

The PROMPTER



President's Message



All the best of this brand new year to each and every one of you! 2011 promises to be an exciting year for us with two more Mainstage Productions; 'Wrong For Each Other' by Norm Foster is being directed by Kim MacMillan and 'Heartbreak House' by George Bernard Shaw is being directed by James Bowlby. 'Heartbreak House' is our entry at the 2011 Okanagan Zone Festival in Kelowna late May. To learn more about these productions, please visit our website at <http://www.shuswaptheatre.com> or on Facebook. If you've been wanting to get involved with the Theatre but are concerned about the time commitment, there are many different volunteer positions that can accommodate your busy life. Set painting, putting up posters or helping out for an evening in the Front of House are great opportunities to get your feet wet and meet a terrific bunch of people, as well as letting you see the play. For more information to <http://www.shuswaptheatre.com/interested> and fill out a volunteer information form.

The Board of Directors recently appointed our new Artistic Committee, which is responsible for helping to set the 2011/2012 Season under the guidance of the Board. This Committee also has an educational component to their duties and will be working towards bringing us a workshop or two in the coming months. The members are Julia Body, James Bowlby and Virginia Verma. If you have read any plays that you would like to have the Committee include in their discussions, please do not hesitate to contact Julia Body at 250-833-1496.

Shuswap Theatre Society is 34 years old and we wouldn't be where we are without all of you, our members and volunteers, especially our long-time members; James Bowlby, Cilla Budda, Jake Jacobson, Susan MacMillan and countless others who continue to dedicate so much time and energy to enriching our Community with live theatre. Our thanks go out to all of you and if you have any comments, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 250-833-6100 or email pr@shuswaptheatre.com.

Happy New Year!

Monica Kriese, President

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Work Begins on *Wrong for Each Other*

The energy is building for Shuswap Theatre's upcoming production of Norm Foster's *Wrong for Each Other*. This delightful two person comedy will feature Stephen Hiscock as Rudy and Kaitlan Hunter as Norah. Meeting by accident four years after their marriage breakup, the couple remembers (and relives) some of the scenes of their courtship, marriage and divorce. Will their continuing attraction overcome their fear of being hurt again? Expect to laugh out loud while being drawn into the genuine dilemmas of these all too recognizable human beings.

Director, Kim MacMillan, and producer, Susan MacMillan, have been busy assembling the crew which is nearly in place. If you would like to help out in some capacity, including working on Front of House, please contact Susan at 250-832-4094 or prompter@shuswaptheatre.com. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar. Opening Night is Friday, February 25th, closing on Saturday, March 5th, with preview on Thursday, February 24th. This will be a great midwinter lift for your spirits.



BUILDING UPDATE

Shuswap Theatre Society has been in existence since 1978, but there was an active theatrical group in Salmon Arm for many years previous to that. In 1980 the Society purchased an auto body repair shop and converted it into a live playhouse with the society members doing most of the physical work. The building has served adequately over the years, but lacks certain amenities that most theatres have and it is now showing its age. This has prompted the Society to look into building a new and modern facility that will satisfy the needs of Shuswap Theatre Society and arts community for the next 40-50 years. In 2007 a building committee was struck to look into possible building sites, a management model and funding sources. This committee has been meeting every two weeks and has looked at a total of 13 potential sites and reviewed several management models. One such model would include a partnership with the local college and join in its efforts to establish a "College Town" in Salmon Arm. The Theatre Society has three main criteria for their participation in the construction of a new facility. One, they must have a "club room" to conduct theatre business. Two, they must have unrestricted access to the "black box" rehearsal stage. Three, they must have priority booking for the Main Stage shows produced each year. The Society has preliminary floor plans and would like to start fund raising for the new building as soon as a site is selected.



Thank you to the cast and crew of *The Golden Bird* for bringing us another delightful Christmas pantomime.

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IMPROV IS 'ALL THAT' !

Improv is a form of theatre in which the improvisation actors or improvisers use 'in the moment' acting techniques to perform spontaneously and are often quite comedic. Many improvisational actors/improvisers are also scripted actors and improv techniques teach them the basic skills of listening, clarity, confidence and performing instinctively and spontaneously.

For those of you who are interested in checking out the Improv group, please drop in any time they are practising. Improv meets the first and third Monday of each month (with the exception of Monday, January 3) and all of their practises for the next five months will take place at Shuswap Theatre (either on stage or in the Green Room depending on the needs of the current production). Doors open at 7:15 for coffee and socialization and practise begins at 7:30pm. Improv is the most fun you can have without a script! For more information, contact Julia Body at 250-833-1496.

Sponsorships



Glen Hill, Randy Jenkins, Jordan Wilson, John Wilson of Investors Group, presenting a cheque to Denise Green, our treasurer.

Shuswap Theatre is please to acknowledge our sponsors for the current season - Lakeside Insurance, Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union, Scotia Bank, Investors Group and Erin Leek - Homelife Realty.

Nightly show sponsorships range from \$50 to \$100 and show sponsorships from \$300 - \$500. *Wrong for Each Other* still has nightly sponsorships available and *Heartbreak House* has both nightly and show sponsorships available. If you or the business you work for or own are interested in sponsoring an entire show or a night of a show, please contact Monica at 250-833-6100 or the show producer.

Theatre Around the Valley

Asparagus Community Theatre (Armstrong)

Chickens Mar. 2 - 12

Kelowna Actors Studio

Anything Goes Jan. 13 - 15

Many Hats Theatre (Penticton)

Opening Night Jan. 27-Feb.19

Powerhouse Theatre (Vernon)

Lend Me a Tenor Feb. 16 - 26

SAS Sullivan Campus

Rebel Without a Cause Jan. 18 - 21

Western Canada Theatre

Billy Bishop Goes to War Jan. 27- Feb. 5

Wit Feb.24-Mar. 5

Youth Theatre- a new date and location

A new session of Youth Theatre starts on Thursday, January 13 at the Theatre and runs every Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. James, Sherry and Karen will ensure that there are lots of fun games to play and some improvised scenes to develop. The program will end with a short production at the end of March.

New members, aged 10 to 16 are welcome to join on January 13. Call James for more information - 250-832-8383.



HEARTBREAK HOUSE

Our final production of the season is George Bernard Shaw's *Heartbreak House*, which he regarded as his best. This play examines the dream that people live in to avoid facing humanity's inhumanity. If you are interested in reading the script of this wonderfully written and very funny play, please contact director, James Bowlby at 250-832-8383. There are parts for women aged 20 - 75 and men aged 35 - 80. Auditions will be held on Monday, February 27 and Tuesday, February 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Drop in any time during this period.



Entertaining Evening

Thank you to everyone who came out and either performed at our 2nd Annual Entertaining Evening, volunteered or joined us in our audience! Special thanks to an incredible group of performers: Melissa Anderson-Wood, Tracy Jones with Danielle Prince, Brian Bell, "Talespin, Blu Hopkins, James Murray and Kelly Hopkins, Tina Hawkins, emcee Kim MacMillan and members of Shuswap Theatre's Improv group. Thank you to those who volunteered with the Front of House and our appreciation to Ovino Winery for their donation of wine for the evening and to Lynn MacMillan of Recline Ridge Winery for assisting with the serving. A special thank you to Monica Kriese for organizing a most enjoyable evening.

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

January 4	Rehearsals begin for <i>Wrong for Each Other</i>
January 11	Board Meeting 7:00PM (everyone welcome to attend)
January 17	Improv Evening 7:15PM at the Theatre
February 7	Improv Evening 7:15PM at the Theatre
February 8	Board Meeting 7:00PM
February 21	Improv Evening 7:15PM at the Theatre
February 24	<i>Wrong for Each Other</i> Preview Night - tickets 2 for 1 or \$9 each
Feb. 25 - March 5	<i>Wrong for Each Other</i> run
February 27, 28	Auditions for <i>Heartbreak House</i> , 7:00-9:00 pm at the Theatre
March 7	Improv Evening 7:15PM at the Theatre
March 8	Board Meeting 7:00PM
March 21	Improv Evening 7:15PM at the Theatre
April 4	Improv Evening 7:15PM at the Theatre
April 12	Board Meeting 7:00PM
April 18	Improv Evening 7:15PM at the Theatre
May 5	<i>Heartbreak House</i> Preview Night - tickets 2 for 1 or \$9 each
May 6 - 14	<i>Heartbreak House</i> run
May 10	Board Meeting 7:00PM (location to be determined)
May 22 - 28	O-Zone Festival in Kelowna
June 8	Board Meeting 7:00PM

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