

The PROMPTER



MENDING FENCES



Photography by Henry Schnell

The first production of our new season opened on October 26 and runs till November 3. Written by Canadian playwright, Norm Foster, ***Mending Fences*** is set on a Saskatchewan ranch. Harry Sullivan (Fred Green) hasn't heard from his son Drew (David MacAulay) in thirteen years when Drew shows up at the train station. This poignant comedy tells the story of two men who want to reach out to each other but are too proud and stubborn to risk saying so. Harry's girlfriend, Gin (Elaine Holmes), finds herself directing traffic in the middle of it all!

If you haven't seen the play yet, you are in for a real treat! Danielle Dunn-Morris is delighted to be back at Shuswap Theatre directing such a capable and hard-working cast and crew.



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At Shuswap Theatre we usually have lots of people who would like to try acting in a play. Some are experienced and others are first timers. There are others who would like to try it out but haven't been brave enough to audition yet. Here is an opportunity to learn about it and get some experience with a skilled acting teacher, Danielle Dunn-Morris.

In theatre it's always a helpful thing to be known. So if you haven't acted with us before, this is a great chance to get to know other members and to become known yourself. Besides, it will be a lot of fun.

For more details check our website: shuswaptheatre.com/news/acting-workshop/

Kim MacMillan, Artistic Committee

Quotes from participants:

- * “Senior’s ‘play date’ or ‘Romper Room’ with Peter Blacklock is something for any and all senior folk to look forward to each Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 am at Shuswap Theatre.”
 - * “What is wonderful about it is the no-pressure atmosphere and laughter prevails!”
 - * “The encouragement from Peter and the ‘no failure’ exercises are a great stimulus for keeping the ol’ brainwaves waving.”
 - * “It’s amazing how much fun you can have while learning something.”
 - * “We all learn new ‘stuff’ each week and no one needs to be an ACTOR.”
 - * “You just have to be yourself and willing to try new things.”
 - * “If you haven’t done any theatre but would like to, it opens up a whole new world.”
 - * “Love, love, loving it!”
- The image contains the Shuswap Theatre logo at the top right, which includes a stylized 'S' and the text 'SHUSWAP Theatre presents'. Below the logo are three colorful illustrations: a pink figure dancing, a man in a yellow shirt and green pants holding a microphone, and a man in a blue suit gesturing. At the bottom of these illustrations is a small drawing of a red building labeled 'THEATRE' and a black and white mask icon.
- ## Seniors Theatre
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This is a drop-in program. The only cost is a \$10 membership in Shuswap Theatre and a \$2 a week fee.

'How the Grins Stole Christmas'

Shuswap Theatre's 'Laughing Gas Improv Troupe', under the direction of Julia Body and Gloria Cox is presenting our Christmas show this year, **'How the Grins Stole Christmas'** – the hilarious stories and songs of Christmas with improv, sketch comedy, monologues and fractured Christmas carols. There will be special guest performances from Peter Blacklock, Kim MacMillan, Patrick Benson, Fred Green and Aidan Sparks. There are only two evening shows (rated Mature) - Friday, Nov. 30th and Saturday, Dec. 1st at 7:30pm, and one family matinee (rated G) on Dec. 8th at 1:30pm.

The evening shows are ideal for a staff get together – tickets are only \$15 each and include appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The Matinee is \$5 per person and includes a sweet treat for everyone and hot chocolate for the kids. Tickets can be reserved over the phone (we expect these shows to sell out) by calling 250-833-6100 or at the door.

We are looking for a few 'crafty' people to help create the set and props, most of which are painted cardboard, as well as food servers (to roam with appetizers) and it would be preferred to have a commitment to both evening shows. Front of House/concession volunteers are needed for the family matinee. If you'd like to be part of this zany production, please contact Producer, Monica Kriese at 250-833-6100 or pr@shuswaptheatre.com

Auditions for *The Curious Savage*

Our winter production is ***The Curious Savage*** by John Patrick, directed by Lois Archer-Duell and produced by Karen Sansom. This is a comedic drama which will run from February 28 till March 9, 2013.

Auditions for the play will take place at Shuswap Theatre, 41 Hudson Ave, NW (across from the Salmar Grand):

- Saturday, November 24 at 7:00 pm, and
- Sunday, November 25 at 1:00 pm

Attendance is only required for one of these times but you are welcome to come to both. Newcomers are welcome.

There are eleven roles:

- 4 males aged 20 - 50+ years (It would be helpful if one 20-ish male could play the piano but it's not required.)
- 7 females aged 18 - 60+

Rehearsals begin in early January (no commitments in December) and times will depend on the availability of cast members but will involve some weekday evenings and some afternoons/evenings on weekends. For a copy of the script or more information, please contact Lois at 250-804-2998 or Karen at kgsansom@okanagan.bc.ca.

Karen is looking for people to crew in the areas of: Lighting, Sound (fairly technical), Props, Set Decor, Front of House and Foyer Display.

Theatre Around the Valley

Asparagus Theatre (Armstrong)

Honk! Nov. 28 - Dec. 7

Caravan Farm Theatre (Armstrong)

Old Nick! Dec. 11 - 31

Jupiter Productions (Quaaout Lodge dinner theatre)

Cruisin' with the Boomers Nov. 2 - 11

Powerhouse Theatre (Vernon)

Annie Nov. 21 - Dec. 2

Revelstoke Theatre Company

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Theatre Kelowna Society

The Rockin' Tale of Snow White Nov. 23 - Dec. 2

Western Canada Theatre

A Christmas Story Nov. 29 - Dec. 8

Your Board

At the Annual General Meeting of Shuswap Theatre Society, on Tuesday, September 25, we welcomed five new Board members. The Board for 2012/13 consists of: President: Monica Kriese, Vice-President: Kim MacMillan, Secretary: Judith Skelhorne with understudy Rebecca Marchand, Treasurer: Susan Simmonds and Directors: Julia Body, John Coulson, Shannon Hecker, Joyce Henderson, and Rebecca Marchand. The Board bid a fond farewell to outgoing members; Pamela Dettwiler, Sheila Dunbar, Denise Green and Russ Naskonesby. We thank them for all their service and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Help Us Light Up!

Exterior Christmas lights (and a light decorator too!) needed – we are looking to borrow strings of clear and/or red and/or blue LED lights for the exterior of the building, for the holiday season - as we are participating in the Downtown's Light Up event. If you have lights to donate or that we could borrow please contact Monica at 250-833-6100

Building Committee News

During a recent meeting with Lana Fitt, Economic Development Manager of the Salmon Arm Economic Development Society (SAEDS), Lana told us the SAEDS would know by the end of November if the School District wants to put their new office building on the Jackson site and if the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) will also build there. The School District has said they want to reserve two acres for a school, in the future.

Once the Building Committee hears from the School District and Regional District, we will know how much land is left for the Downtown Community Campus of Okanagan College and a theatre. The purchase price of the land should be determined in the new year. The earliest a land purchase can be made would be in April 2013. Once the Building Committee knows how much land is available and the cost, we can work on a plot plan and determine site preparation costs. This information will give us a dollar value ready so that we can properly compare the costs of building on the Jackson site versus staying where we are. After this is done we can do a comparative assessment and present our findings to the Theatre membership so they can decide how we should proceed.

Lana has requested that a Building Committee member attend the monthly Downtown Community Campus meetings so that there can be some co-ordination of plans should the Theatre decide to build on the Jackson site. As of now, we are in a holding pattern as we wait for decisions from the School Board and CSRD. After five years of planning a few more months is an acceptable delay.

Jake Jacobson, Building Committee Chair

A Welcoming Presence

Former board member Sheila Dunbar had a passion for making newcomers feel welcome. She took on the task of contacting people who, through the *Areas of Interest* questionnaire, had expressed interest in becoming involved. She organized a theatre orientation and invited people to come for a tour and a general run-down of how we work. It's also a way to find out more about what experience people have and how we might best use their talents. Sheila has moved on to another community and we are looking for someone who would enjoy this kind of welcoming function. We constantly need to involve new people so that our company renews itself. If you would like to consider this task, please contact the Volunteer Database Administrator, Kim MacMillan at 250-832-4094 or volunteer@shuswaptheatre.com.



to Karen Sansom for her many years of dedication as the one in charge of tickets and Season's Subscriptions for Shuswap Theatre. Karen is stepping down to take on some different roles - producer of our winter show to start with! And a warm welcome to Alice Chin who is the new ticket volunteer. Thank you, Alice, for stepping into this important position.

SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

till November 3	Mending Fences 7:30 pm at the Theatre
Every Tuesday	Senior's Theatre 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Theatre
November 10 & 11	Actor's Workshop 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Theatre
November 13	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (<i>everyone welcome</i>)
November 24	Auditions for <i>The Curious Savage</i> 7:00 pm at the Theatre
November 25	Auditions for <i>The Curious Savage</i> 1:00 pm at the Theatre
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1	'How the Grins Stole Christmas' 7:30 pm
December 8	'How the Grins Stole Christmas' 1:30 pm Family Matinee
December 8	<i>A Fair Exchange of Gifts</i> 7:00 pm (Christmas Concert fundraiser for the Shuswap Family Resource Centre)
December 11	Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Theatre (<i>everyone welcome</i>)

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