The **PROMPTER** Shuswap Theatre

The Fighting Days



Our Festival entry, *The Fighting Days* by Wendy Lill, opens tonight, Friday April 30 and runs till Saturday, May 8. The performances start at 8:00 pm each evening, except for the Sunday matinee which is at 1:30 pm, and on Monday when there is no show. As always, Tuesday tickets are 2 for 1.

Director Julia Body and the cast and crew have worked very hard over the last few months to bring us this political drama about the women's suffrage movement in Manitoba. Set before and during the First World War, the play features three well-known personalities: Nellie McClung, Lillian Beynon

Thomas and Francis Beynon. *The Fighting Days* is a historical play which blends both political themes and powerful human drama. Do you have your tickets yet?

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The response from the Community has been incredible! The Festival has received over \$11,000 in sponsorships or in-kind donations to help with the event. With the unfortunate loss of cultural grants from the BC Government this year, our Festival planners have had to raise more money than usual to ensure a successful Festival. Because of this support from businesses and individuals, we have been able to lower the prices of individual tickets. These will now cost \$20 or \$18 if you are a Theatre BC member. Each ticket admits you to the play as well as the Green Room afterwards where there will be wonderful goodies and a no-host bar. You are also able to come to the Coffee Critique the next morning from 10-12 noon (where muffins will be served) at no extra cost. What a deal! You can buy individual tickets at Wearabouts or at the door. May 10 is the deadline to take advantage of the Festival packages being offered. Festival package prices are located at our website http://www.shuswaptheatre.com/ozone2010 or you can pick up a registration form at Shuswap Theatre. The deadline to buy tickets for the Banquet is Wednesday May 19 and these will be available each night at the production. Here is the lineup for the Festival:

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Shuswap Theatre—Salmon Arm Curtain Times **7:30pm** SHARP nightly 'Coffee Critiques' 10:00am at Shuswap Theatre

| Saturday, May 15 5:30 - 7:00 PM | OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION Saga Public Art Gallery, 70 Hudson Ave NE | |
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| Saturday, May 15 | Shuswap Theatre Society | |
| | The Fighting Days by Wendy Lill | |
| Sunday, May 16 | Shakespeare Kelowna | |
| | Hamlet by William Shakespeare, abridged by Cameron Gordon | |
| Monday, May 17 | Armstrong Community Theatre - Asparagus | |
| | Office Hours - by Norm Foster | |
| Tuesday, May 18 | Powerhouse Theatre - Vernon | |
| | The Monument by Colleen Wagner | |

| Wednesday, May 19 | Theatre Kelowna Society Distracted by Lisa Loomer | |
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| Thursday, May 20 | Kamloops Players Society Laundry & Bourbon/Lone Star by James McLure | |
| Friday, May 21 | Penticton Chamber Theatre <i>Tartuffe</i> by Moliere | |
| Saturday, May 22 2:00 - 4:00 PM | Adjudicator's Workshop at Shuswap Theatre | |
| Saturday, May 22 | Banquet, Awards and Dance Social 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Awards 8pm, Dance 9pm Seniors Activity Centre, 170 5th Ave, SE, Salmon Arm | |

We are looking for an 18–20 cubic foot fridge to borrow from May 14 – 23. If you have one, please call Cilla at 250-832-6805. Would you like to volunteer to help out at Festival? Here are just some of the areas where help is needed:

- vacuuming the lobby and theatre each day before the next performance
- helping to prep food in the evening for the Green Room and setting it up
- setting up tables and chairs for banquet
- putting tables and chairs away after the banquet

Call Cilla if you can help.

See you at the Festival!



The Shuswap Youth Theatre production of *Silverwing*, which was due to be performed in March, has been rescheduled. The play will now run at 7:00 pm, Friday, June 11 and matinee shows only on Saturday June 12 and Sunday June 13, at 1:30 on both days. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with tickets being sold at the door. Thank you to Askews Foods for sponsoring this show.

Based on the novel series by Kenneth Oppel, the play covers the events of the first and most popular book. The main characters are bats and their opponents are owls, vampire bats and pigeons. The play deals with the theme of questioning what you are taught, seeking religious beliefs and choosing values that are beneficial to all concerned.

Come out and support our young people!

SUMMER THEATRE

A cast and crew is being assembled to perform *SHIPWRECKED!* An *Entertainment - The Amazing Adventures* of Louis de Rougemont (as told by himself).

James Bowlby will direct this light, fast moving and very entertaining play. Cast needed are two males and one female. One male plays the part of Louis and the other two actors play everyone else!

The show will rehearse from the end of June to the beginning of August and then run four nights a week through August.

For more information contact James at 250-832-8383 after May 10.

Theatre Around the Valley

| Caravan Farm Theatre | | | |
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| Everyone | July 20 - Aug. 22 | | |
| Penticton Chamber Theatre | | | |
| Tartuffe | May 4 - 10 | | |
| Powerhouse Theatre, Vernon | | | |
| The Monument | April 28 - May 8 | | |
| Silverwing June 11 - 13 | | | |
| Theatre Kelowna Society | | | |
| Distracted | April 29 - May 15 | | |
| Mainstage Festival (Sagebrush Theatre Kamloops) | | | |
| Winning plays from Zone Festivals | July 2 - 10 | | |
| Caravan Farm Theatre once again presents Mayfair on Saturday, May 8, featuring old fashioned horse farming demonstrations, live music, an artisan's market and local food fair, wagon rides, pony rides, archival tours and more! A fun-filled day for the whole family. | | | |

IMPROV GROUP

Shuswap Theatre's Improv Group continues to grow and evolve! For the month of May, the group will be meeting at Deo Lutheran Church - 1801 30 Street Northeast, just past SAS – Sullivan Campus. This will give the players an opportunity to play outside in the back yard of the Church if the weather is nice, or indoors in the Basement, if the weather is poor. The group gets together the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm and is working under the tutelage of seasoned Improv players Julia Body and Patrick Allwood. When the group gets together, they will visit a technical or educational aspect of Improv and then spend the remainder of the time 'playing' various Improv games and getting to know one another's strengths. A number of group members have expressed an interest in working towards performing for the public sometime in the Fall, perhaps at 'An Entertaining Evening'. Newcomers and Drop-ins are welcome to come out and play, and we respect those that might be nervous or self conscious. However, we ask that you come with the intent to participate. If you have questions, please contact Monica at <u>pr@shuswaptheatre.com</u> or 250-833-6100.

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