

The PROMPTER



The Curious Savage



Our production of John Patrick's mysterious comedy, *The Curious Savage*, opens on Friday March 1 and runs till March 9. Under the direction on Lois Archer-Duell, the energetic cast of eleven is having lots of fun and is eager to have the addition of energy from the audience. This is a play for the whole family and one that is sure to alleviate the late winter blahs.

For show times, please see the Calendar on page 5 of this newsletter or visit our website at <http://shuswaptheatre.com>. Ticket at Wearabouts on Alexander.

Remember, all evening performances now begin at **7:30 pm**.

Blarney Time Improv Night

Saturday, March 16, 7:30 pm - Laughing Gas Improv Troupe presents their third Annual excuse to drink green beer! Come celebrate a tradition that just won't die and laugh until there's no more beer. 'Blarney Time' features improvised comedy, games, challenges, and questionable audience participation. Cost is only \$7 per person (at the door), includes our trademark 'Munchies', and cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Monica at 250-833-6100.





Auditions This Weekend

Our next production is the Peter Whelan play, *The Herbal Bed* first produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company. This is an emotional thriller set in the summer of 1613. Susanna Hall, daughter of William Shakespeare, has been accused of immoral behavior by a drunken young gentleman and responds by charging him with slander. In those days such a charge was heard in the church court in Worcester Cathedral so Susanna and all involved must face an inquisition-like trial. The outcome is in doubt until the last. *The Herbal Bed* is directed by Kim MacMillan and produced by Susan MacMillan.

Auditions will take place at the Theatre on Sunday, and Monday, March 3 & 4 at 7:00 pm. The play runs **April 26th to May 4th**. Actors must be prepared to perform at the O-Zone Festival in Vernon on **May 16th**. If we are fortunate enough to be chosen as Best Production, we will perform again at the provincial Mainstage Festival in Kamloops in early July.

There are **eight actors** needed:

- two women in their mid-twenties to mid-thirties (or able to play women that age)
- one young man in his early to mid-twenties
- a man, thirtyish
- two men in their 40's to early 50's
- a man aged 55 to 75
- a small girl able to play a five year old girl (small part)

Scripts are available from Kim at volunteer@shuswaptheatre.com or 250-832-4094.

We are also looking for people to be involved as part of the crew. If you are interested, please contact Susan at prompter@shuswaptheatre.com or 250-832-4094.

SONG WRITERS' SHOWCASE

Shuswap Theatre is the venue for the next performance in this series. Mark Friday March 22 at 7:30 pm pm your calendar.

There will be live, acoustic, original music in a Songwriter Circle format. Featured performers are Herald Nix, Betty Johnson and Linz Kenyon & Gillian Cran. Tickets are \$10 at Acorn Music. For more information contact Kelly Hopkins at silvercreekmusic@yahoo.ca.

Theatre Around the Valley

Asparagus Theatre (Armstrong)

Ned Durango Comes to Big Oak March 6-16

Bumbershoot Theatre (Kelowna)

Charlotte's Web Mar. 7-17

Kelowna Actors Studio

La Cage Aux Folles April 3 - 20

Many Hats Theatre Co. (Penticton)

Separate Beds Apr. 12-May 5

Powerhouse Theatre (Vernon)

Last of the Red Hot Lovers Apr. 24-May 4

Theatre Kelowna

Caught in the Net Apr. 26-May 5

Western Canada Theatre (Kamloops)

Fiddler on the Roof Mar. 28-Apr. 13

Never Shoot a Stampede Queen Apr. 18-May 4



Ozone Festival 2013

Powerhouse Theatre in Vernon will host this year's Festival. The dates are May 13 - 18. There will be five plays presented by:

- Theatre 86
- Theatre Kelowna
- Fred Skeleton
- Shuswap Theatre
- Kamloops Players

Why not plan to take in five plays in five days! It's an opportunity to see lots of great theatre. Our production of *The Herbal Bed* will perform on Thursday, May 16.

All Those Backstage People Do What?

What It Takes to Put On a Production

Have you ever thought of becoming involved in theatre but feel you don't know enough about it? Or would you like to try your hand at an area that you haven't ventured into before? Or perhaps you're just curious. If so this **workshop** is for you.

You'll get a snapshot of all that goes into making a production happen, from the initial planning to the final performance. Many people are involved. Our expert facilitators will each give a rich overview of what they do and how it contributes to the piece of magic that is the final show. You will go home with a mini Theatre Handbook, you'll know whom to contact for what, and you'll have great memories of a unique experience.

- **Mini sessions on: Front of House, Props, Costumes, Set Design & Construction, Set Decor, Sound, Lighting, Marketing and more**
- **Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm with refreshments provided**
- **Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members (which also buys you a Shuswap Theatre Membership till September 2013)**
- **To register or for more information, contact Rebecca at 250-832-8375 or marchand.rebecca@gmail.com**

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

February 28	<i>The Curious Savage</i> Preview - 7:30 pm (tickets at the door)
March 1 - 9	<i>The Curious Savage</i> Run (see website for times and prices)
March 3, 4	Auditions for <i>The Herbal Bed</i> - 7:00 pm at the Theatre
March 5 (and every Tuesday)	Senior's Theatre 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Theatre
March 14	Ballet Kelowna 7:00 pm
March 16	Blarney Time Improv Night 7:30 pm
March 20	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (everyone welcome)
March 22	Song Writers' Showcase 7:30 pm
April 17	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (everyone welcome)
April 25	<i>The Herbal Bed</i> Preview - 7:30 pm
April 26 - May 4	<i>The Herbal Bed</i> Run
May 13 - 18	Zone Festival in Vernon

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