

The PROMPTER



2014-2015 SEASON

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon Directed by **Julia Body**
October 24 – November 8

Bah Humbug! by Tina & Robert Burbidge Directed by **Paul Kirkwood-Hackett**
December 5, 6, 7 and 12, 13, 14

Two by Two (2 one acts)

Jewel by Joan MacLeod Directed by **Elizabeth Ann Skelhorne**

My Narrator by Norm Foster Directed by **Kate McKie**
February 20 – March 7

Pack of Lies by Hugh Whitmore Directed by **Kim MacMillan**
April 24 – May 9

AGM

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting of Shuswap Theatre Society on **Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:30pm**, at the theatre at 41 Hudson Ave. NW, Salmon Arm, BC. The special guest speaker will be Dave Wood of the Shuswap Community Foundation. To vote, you must be a member in good standing of Shuswap Theatre (current dues paid). If you need to pay your membership dues, please [follow this link](#) or you can pay at the Theatre on the evening of the AGM (please come early).

If you are interested in becoming involved, perhaps serving on the Board or nominating someone else, please contact Julia Body at jebody@telus.net or 250-833-1496 or Susan MacMillan at prompter@shuswaptheatre.com or 250-832-4094. You can read our policy on *The Responsibilities of Directors* [here](#).

The annual committee reports will be posted on the website early in September so that members can read them prior to the AGM. Everyone is also encouraged to read the proposed changes to the by-laws ahead of the meeting and submit comments. [Click here](#) to read.

Call for Auditions

Our first production of the new season is the hilarious Neil Simon comedy, ***THE ODD COUPLE***. Felix Unger is depressed and suicidal after his wife throws him out. It is poker night and Felix ends up at the apartment of his best friend, Oscar Madison, who lives alone since his divorce. Felix, a compulsive neat freak, moves in with Oscar, a self-proclaimed slob. Can two complete opposites live together without killing each other?

This play will be directed by Julia Body and runs from October 24 - November 8. Auditions will take place at the Theatre on Wednesday September 3 and Thursday September 4 at 7:00 pm. The cast consists of six men and two women, age range approximately 30 - 60.

Crew members are also needed. Props and Set Decor are particularly important to this show. For more information about crew areas, click [here](#).

For a copy of the script or to volunteer, contact Julia at 250-833-1496 or jebody@telus.net.

Everyone Loves a parade!

Once again Shuswap Theatre will have a float in the Salmon Arm Fall Fair Parade on Saturday, September 6. Shannon Hecker is organizing the extravaganza. If you would like to be part of the fun, contact Shannon very soon at 250-833-6001 or shshanny391@gmail.com. The more the merrier!



Shuswap Theatre's Annual **Open House** takes place on **Saturday, September 20 at 7:00 pm** with doors open at 6:30 pm. Members are needed in various capacities:

- * people in costume
- * tour guides
- * servers
- * welcomers
- * to help set up/clean up on Saturday/Sunday
- * someone to put together a Powerpoint presentation

Please spread the word and encourage friends and family to come out and see what's going to be playing in our 38th season. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Evelyn Birch at 250-833-1093 or t8326090@telus.net.

HELP WANTED!

Two or more people are needed to take on two very important volunteer positions with the Theatre. We are looking for someone to be the **Publicity Director**. This is a job that could be shared by two people. We also need someone to oversee the **programme** for each production. Please consider offering your services in one of these areas. For more information about what each entails, please contact Joyce Henderson at joiceh@shaw.ca or 250-832-4127.

Directors' Workshop

We are excited to announce that **Michael Armstrong**, the adjudicator for this year's Ozone Festival, has agreed to lead a workshop in the art of directing at Shuswap Theatre on **September 26, 27, 28**. This is open to those who have directed before as well as people with no directing experience. If you have thought of directing but felt you did not have the expertise, here is your opportunity! The cost is \$65 for the weekend (2 hours Friday, 6 hours Saturday, 4 hours Sunday). There is space for 12 people, but since the workshop will be open to other Ozone clubs, it will fill up quickly. **Twelve actors will also be needed** for Saturday and Sunday (cost \$10). For more information or to register, contact Althea Mongerson at intwinedfibreats@gmail.com or 778-489-1090.

WEEKEND ACTING INTENSIVE FOR YOUTH

Shuswap Theatre has formed a Youth Committee with a focus on nurturing the love of live theatre in young people! The goal is to have opportunities for youth to be involved in all aspects of a live theatre experience: acting, lighting, sound, costuming, set design and other backstage experiences.

In order to promote youth enthusiasm, several events will be planned throughout the year. First up is an **Acting Intensive** for youth **October 3rd and 4th** with Aidan Sparks and Peter Blacklock. Stay tuned to Shuswap Theatre website for more to come.

If you are interested in serving on the Youth Committee please contact Shannon Hecker at 250 833-6001.

NEW TICKETING SYSTEM




Vendini is a sophisticated online ticket sales system that will give Shuswap Theatre the ability to sell tickets online, at our ticket seller, **Intwined Fibre Arts** and at the Box Office. Patrons can even buy tickets through our Facebook Page without leaving Facebook.


Our new online Box Office will be open 24 hours a day and credit cards are processed instantly, around the clock. All transactions are 128-bit encrypted secure and in strict compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) so you don't have to worry about security. No password required!

Pick a seat, any seat! Our online venue maps show you exactly what seats are available when you order – once you choose your seats, they are guaranteed to be yours!

Watch for information in your mailbox or inbox about when you can start purchasing tickets online, beginning with Season Subscriptions.



Shuswap Theatre gratefully acknowledges the support of the **City of Salmon Arm** through the **Shuswap Community Foundation** with a recent grant of **\$2000** which went towards the purchase of equipment for the Vendini System. **Shuswap Rotary Club** also donated \$1300 towards the accessories needed for the system.



Season Subscriptions will be going on sale on or before September 19 and you will be able to order and pay online if you prefer, and with a credit card! The cost is \$57 for adults, \$51 for seniors (plus the online processing fee). We will send out a member email letting you know when you can go online and order your subscriptions.

Individual ticket prices for this season - Adult \$20, Senior \$18, Youth \$10, Children \$5.

A Face Lift for the Theatre



If you have driven by the theatre recently you will have noticed that things are looking much spiffier than before. Remember the cracked and peeling paint, the faded power striping? Following on the very successful fundraising Broadway Musical Concert, spearheaded by Jake Jacobson (thanks, Jake), we have the money and the work is proceeding. We are very grateful to Jim Clayton and his son, Hayden, for generously donating their labour to paint the side and back walls. (Be sure to thank them the next time you see them!)

Volunteers have gotten a start on the front, painting the cement retaining wall and railing and preparing the front of the Theatre for a fresh coat.

Help us finish the job. Join the **work party** on **Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 am**. We'll have everything shipshape in time for our Open House.

Theatre 101 - How a Production Happens

Shuswap Theatre is offering another free **Theatre 101 Workshop**. This is an opportunity for people new (or not so new) to the theatre to find out all that goes in to mounting a show, from choosing a play to Opening Night! It is also a chance for members to find out about areas they might not have worked in before. If you have any friends who might be interested in learning more about the theatre, please invite them to join us on **Saturday, November 1**. More details will be available closer to the the date.



Laughing Gas Improv Troupe is Shuswap Theatre's performing improv group and specializes in the art of unscripted comedy and improvised performance, at really cheap prices! The troupe is completely self-directed, with a strong sense of play, and a keen commitment to making their audiences laugh till the

tears run down their legs! Three seasonal shows – Saturday November 15, Saturday March 14 and Saturday June 20. Beer and wine are served and it's a fun adult night out. Tickets will be available online, at our ticket seller and at the door – \$9.00. For more information click [here](#).

Laughing Gas is also available for hire.

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

September 3 & 4	Auditions for <i>The Odd Couple</i> - 7:00 pm
September 6	Fall Fair Parade
September 13	Painting Work Party at the Theatre - 10:00 am
September 17	Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Everyone welcome to attend
September 20	Open House 7:00 pm, Doors open 6:30 pm
September 23	Annual General Meeting - 7:30 pm
Sept. 26,27,28	Directors' Workshop
September 30	Membership renewal deadline
October 3/4	Weekend Theatre Intensive for Youth
October 7	Seniors' Theatre starts - 9:00 - 11:00 am (every Tuesday)
October 16	Board Meeting - 7:00pm - all members welcome to attend
Oct. 24 - Nov. 8	<i>The Odd Couple</i> Run
November 1	Theatre 101 Workshop

BREAKING NEWS!

We would like to express our gratitude to the Shuswap Community Foundation for a grant of \$2500 to purchase sound equipment which will enhance our capabilities and allow more musical groups to perform at the Theatre.

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