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It's time to get out your calendar and mark all the important dates for Shuswap Theatre events this fall as well as all of our productions for the 2010/11 season. It is shaping up to be another exciting year for theatre in our community-our 34th season!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Think Tank session this summer, either in person or by email. Many great ideas were shared and the new executive will be spending time this fall to sort through all of them. They will use the data to help create a vision for our group and to enable us grow and prosper in the years to come.



AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30pm** at the Theatre. Coffee, tea and cold refreshments will be served. Come at 7:00pm to socialize and to confirm or renew your membership. (You must have a current membership to vote.) Are you interested in being a member of the Board of Directors for Shuswap Theatre? Do you have the desire to make a difference and at least 4 - 6 hours a month to help guide our Society? Call John MacVicar (250-832-4264), the Returning Officer if you would like to let your name stand or to nominate another member. There will be sign-up sheets for our four upcoming productions, if you are interested in volunteering or being mentored for an area new to you.

BACKSTAGE PASS

Would you like to have a sneak preview of our 34th season? Would you like to hear what the directors have to say about the plays they have chosen? Come out to our annual Backstage Pass and find out how exciting our season is going to be! The Artistic Committee has planned a fabulous season with some strong Canadian content, a Christmas pantomime and a classic. We are also excited to present some new directors this year as well as some veterans. There will be an opportunity to buy your season's tickets that evening.



Saturday, September 25 at 7:30 PM



Everyone Loves a parade!!!

Shuswap Theatre is about to make a splash at the Fall Fair Parade with the debut of a **Kazoo Marching Band!!** If you have feet (or are otherwise self-propelled) and a willingness to dress up and hum along, then you are fully qualified and we would love to have you join us for this spectacle. Peter Blacklock (bless him) has agreed to be the conductor of the highly unsophisticated Marching Band and with one practice - **6:30 Thursday, Sept. 9 at Shuswap Theatre** - will transform a group of motley theatre enthusiasts into an entertaining marching band! We will supply kazoos and help you assemble a Marching Band Costume that matches the dignity of the occasion. Call Cathy at 250-515-1166 or email cwlake@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating.



Shuswap Theatre will be helping to staff the Arts Council booth at the Fall Fair. If you are able to volunteer for a shift, please contact James Bowlby at 250-832-8383.

2010-2011 SEASON

CHIMERA

By Wendy Lill • Directed by Peter Blacklock • Preview October 21, Runs 22 – 30

This Canadian play centres on a struggling journalist who finds a likely target in his childhood friend Clare McGuire, the splashy new Minister of Justice. It's "Science on the Hill Days". His search for a story leads him to Dr. Nell Harrier, the scientist searching for a cure for autism, and a furor erupts! (*Information about auditions on page 5.*)

THE GOLDEN BIRD

A Christmas Pantomime by James Bowlby • Directed by Virginia Verma
December 9-12 & 16- 19

The famous story of the golden apples, the golden bird, the golden horse, golden music – well, it's a golden story.

WRONG FOR EACH OTHER

by Norm Foster • Directed by Kim MacMillan • Preview February 24, Runs Feb 25 - March 5

This brilliant and very funny romantic comedy features a chance meeting of a former couple. The humour is punctuated by moments of serious drama as the foibles of these ordinary people are lovingly exposed. Surprises await.

HEARTBREAK HOUSE

by George Bernard Shaw • Directed by James Bowlby • Preview May 5, Runs May 6-14

With its bold combination of high farce and irony, Shaw's play remains an uncannily prophetic depiction of a society on the threshold of an abrupt awakening. Wonderful characters and dialogue only Shaw could create.

Visit our website <http://www.shuswaptheatre.com/calendar> for more information about each production.

With cutbacks to funding for the Arts and increased costs of utilities, repairs and maintenance to our building, we have had to slightly increase our prices for adult tickets. (Student prices remain the same.) The good news is that there is no HST on our ticket prices! We haven't increased our prices in over six years and we trust that you will understand the need to do so at this time. Our ticket prices remain among the least expensive of all community theatre groups in the Okanagan Zone. Your word of mouth in helping to fill our seats helps to keep costs down. Thank you for your continued patronage.

**Adult Subscription is \$45 for our 3 Mainstage productions. After September 30 - \$17 per show.
Student tickets are \$10 per show.**

Brochures and subscription packages will be mailed soon.

Season's tickets will be for sale from September 1 - 30.

Please contact Karen Sansom at seasontickets@shuswaptheatre.com or visit our website: http://www.shuswaptheatre.com/documents/Season_Ticket_Letter_2010.pdf

Theatre Around the Valley

Kelowna Actors Studio

Carousel Sept. 16 - 18

Harvey Oct. 7 - 31

Many Hats Theatre (Penticton)

Sylvia Sept. 9 - Oct. 2

Western Canada Theatre

Thunderstruck Sept. 23 - Oct. 9

Shirley Valentine Oct. 21 - 30

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS AT SHUSWAP THEATRE!

New! Your membership will now come with shopping benefits in our community! We will be providing each member with a card that you can use at local businesses listed on the card to receive special discounts or privileges because you are a Shuswap Theatre member! How great is that! (More information coming.)

IMPROV IS BACK!

The very successful improvisational group will start meeting again in the fall. There will be a season planning meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00pm at Shuswap Theatre. If you were a part of the group last year or are wondering what it's all about, come to this meeting and be part of organizing the season. Improv is tentatively scheduled to take place the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of September and then the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each subsequent month at the Theatre. When there is a production there will be an alternate location.

Contact Julia Body at 250-833-1496 for more information.



Entertaining Evening

Join us for a 'Red Carpet' evening of wine, food, song and laughs! Last year's event was a big success with requests to "do it again!" Mark **Saturday, November 20** on your calendar and pull out the fancy clothes! If you are interested in performing at this event - singing, playing an instrument, performing a skit, soliloquy, participating in Improv or ???, contact Monica at 250-833-6100. We will also need some lovely ladies and dapper gentlemen to help pour beverages and serve tapis.



SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

September 1 - 30	Season's Tickets on sale
September 7 & 8	Auditions for <i>Chimera</i> - 7:30pm (see below)
September 9	Kazoo Marching Band Practice - 6:30pm at the Theatre
September 11	Fall Fair Parade
September 14	Improv planning meeting - 7:00pm
September 21	Annual General Meeting - 7:30pm
September 25	Backstage Pass - 7:30pm
September 28	Improv - 7:00pm
October 5	Improv - 7:00pm
October 12	Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Everyone welcome to attend
October 19	Improv - 7:00pm
October 21	<i>Chimera</i> preview - 8:00pm
October 22 - 30	<i>Chimera</i> run
November 2	Improv - 7:00pm
November 9	Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Everyone welcome to attend
November 16	Improv - 7:00pm
November 20	"Entertaining Evening"

AUDITIONS FOR CHIMERA

Auditions for our first production, *Chimera* (kymeera) will take place at the Theatre on Tuesday, September 7 and Wednesday September 8 at 7:30pm. Roles are two females, one 30-45 and one 50+, and four males aged 25 - 50. Also needed are crew members in all areas. Please call Peter Blacklock for more information - 250-675-3004.

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