The PROMPTER SHuswap theatre





Our first show of the season is off to a roaring start! This hysterical comedy by Neil Simon is delighting audiences every night. Once again, Julia Body and her merry band of actors are having great fun working out their problems on stage to hilarious effect.

Congratulations to the cast and crew for another winner!



Photography by Roger Beardsmore

The Odd Couple runs till November 8. Check our website for dates, times and ticket prices. Tickets can be purchased online or at out ticket seller, Intwined Fibre Arts on Hudson Ave. Unsold tickets, if any, can be purchased at the door. However, tickets are selling fast, with some shows already sold out. So it's best to get your tickets in advance.

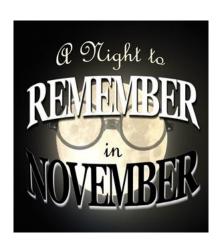
Shuswap Theatre is a **SHUGO** participant. If you are between the ages of 5 and 21, you can purchase a SHUGO ticket for only \$5 at the Salmon Arm Art Gallery and then exchange it for a ticket at our ticket seller or at the Box Office for a student or children's ticket.



Shuswap Theatre's LAUGHING GAS IMPROV TROUPE is at it again! Tickets are on sale now for the Fall Show. *A Night To Remember* will be Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 pm, the day of the municipal election. What better way to come and de-stress after you vote!

Tickets are just \$9.00 (plus applicable online fee). Click here to buy tickets online now! Or you can purchase them at **Intwined Fibre Arts** on Hudson, or at the door. General admission seating.

As is our tradition, **beer and wine** are served from our no-host bar before the show, during the show and at intermission. Arrange for a ride home and have a really fun night out. This show is rated M and not recommended for anyone under the age of 16.



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With the new season comes a new ticketing system. Vendini allows you to purchase tickets online, at our ticket seller or at the Box Office using your credit card. You can even buy tickets from our Facebook page. When you arrive at the Theatre, you will see we have a new ticket kiosk to allow us to process tickets using this new system. We are extremely grateful to Bob Scales who built this beautiful piece of furniture and to Shuswap Rotary Club who donated \$1300 for the materials and the equipment needed to support Vendini.

NEW TICKETING SYSTEM

PLEASE NOTE!

You are now able you use a credit card to purchase tickets online, at our ticket seller or at the Theatre for our three Mainstage shows and Improv shows. However, it is **CASH ONLY** for "Pay What You Can" Thursday shows and our Christmas Show, where tickets are purchased only at the Theatre before each performance.

Bah Humbug!

Once again, Shuswap Theatre will be delighting audiences with a Christmas pantomime. *Bah Humbug!* is a fun-filled retelling of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, but with a twist! It includes all the well-loved characters, including Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghost of Christopher Marley and the Cratchitt family – except Tiny Tim is now a teenager, and an amusing one, although his family doesn't think so!

There will be eight performances from December 5 - 14, with evening shows Fridays and Saturdays and matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.



Producer, James Bowlby has filled most of the crew positions but is still looking for a lighting operator (there is a designer) and a hairdresser. If you can help or know of someone, please contact James at lakes67@me.com or 250-832-5134. Teresa McKerral is also trying to locate a few props: Halloween type gravestones; 3 pocket watches; Victorian Christmas decorations; holly. If you can help, contact Teresa at 250-515-1978 or teresamckerral9@gmail.com.

Since the Theatre is busy with **The Odd Couple**, the cast and crew of **Bah Humbug!** needed to find a rehearsal space. Bill Laird stepped forward and generously offered us use of a vacant property, rent-free.

A huge **THANK YOU** to Bill for his continued support.

THANK YOU!



Shuswap Theatre is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a \$2500 grant from the Community Foundation for an upgrade to our sound system. On the list are 4 excellent microphones with cords and stands, a pair of powered speakers, and a snake. A snake you ask? Yes, this snake is 125 ft long and contains 20 cables. It will be permanently wired from the stage to our sound console to make it easy to connect all kinds of equipment. These things will enhance our own productions and make our building a more attractive rental venue for musical groups.

Theatre Board Looks Back

Your hard working Board of Directors spends most of its time looking ahead. At the first meeting of the newly elected/re-elected Board, we paused to look back and celebrate our collective accomplishments this past year. Many have noticed an increase in energy and participation overall, such as, more new people involved, more people turning out for auditions and a general buzz. Here is a partial list:

- Membership grew by a third from 118 to 157
- Ended the year with a surplus of \$1,400.
- Vendini online ticketing system up and running with credit card purchases and unprecedented capacity to communicate directly with our audience
- Three great mainstage productions Little Shop of Horrors grossed over \$20,000, Distracted featured amazing technical wizardry & The Complete Works of Shakespeare garnered 5 OZone awards.
- Hugely successful Broadway Musical Concert
- The building exterior looks great new coat of paint and signage.
- A pigeon-proof awning Yay!!
- Theatre now has internet access.
- Lots of people in Seniors' Theatre and loving it
- Weekend Youth Theatre Intensive
- Float in the Fall Fair parade.
- Major spring cleaning party
- Successful garage sale
- Lots of community support grants from the Community Foundation, the Salmar, the city and Shuswap Rotary and many business sponsorships
- Setting up an endowment fund with the Shuswap Community Foundation
- Successful Director's workshop

Shuswap Theatre is on the move! Our gratitude to all of you who make it happen.

Endowment Fund

Our Annual General Meeting voted to set up a "Shuswap Theatre Society Endowment Fund" with the Shuswap Community Foundation. The annual earnings of this fund, currently at 5%, will be available to the Society to use as needed. Anyone can make a donation to the Shuswap Community Foundation and designate the money to this fund.



Donations can be made online through <u>CanadaHelps.org</u>, using your credit or debit card. Click on <u>THIS LINK</u>, then select <u>Shuswap Theatre Endowment Fund</u>. Donations can also be mailed or delivered to Shuswap Community Foundation, 450 Lakeshore Drive NE, Box 624, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N7. Please spread the word as we hope this fund will grow over the years to be a significant source of funding for our Theatre.

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

Till November 8 The Odd Couple

Every Tuesday Seniors' Theatre 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Theatre

November 15 Laughing Gas Improv Fall Show - A Night to Remember

7:30 pm

November 19 Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (everyone welcome)

December 5 - 14 Bah Humbug! Christmas Pantomime



A warm welcome to our new Board member, Bea Kirkwood-Hackett. We are also delighted to have two new members on the Artistic Committee - Ellen Gonella and Paul Kirkwood-Hackett.

And a huge thank you to our outgoing Board Member, Julia Body, for her many years of dedicated service to the Board and the Theatre. Julia is continuing to be a member of the Artistic Committee. That committee lost one member this season. Aidan Sparks, who was involved in so many aspects of the theatre, has moved to the coast. We wish him luck.



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