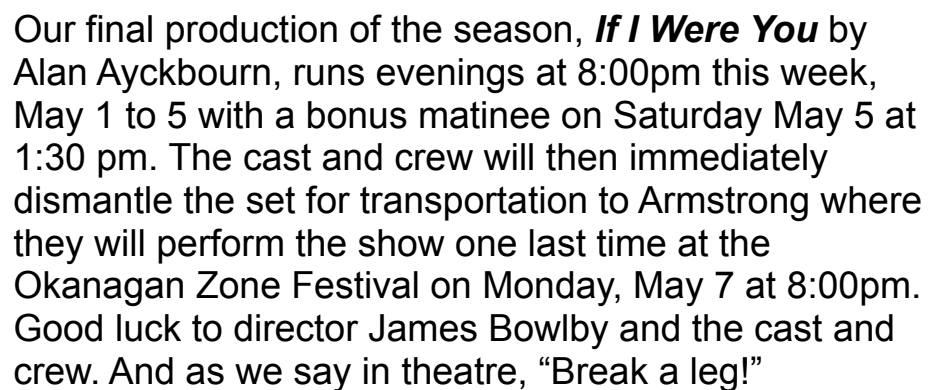


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## A comedy with a twist



Once again, Shuswap Theatre is planning to mount a summer production. **LEGEND** is a collaboration between Kenthen Thomas and James Bowlby. What happens when two cultures clash? When Coyote tries to save his people by living in peace with the invaders, can his culture and people survive? This production will be visually exciting through the use of masks and aurally attractive through the use of drumming and other Canadian music. The show opens July 17 with evening shows at 7:30 and matinees on Sundays at 1:30. Check our website for more updates as the show is being mounted. There will also be information for students to apply for a Summer Employment Grant with this show or to receive an honorarium for performing.

## IT'S FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN!

There are two wonderful opportunities in the next few months to take in some great theatre. Firstly, the **Okanagan Zone Festival** takes place in Armstrong from May 5 to 12 - seven plays in seven days! The lineup is as follows, with an 8:00 PM curtain time each evening:

May 5 - Asparagus Community Theatre (Armstrong)  
May 6 - Powerhouse Theatrical Society (Vernon)  
May 7 - Shuswap Theatre  
May 8 - Theatre Kelowna Society  
May 9 - Playhouse 25 (Kelowna)  
May 10 - Bumbershoot Children's Theatre (Kelowna)  
May 11 - Kamloops Players  
May 12 - Awards, Banquet and Dance

*Tamarack*  
*The Woman In Black*  
*If I Were You*  
*Perfect Wedding*  
*Waiting For the Parade*  
*The Hundred Dresses*  
*Dearly Departed*

Complete information about the Festival can be found at:

<http://www.asparagus.theatrebc.org/ozone2012.html>

From each Zone Festival in the province, one play is chosen to perform at **Mainstage**. The Theatre BC provincial festival takes place in Kamloops from June 30 - July 7. Information about the Festival can be found on the Theatre BC website at: <http://www.tbcmainstage.ca/>.

These festivals offer not only some great theatre but also a wonderful learning opportunity with workshops and the morning *coffee critiques* where the adjudicator works with the cast and director of the previous evening's play. We are very lucky that these two events are happening practically on our doorstep. Why not consider taking in all or part of the Ozone and Mainstage Festivals?



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SELL SPONSORSHIPS and ADS

Do you have a love for sales? Great connections in Salmon Arm? Looking to get out of the house a bit more? Shuswap Theatre is seeking a volunteer to sell our various ads and show sponsorships for the coming year. For more information contact Monica at [pr@shuswaptheatre.com](mailto:pr@shuswaptheatre.com) or 250-833-6100.

# Improv Night

More area residents than ever before are discovering Shuswap Theatre's Laughing Gas Improv Troupe which will present '**Saturday night at The Improv**' on June 16 at 7:30pm. Join the fun of Shuswap Theatre's premiere Improv group (that's our story and we're sticking to it) frolicking about on stage and spreading the laughter through the house. Doors open at 6:30 pm, cash bar, refreshments from the concession. Only \$5.00 at the door.

For more information or to volunteer contact Monica at [pr@shuswaptheatre.com](mailto:pr@shuswaptheatre.com) or



## News from the Building Committee

Plans for the new theatre building are still slowly moving along. We have reached a point in the process where we have asked the Mayor to convene a meeting with all the main players in the project.

There are four other main players. The City of Salmon Arm will hopefully help with applying for grants and other considerations. The CSRD have said they are interested in financial support if the theatre is, in fact, a "community" facility. The Salmar Association is keen on assisting us, but their committee has not decided on just how that support will look. The Downtown College is very supportive and would apply to start a theatrical arts program if the new facility was within walking distance of their new campus.

A working partnership with these organizations would be beneficial in many ways and, quite frankly, it would be impossible for the Theatre Society to attempt such a major undertaking alone.

The new facility would more than likely be managed by a new society set up to run the building, similar to the society that runs the arena. There are a lot of details to be worked out, so we are looking forward to a meeting of the big five so that we can start working cooperatively towards achieving our dream of a new and vastly improved home for our group.

We are in the last scene of Act 1 ... the tension is building as all of our characters are facing each other around the large oak table ... the lights have turned down to a deep amber as the players prepare to engage in constructive dialog. The audience sits breathlessly on the edge of their seats!

Jake Jacobson  
Shuswap Theatre Building Committee Chair

## CARAVAN FARM THEATRE

Caravan's summer production is highly anticipated each year by many in the Shuswap and Okanagan as well as by visitors from afar. This year the famous company will present *The Notorious Right Robert and His Robber Bride* which will run from July 24 to August 26. Information about the show and other happenings on the Farm, can be found at: [www.caravanfarmtheatre.com](http://www.caravanfarmtheatre.com).

## SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

Until May 5	<i>If I Were You</i> plays at 8:00 pm nightly as well as a 1:30 pm Matinee on Saturday, May 5
May 5-12	Okanagan Zone Festival in Armstrong
May 15	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre ( <i>everyone welcome</i> )
June 12	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre ( <i>everyone welcome</i> )
June 16	Saturday Night at the Improv 7:30pm
June 20 - July 7	MAINSTAGE Festival in Kamloops
July 17	<i>Legend</i> - Opening Night



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