

The PROMPTER



President's Message

This year is our 30th season and what a long way this group has come in three decades! In the early 70's live theatre started to put out roots in this community and in 1977 it transformed into the Shuswap Theatre Society and the first "season" was produced. Since then we've seen cast and crew tackle everything from popular musicals to amazing dramatic performances that have won the group awards at both the Zone and Provincial levels and created a reputation to be proud of within the theatre community.

Shuswap Theatre has been unbelievably lucky to have so many talented, devoted people come and go over the years. People that made us laugh or cry with their performances or who taught others the craft behind the scenes.

I have never been on stage and have no intention of ever acting (although people tell me it's only a matter of time.) For me theatre is watching a rehearsal and how changing the delivery of a line can completely change a scene. Or watching as someone transforms into the character and makes me believe. It's seeing how two dimensional a set is and being amazed how it looks so real under the lights. Or how each cast and crew works together to create a different world for eight performances. Theatre is passion and energy and dedication. Theatre is magic. Thank you to everyone who has helped create magic with Shuswap Theatre over the last 30 years.

This season has a spectacular line up that starts with a big splash and doesn't quit until the curtain closes at festival. Come and join us on-stage, backstage or in the audience. Be a part of our 30 year celebration. Be a part of the magic.

EXECUTIVE

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GRANT RECEIVED

Shuswap Theatre Society would like to thank **Shuswap Community Foundation** for a grant of \$2100. This money will be used for Phase #1 of a technical upgrade.

SEASON'S OPENING PRODUCTION

Shuswap Theatre will open it's 30th season with the longest running musical in history, **THE FANTASTICKS**. Directed by **Julia Body** and produced by **Cilla Budda**, this timeless fable of love will run from October 27 to November 4. As we go to press, the play has been mostly cast. However, there are some backstage positions that still need to be filled. If

you can help in the areas of publicity, costume assistance, foyer display, photography or Front of House, please call Cilla, at 832-6805 or 517-0037. She is also looking for someone to help coordinate "Julia's vision of a spectacular Opening Night"! Clowns and mimes are also needed for that night.



BACKSTAGE BASH

The much anticipated annual Open House will be held this year on Friday, September 15 at 7:30 pm. Evelyn Birch and Marion Huysmans are planning an exciting evening of informative fun and creative welcome. As always, there will be something for everyone - food, door prizes, a cash bar as well as a sneak preview of the upcoming season. This is a time to renew old acquaintances, meet new friends and consider how you might be involved in one of our exciting productions. Come and share in the fun and bring a friend.



OUR OWN WEBSITE!

Finally, Shuswap Theatre's very own website is up and running! Thanks to the skills of Ryan Anderson of Perimeter Design, a local graphic and website designer, we have a beautiful web presence that – although it's still a work in progress – will prove to be a very useful tool for the Society in the future. Over the years the group has dabbled on the internet with a couple of smaller sites but it was finally decided last year that it was time to develop a permanent site in order to reach more people and bring us into modern times.

Although it is not complete yet the board is very happy with the basic look and structure of the site and will be updating the content with Tracy Stacer managing the site at this time. Please check it out at <http://www.shuswaptheatre.com/> and send your feedback, suggestions or information to tracy@shuswaptheatre.com. (You can view or download this newsletter in full colour on the website.)

NEWS FROM THE O-ZONE

Shuswap Theatre is a member of Theatre BC, which is divided into zones. We belong to the Okanagan Zone (O-zone) and our own Cilla Budda is the O-Zone Chair (now serving her third term). Julia Body is Shuswap Theatre's rep. to the zone. The Zone continues to grow, with three new clubs joining this past year.

Artistically and financially the 2006 O-Zone Festival was very successful. The winning play was the very challenging entry from Theatre Kelowna, **HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE**. Shuswap Theatre received three awards, including a special merit award to director **Lois Archer Duell** and another to **Justin Janzen** who received the Wilson Riley Award as the Best Newcomer.

At Mainstage in Maple Ridge in July, our own **Lisa Bennett** garnered an honourable mention in the Graphics Competition for her poster for **MOON OVER BUFFALO**.



2006-07 SEASON

October 27 - November 4

The Fantasticks (*Mainstage Production*)

December 8-17

Puss in Boots

March 9-17

Halo (*Mainstage Production*)

March 23-24

Marion Bridge (*Second Stage*)

May 4-12

Death and the Maiden (*Mainstage Production*)

TICKETS FOR ALL MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT WEARABOUTS

350 Alexander St.

832-5100

(OR PURCHASE SEASON TICKETS BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2006)

Membership

Since there has been no newsletter for quite some time, it was not possible to inform people that their membership in Shuswap Theatre was due for renewal. Therefore, many of our memberships have expired. If you are receiving a renewal notice with this newsletter, please mail your membership cheque to Patrick Benson c/o Shuswap Theatre, or pay at the Backstage Bash.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Is this the year for you to become involved with Shuswap Theatre at the grassroots level - where the future of the company is discussed and plans and decisions are made? If so, please come to the the Annual General Meeting at the Theatre on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m. Elections will be held at that time for the new executive. If you would like to nominate someone for an executive position, please call Kim MacMillan at 832-4094.



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