of Waterloo won \$139,020. In May, Marcia Haworth of Rockwood won \$100,505. Both Fabel and Haworth then donated part of their prize money

back to Drayton Entertainment to be pledged towards the not-for-profit charitable organization's youth education and outreach initiatives to advance inclusion for marginalized and underrepresented groups in the community; Fabel donated \$15,000 and Haworth donated \$10,000.

Audiences will have another opportunity to enjoy some entertainment value, support a worthy cause, and be entered to win a cash prize again in July. The popular online 50/50 raffle will run again this month with some exciting changes. Patrons will get a lot more bang for their buck as the number of entries has increased for select purchase levels.

Participants can now select from the following three ticket pack options:

- Regular: 3 tickets for \$10
- Discount: 40 tickets for \$20 (formerly 10 tickets for \$20)
- Ultimate Savings: 100 tickets for \$40 (formerly 50 tickets for \$50)

The July draw will run from now through 11:59 p.m. on July 31 with a draw at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 1. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://drayton5050.com>. The jackpot is updated online in real-time and grows as more people participate – the published amount is the winner's take home prize.

Tickets may be purchased by individuals 18 years or older and located in the Province of Ontario at the time of purchase. All ticket sales are final and ticket buyers will receive a receipt via email after purchasing that will list all numbers associated with the purchased tickets. Tickets are sold using an electronic raffle system approved by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and supplied by Bump Worldwide Inc. Raffle License AGCO #RAF1209758. Please play responsibly. Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline 1-888-230-3505 or visit www.connexontario.ca.

For complete details including rules of participation and frequently asked questions, please visit: <https://drayton5050.com>.

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