SHUSWAP THEATRE SOCIETY

The **PROMPTER Entrementary DISTRACTED**

There's still time to catch a performance of our current production, *Distracted* which runs till March 8. This hilarious, poignant play revolves around 9 year-old Jesse and his family as they deal with their son's inability to focus. But after a while we start to wonder if everyone has ADHD, perhaps the whole society! Come prepared to laugh heartily and perhaps do a little pondering, too. Dates, times etc. can be found <u>here</u>.

Our thanks to guest director Adele Kuyek of Vernon for bringing this marvellous and entertaining story to life. Special mention also goes to Marcus Smith for wonderful electronic and visual effects, an important component of the story.



Photo by Isobel Anderson

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE [abridged]

Auditions for our spring production will take place at Shuswap Theatre **Tuesday**, **March 4 and Wednesday**, **March 5** at **7:30 pm**. Needed are three men, ages 18 -65ish. This is a physically and mentally active play. Show dates are April 25 - May 10 with a performance in Vernon the following week (date TBA) for the Okanagan Zone Festival. Script available on request. For more information, please contact director, Evelyn Birch 250-832-6090 or click <u>here</u>.

We welcome newcomer, Kathy Moore, as the Administrative Producer for this play and we are looking for a Technical Producer. Information about what this entails can be found <u>here</u>. Call Evelyn if you are interested or for more information.



SENIORS THEATRE WORKSHOP

Would you be interested in starting your own Seniors Theatre program? Or perhaps you know someone or some group that might be. This FREE workshop will show you all the fun that can be had and why Seniors Theatre

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is the fastest-growing creative activity for Seniors in North America. Click click here to read more.

Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program through a grant made available to Shuswap Theatre Society. **`anada**'

Additional support provided by Shuswap Theatre Society and Sorrento Memorial Hall Society.

Help Needed!

Just like our homes, the Theatre needs a **Spring Cleaning**. This will happen on <u>March 29</u> from <u>10am - 12:30pm</u>. Bring a vacuum if it's easy to maneuver and rubber gloves. **Pizza provided**. Contact Cilla if you can help at 250-832-6805.

A fund-raising **Garage Sale** is planned for <u>April 12</u> from <u>9am till 1:00</u>. There will be a plant table so please bring perennials from your garden or seedlings. No clothing, thank you. If you have something to donate or are willing to help, please contact Joyce at joiceh@shaw.ca or 250-832-4127.





More Volunteer Opportunities

Community theatre depends on a cadre of dedicated volunteers to create the magic of drama, much of that work behind the scenes. Please consider whether you might take on one of these currently needed roles.

Volunteer Welcomer: We need someone to phone each new person who completes the *Areas of Interest* questionnaire on our website. There is no substitute for the personal touch. A friendly person who can answer questions and find out a little more about the volunteer's history and interests goes a long way to developing new talent and making people feel welcome. Contact Kim MacMillan at <u>volunteer@shuswaptheatre.com</u> or 250-832-4094 if you would like to know more. You don't need to be a theatre expert.

Workshop Organizers: The Artistic Committee is responsible for initiating training opportunities to develop skills and knowledge to build our company. But they need a group of willing planners to take on the details of organizing these events. No significant knowledge of theatre is needed, just organizational skills. Contact Julia Body at **jebody@shaw.ca** or 250-833-1496.

Our member feedback suggests we reach out into the community more. We like the idea and are looking for a small **team of creative promoters** who will brainstorm ideas to take theatre to the people (guerrilla theatre on a topical issue, perhaps?). This team doesn't need to do it all, but gather and generate ideas and infect others with the desire to make it happen.

A single volunteer, or a small group, is needed to organize a **Shuswap Theatre Float** for the Fall Fair Parade. Lots of possibilities and great visibility!

If you are interested in any of these roles, call our president, Joyce Henderson, at 250-832-4127 or joiceh@shaw.ca.

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

Feb. 21 - Mar. 8	Distracted run
Every Tuesday	Seniors Theatre 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Theatre until April 8.
March 4 & 5	Auditions for Complete Works 7:30 pm at the Theatre
March 14	Ballet Kelowna 7:30 pm
March 15	Theatre Sports Competition by Laughing Gas Improv Troupe
March 19	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (everyone welcome)
March 22	Seniors Theatre Workshop 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
March 29	Spring Cleaning 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
April 12	Garage Sale 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
April 16	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (everyone welcome)
April 25 - May 10	Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) run
May 11 - 18	O-Zone Festival in Vernon
May 23, 24, 25	Shuswap Theatre Benefit Concert - A Review of Broadway Show Tunes

Ballet Kelowna

Ballet Kelowna launches its second decade with a ground-breaking program featuring Canadian choreographers and composers. From pioneering works to a cutting-edge jazz commission, *Innovation* will challenge ideas of contemporary ballet. Shuswap Theatre, Friday, March 14 7:30pm. Tickets at Salmon Arm Stationery, 310 Hudson Ave. NW also at door of Theatre on night of performance. (general seating)

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