

The PROMPTER



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Stranded!



It is the Salmon Arm International Airport just before Christmas and passengers bound for warmer places have been stranded by a blizzard which has closed all the runways.

In order to "keep the spirits bright" they determine to entertain each other through the long, dark evening. They sing, dance, tell stories, recite poetry and act out scenes from their favorite dramas.

This sets the scene for our next production, **STRANDED**, directed by Peter Blacklock. The show runs November 26 - 29 and December 3 - 6. If you would like to be involved in any capacity, on or off stage, please call Peter at 250-675-3004. This is not one of our Mainstage productions, so tickets will only be available at the door each evening - adults \$10, students \$5.



Community Charity Cycle

On the second Friday of each month, Salmon Arm Stationary and Wickett Business Services donates \$1 from every \$5 sale to a local community charity, designated by the customer. So far Shuswap Theatre has received a small amount of money through this venture. However, if all of our members said, "Shuswap Theatre" when asked their choice of charity, this amount would grow significantly. The next Community Charity Cycle date is **November 13**, followed by **December 11**. If you need to purchase some office supplies, why not wait till those dates and have part of your purchase donated to our Theatre? Purchases cannot be charged to an account. They must be paid for on the day. A huge thank you to Ian Wickett for initiating this generous venture.

A RED CARPET EVENT AT SHUSWAP THEATRE

Monica Kriese, our Public Relations Director, is very busy preparing for a fundraising and social event at Shuswap Theatre on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 PM. This is shaping up to be a very entertaining evening, with local libations from Granite Creek Estates, Larch Hills Winery, Recline Ridge Winery and Crannog Ales as well as food temptations by Sue Hensley of Cookshack Creations. There will also be live music, hilarious improvisational theatre and a silent auction raffle.

This will be a wonderful way to dress up and get together with friends for a delightful evening out while supporting the Theatre. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available from any Shuswap Theatre Board member (see names on page 1 of the newsletter) or at **Salmon Arm Art Gallery**, 70 Hudson Ave, NE, Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Your ticket price includes two alcoholic drinks and appetizers. Tickets will be \$22 at the door.

If you would like to sing or play music for the evening or to be part of the Improv, please give Monica a call at 250-833-6100 or email her at pr@shuswaptheatre.com. Monica also needs volunteers to help decorate beforehand and to serve food and assist our caterer and the wineries. Please contact her if you can help in any way. Let's make this an evening to remember!



BACKSTAGE PASS



This year's open house in September was a roaring success with over 100 people in attendance. Volunteer and member signups were higher than last year and we're looking forward to working with all the new people! As always, Ron Langridge did a wonderful job as Show Host and everyone interviewed was very impressive. Yes, the upcoming season is going to be a great one! A huge thank you to all those who helped to make the evening so enjoyable, especially to Monica.

Shuswap Theatre Board of Directors now meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Theatre. Minutes of these meetings are posted on our website and can be accessed from the homepage. Members are also welcome to attend any meetings.

“Areas of Interest” Database Growing

by Kim MacMillan, Coordinator of Volunteers

Since the summer our website has featured a brief questionnaire to encourage members new and old to let us know the aspects of theatre in which you would like to be involved. It's very quick (about 5 minutes) and we now have 32 names entered, mostly new people. This is going to be invaluable for two groups of people:

1. Those responsible for finding people to fill the myriad of jobs needed to run a production or other Theatre venture
2. New people who would like to try out a job, perhaps with some mentoring from an experienced person

To make the database really helpful we need **everyone** to take just a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. **Now would be a good time!** (You can finish reading the Prompter later!) Just click on or point your browser to www.shuswaptheatre.com/interested and away you go. Do it now and you'll save me from the arduous task of tracking you down! (If you're reading a hard copy of this newsletter, you can either fill out a paper form at the Theatre, or go to our website (www.shuswaptheatre.com) where you will find the link on the homepage.)

This is going to be a very useful tool to our company and other theatre groups are watching to see how it works out. Be part of it.



Once again spectators at the Fall Fair Parade were treated to the sight of an original and elegant Shuswap Theatre float along



with treats and invitations to the Backstage Pass. The float was designed and constructed by John MacVicar and Cathy Lake and decorated from Cilla's stash of theatre props. Costumes from the theatre were also used for the walkers' magnificent attire. Eve, Tate, Darbie, Lina, Aidan, Chad, Sherry and Lucy walked the route and kept smiles on their faces in spite of a long walk on a warm day. Many thanks to Cilla for her help with costumes, to Tracy and Jeff Stacer at Remax for the candy, and Monica for getting us a spot in the parade and printing the passes. We especially thank Karen Bissenden for the loan of the push cart that formed the base of the float and made for an interesting and original entry. The esteemed judges of the parade were impressed enough that we won a Second Place ribbon!!

Theatre Around the Valley

Asparagus Theatre (Armstrong)

Rented Christmas: The Musical Nov. 25 - Dec. 5

Caravan Farm Theatre

The Story (The Nativity) Dec. 11 - 31

Kamloops Players

Norm Foster - Dinner Theatre Nov. 19 - 21

Kelowna Actors Studio

Mame Nov. 26 - Dec. 20

Powerhouse Theatre (Vernon)

Jack and the Beanstalk Dec. 9 - 19

Quaaout Lodge

The Boarding House - Dinner Theatre Nov. 6- 22

SAS Jackson

Big Bad Dec. 3 - 4

SAS Sullivan

Guys and Dolls Dec. 8 - 12

Sunshine Theatre (Kelowna)

Wingfield Unbound Dec. 1 - 5

Western Canada Theatre

My Fair Lady Nov. 26 - Dec. 5

OZone

For those of you who are new to Shuswap Theatre, OZone refers to the "Okanagan Zone" of Theatre BC, our umbrella organization. There is an Ozone Newsletter published twice a month which can be read on our website. Check the bottom of our home page at www.shuswaptheatre.com for a link to the latest newsletter, as well as the October 1 one, which featured our own company.

Every year, each zone in our province holds a drama festival, with the winning play representing their zone at Mainstage, the Theatre BC annual drama festival. In 2010, Shuswap Theatre will host the Ozone Festival in May with Mainstage taking place in Kamloops in July. What a wonderful opportunity this will be for us to take in some amazing theatre right on our doorstep! Stay tuned to find out how you can help Cilla Budda, the Ozone Festival chair. This is a huge undertaking and will require many willing hands.



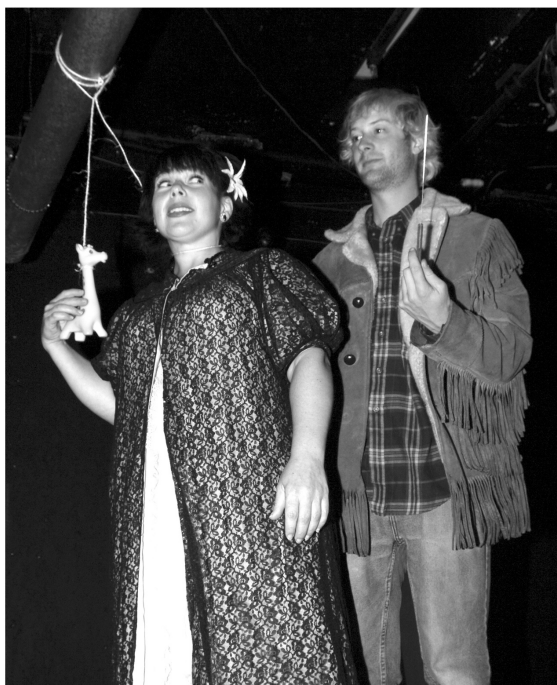
THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The past few months have been very busy for the committee's working group. They are happy to announce the addition of two new members, Margaret Holland, a semi-retired architect and project manager and John Coulson, a retired planner for the city of Calgary. Their expertise will be of great value, especially as the committee gets close to presenting several options to the Theatre membership.

It is the hope of this committee to present three viable options for a new theatre building at a special meeting with the board of directors on November 19. The options will consist of three possible locations and three levels of construction with all the associated costs.

The committee is also creating a business plan that will include three governance models for the board to serve as a guide for fund raising and future management.

Two by Two



Thank you to the cast and crew of Two by Two for helping get our season off to a great start!



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