

The PROMPTER



Renovation: The Musical!



This delightful, original musical comedy/drama is written and directed by Peter Blacklock, assisted by Kim MacMillan, with choreography by Jan McDonnell. It features an ordinary family that tackles an extraordinary home renovation. Their plans are complicated by the machinations of Brother Renovation of the *House of Renovation*, who is determined to plant the seeds of dissatisfaction in every heart so that the renovations (and therefore sales) will never end. But he didn't count on a feisty

mother-in-law to throw a wrench into his plans. This is a funny, yet moving entertainment that somehow ends up with its values in the right place.

Renovation: The Musical! opens on Friday, November 4, with half price preview night on Thursday, November 3. Tickets are on sale at Wearabouts on Alexander Street - Adults \$17, Seniors (60 and over) \$15, Students \$7 (with student ID), Children up to 12 \$5. (Students, check out SHUGO on page 4.) Come out for a wonderful evening of entertainment – singing, dancing, a great story – this show has it all! Don't miss it!

Please note: *for this show only – handicapped access is limited, therefore, we are unable to accommodate wheel chairs or scooters in the theatre. If you require a handicap seat, please call the theatre at 250-832-9283 to reserve your seat and have your ticket held at the Box Office.*

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SUBSCRIPTION SALE

If you missed the opportunity to buy a Season Subscription (at the sale price) – you can still do so during the run of *Renovation: The Musical!* Just show the ticket that you purchased to see *Renovation!* and the price of your ticket will be deducted from the Season Subscription price for the remaining two Mainstage productions! Subscription sale is available only at the theatre– during intermission and after the show.

Adult Subscription price for the winter and spring shows is only \$28, the Seniors Subscription price is only \$27 (60 years and over).



IMPROV PERFORMANCE NIGHT



Shuswap Theatre's performing Improv group 'Laughing Gas Improv' will be hosting another 'Laugh 'til you Cry' evening on Saturday, November 26. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the fun and giggles start at 7:30 pm. Cost is only \$5.00 at the door. There will be a Cash Bar and complimentary snacks. These shows are rated Mature, although that rating may not describe some of the performers! So bring your friends out to the most inexpensive gas (and laughs) in town. For more information contact Monica at 250-833-6100 or pr@shuswaptheatre.com.

Regular improv practices are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

The Improv group has received a number of inquiries from people who are interested in Improv and don't want the commitment of the performing group, so they are hosting a **drop-in play group** on the 4th Monday of each month, at 7:15 pm. These evenings are open to anyone over 16 and are free. For more information about Shuswap Theatre's Improv program, please contact Julia Body at 250-833-1496 or djbody@sunwave.net.

STRESSMAS



Our Christmas show is now cast and into rehearsal. Director Lana Caputi is also one of the four playwrights. **Stressmas** is going to be quite different from any of our previous Christmas productions.

Three grumpy clowns called The Grumps somehow find themselves between this world and another. They set out on a journey with their angel, Gabby, to find their very own true meaning of Christmas. Through clown, song and dance, this quirky musical is sure to bring fun, laughter and real enjoyment for the holidays.

Stressmas runs from December 11 – 17 with 1:30 pm matinees as well as evening shows on the 11th and 17th. All evening performances are at 7:30 pm with no show on December 14th. Tickets are available only at the door. Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Students \$7 (with student ID), Children up to age 12 \$5. Our new FAMILY rate is \$30 for up to 2 adults and 2 children/students. (Students, read about SHUGO on page 4.)

Anyone interested in working on this show, please contact producer, Randy Brogden at 250-832-1827 or director Lana Caputi at 250-675-3727.



Leading Ladies

Our second mainstage production of the season, **Leading Ladies** is a hilarious farce set in Pennsylvania in 1958, written by playwright Ken Ludwig (*Moon Over Buffalo*, *Lend Me a Tenor*). Two English actors find themselves so down on their luck that they are reduced to performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in Amish country. Leo hears that an old lady in York,

PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews. He and his buddy, Jack, decide to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is that the nephews are actually nieces and when Leo and Jack discover this, the pandemonium begins. Romantic entanglements, mistaken identities, and downright hilarity ensues.

Auditions for this show will take place on **December 19 and 20 at 7:00 pm** at the Theatre. Needed are 3 females aged 18 - 70+ and 5 males aged 18 - 60+. For more information please contact director Julia Body at 250-833-1496 or djbody@sunwave.net.

Theatre Around the Valley

Asparagus Theatre (Armstrong)

James and the Giant Peach Nov. 30-Dec. 10

Many Hats Theatre Co. (Penticton)

Christmas Belles Nov. 10 - Dec. 3

Powerhouse Theatre (Vernon)

It's Snowing on Saltspring Dec. 7 - 18

Theatre Kelowna Society

Honk Dec. 2 - 11

Western Canada Theatre

Joseph & His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Nov. 24-Dec 6

ShuGo



Shugo is a program to encourage youth in the Shuswap to attend live arts and cultural events and to help live-arts groups build their young audiences. Tickets are sold by Shuswap District Arts Council and are available only at the office in the Art Gallery on Hudson Ave. for \$5 each.

Shuswap Theatre is one of the participating groups in this program. Youth aged 12 to 21 can purchase these tickets for attendance at any of our shows.

More information is available at <http://www.shuswapartscouncil.bc.ca/shugo.html> or by calling 250-832-6807.

A Weekend of Workshops



The three workshops held on the last weekend of September were very well received. Thank you to our facilitators for all the time and effort they put into making the weekend so successful. Julia Body led a workshop on Stage Managing, Susan MacMillan and Karen Sansom presented on Producing and Kim MacMillan and Jake Jacobson shared knowledge about Sound and working with the new QLab software.

Jake Jacobson, Kim MacMillan, J.P. Lord and Randy Brogden, obviously having fun during the Sound Workshop!

Thank You to the Shuswap Community Foundation



Shuswap Theatre recently received a \$2000 grant from the Foundation to purchase new sound technology for the sound booth. We're very thankful for the Foundations' ongoing support of our Theatre and we're looking forward to using this new technology for **Renovation: The Musical!** Click here to read more: <http://shuswaptheatre.com/sponsors/acknowledgements/>

Candidates' Positions on a New Theatre Building

The Shuswap Theatre Building Committee sent a letter to all candidates for the 2011 Salmon Arm Municipal Election. The letter asked candidates to indicate their thoughts about how the City should respond to the new theatre initiative and listed a number of ways that the City could show support. The candidates were also given a brief history of Shuswap Theatre and of the Building Committee. It was requested that responses be received by October 28th and candidates were advised that theatre members would be informed by email about their responses.

Ten candidates responded, some in great detail. All ten indicated support of our initiative and appreciated the opportunity to express their interest. Next week we will send an email to members on the email list with both the letter from the Building Committee and the Candidates Responses attached. This information is also being posted on the website if you would like to share with anyone. Please take time to read these so that you can be more informed on voting day.

These are the candidates who responded, in the order their emails were received: **Louise Wallace, Denise Reimer, Ronald Telfer, Glenn Hill, Jim Kimmerly, Nancy Cooper, Alan Harrison, Kevin Flynn, Tim Lavery, Tom Sakamoto.** Warren Bell emailed with a simple, "Thanks". No response was received by the October 28th deadline from Ted Bacigalupo, Debbie Cannon, Chad Eliason, Lynne Hawrys, Ivan Idzan, Ken Jamieson, Marg Kentel, John Lund, Skylar Plourde or Tomas Welsh.



An Unfortunate Event

On Sunday, November 23rd Shuswap Theatre was broken into. The side door to the lobby was forced open and the iMac in the upper office was stolen. Fortunately, nothing else of value was taken though we are now faced with replacing the computer which was on loan to us, as well as the damaged door and door frame. The police have said this was not an 'inside job' as some of you may have heard and that it is typical of many break-ins where the thief gains entrance through a darker doorway, enters as quickly as possible and takes only one or two things of value that can be hidden under their jacket or put in a back pack. As you are aware, we are a non-profit society that works very hard to stay in the black and provide quality live theatre to residents. An insurance claim is not something we needed. If you know of anyone who has a used PC or Mac, at a very affordable price (or willing to donate) for us to use in the upper office, please contact Monica at 250-833-6100.

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

November 3	Renovation: The Musical! Preview 8:00 pm
November 4 - 12	Renovation: The Musical! Nightly at 8:00 pm except Sunday Matinee November 6 at 1:30 pm; no show Monday
November 7	Improv Practice 7:15 pm at the Theatre
November 15	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (<i>everyone welcome</i>)
November 21	Improv Practice 7:15 pm at the Theatre
November 28	Improv 'Drop In' Playgroup, 7:15 pm
November 26	Improv Performance Night, 7:00 pm at Theatre
December 5	Improv Practice 7:15 pm
December 11	Stressmas 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm
December 12 -13	Stressmas 7:30 pm
December 13	Board Meeting 7:00 pm – location to be determined
December 15 - 16	Stressmas 7:30 pm
December 17	Stressmas 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm
December 19 - 20	Auditions for Leading Ladies 7:00 pm at the Theatre

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