

# The PROMPTER



## Sweet Susie of the Shuswap



Once again Shuswap audiences and visitors were treated to a wonderful summer theatre production. Almost six hundred people enjoyed *Sweet Susie of the Shuswap*, directed and choreographed by Lana Caputi. Thanks to the young actors for their energetic performance, to Lana Caputi for bringing her talents and expertise in clowning to the show, and to James Bowlby for coming up with a new script in record time. The crew members worked many hours behind the scenes to bring us this great show. Congratulations to all involved!

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#### **Artistic Committee**

Julia Body, James Bowlby, Kim MacMillan

## 2011-2012 SEASON

### RENOVATION

A musical written and directed by Peter Blacklock • November 4 – 12

*(Information about auditions on page 5.)*

### STRESSMAS

A quirky Christmas musical written by Lana Caputi, Leora Cashe, & Alison Kelly

• directed by Lana Caputi • December 9–11 & 16– 18

### LEADING LADIES

An hilarious modern farce • written by Ken Ludwig • directed by Julia Body • Feb 24 - March 3

### IF I WERE YOU

A pointed comedy • written by Alan Ayckbourn • directed by James Bowlby • April 27 - May 5

Visit our website <http://www.shuswaptheatre.com/calendar> for more information about each production.



## AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00pm** at the Theatre. Coffee, tea and cold refreshments will be served. Come at 6:30pm to have some time to socialize and to confirm or renew your Shuswap Theatre membership. (You must have a current membership to vote.) At the AGM you will have an opportunity to hear about the year in review, as well as the many changes being made to keep improving Shuswap Theatre and it's productions. Your voice is important as we move forward together. There will be sign-up sheets for our four upcoming productions, for you to indicate that you are interested in acting, volunteering or being mentored for an area that is new to you.

### Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors

Are you interested in being a member of the Board of Directors for Shuswap Theatre? Do you have the desire to make a difference and at least 4 - 6 hours a month to help guide our Society? Call John MacVicar (250-832-4264), the Returning Officer, if you would like to let your name stand, to nominate another member or would like more information.

# ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

(formerly Backstage Pass)

Shuswap Theatre's Annual Open House is slated for Saturday, September 24, 7:30pm at the Theatre. Please join us for complimentary appetizers and a cash bar (beer and wine) as well as a look into our 35th Season! You'll get a sampling of all our shows, and an opportunity to hear about our Improv and Youth Theatre programs, upcoming workshops, special events and more. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Front of House on this evening please contact Monica at 250-833-6100 or [pr@shuswaptheatre.com](mailto:pr@shuswaptheatre.com). This event is **FREE!** So please bring a friend or two.



## Season Subscriptions and New Pricing



The price of our **Adult Subscription** (for the 3 Mainstage productions) is **\$45** and our new **Senior** (60 and over) **Subscription** price is **\$42**. Brochures and subscription packages will be mailed soon. Season's subscriptions will be for sale from September 10 - October 7. Prices for individual tickets are **Adults - \$17, Seniors - \$15, Students \$7** (up to age 24 with student ID), **Children** (up to age 12) **\$5**.

**Youth** will be able to see any of our shows for **\$5** thanks to the Shuswap District Arts Council and the new **ShuGo** tickets. These tickets will need to be purchased at the Art Gallery. More information about this program will be available soon.



## Youth Theatre

James Bowlby and Lana Caputi are developing a very special Youth Theatre Program for the Fall session. There will be 3 different classes starting Sept. 19 - Kids' Theatre (ages 8-13), Youth Performance Theatre (ages 14-20+) and Youth Technical Theatre (ages 14-20+). For more information contact Lana at 250-675-3727 or 250-801-7775 or James at 250-832-8383 or 250-833-5134 or check out our website at <http://shuswaptheatre.com/events/youth/>

## Theatre Around the Valley

### **Bumpershoot Theatre** (Kelowna)

*The Brementown Musicians* Oct. 13 - 15

### **Many Hats Theatre Co.** (Penticton)

*Ravenscroft* Sept. 8 - Oct. 1

### **Theatre Kelowna Society**

*The Swingin' Sixties* Sept. 15 - Oct. 2

### **Western Canada Theatre**

*Betrayal* Sept. 22 - Oct. 8

*Letter from Wingfield Farm* Oct. 13 - 22

## *Staged Play Readings*

Our Artistic Committee has planned two staged play readings for the coming season:

- **Under Milkwood** by Dylan Thomas  
January 20 & 22
- **The Herbal Bed** by Peter Whelan  
March 9 & 10



## **A Weekend of Workshops**

The Artistic Committee has arranged a number of workshops this fall. Choose one or attend them all.

- Friday **September 30**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm - **Stage Management** - Julia Body
- Saturday **October 1**, 9:00 - 10:30 am - **New Member Orientation** - for new members to tour the Theatre and learn about areas where they might be interested in volunteering. Sheila Dunbar will be contacting new members or you can email her at [anewday@telus.net](mailto:anewday@telus.net).
- Saturday **October 1**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon - **Producing** - Susan MacMillan & Karen Sansom
- Saturday **October 1**, 1:00 - 4:00 pm - **Sound** - Jake Jacobson & Kim MacMillan

For a healthy theatre group, members need to grow and learn in many aspects of theatre. Please consider signing up for one of these **FREE** workshops. For more information, please contact Julia at [djbody@sunwave.net](mailto:djbody@sunwave.net) or 250-833-1496.



Have you visited our website lately? If not, check it out at <http://www.shuswaptheatre.com>. Thanks to funding from Shuswap Community Foundation, we were able to redo the look and feel of the website, as well as to modernize our original logo from over 30 years ago! Special thanks and recognition to Ryan of Perimeter Design for all the time and effort he has donated for our website and logo. The website continues to evolve and be updated on a regular basis. So do check back to see what is happening.

## AUDITIONS FOR 'RENOVATION'

Our first production of the new season is another original musical written and directed by Peter Blacklock. Details about **auditions** are:

- September 6, 7 and 8 at 7:00 pm at the Theatre
- Roles for males and females from teen to granny (or grandpa)
- All characters will need to sing, not necessarily solo but at least as part of a chorus.
- At auditions you will be asked to present a short piece from the script (cold) and to sing solo or in a group.
- Most important is an open mind, enthusiasm and the desire to be part of the creative process.
- The play runs November 4 - 12
- For more information call Peter at 250-675-3004.



## LAUGHING GAS IMPROV

Shuswap Theatre's performing improv group resumes Monday, October 17 at 7:15pm (following a 4 week workshop for the performing group only). Regular 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 there will be a drop-in "play" group on the 4th Monday of each month, beginning October 24 at 7:15pm. All players are required to be members of Shuswap Theatre. If you have a financial barrier, please contact Monica at [pr@shuswaptheatre.com](mailto:pr@shuswaptheatre.com). For more information about Shuswap Theatre's Improv program, please contact Julia Body at 250-833-1496 or email [djbody@sunwave.net](mailto:djbody@sunwave.net).

## New Membership Policy

Shuswap Theatre has moved to a policy of a fixed annual renewal date for memberships. All memberships will expire on September 30th of each year. (If you just renewed in the last six months, we will extend your membership to September 30, 2012.) New members who join after March 31st 2011 will have their membership extended for the remainder of this year until September 30th of next year. This applies to new members only. Otherwise you will be reminded when your membership is coming to an end and the usual membership fees will apply. Annual Membership for an Individual is \$10, Family \$25 and Youth \$7. We also offer an Individual Life Membership for \$100. You will receive a reminder email from our Membership Secretary, Patrick Benson and the New Membership Renewal form is on our website at <http://shuswaptheatre.com/wp-content/uploads/Mem-Form-Aug-2011.pdf>

Please note we have a policy that states that all persons working on a production are required to be members of Shuswap Theatre Society.



# Building Committee Report

by Jake Jacobson, Chair

The Building Committee has been actively pursuing a site for the new theatre project. At this point we are in a holding pattern waiting for the ice to break on one of the sites. The first choice, the old JL Jackson site, has been offered to the CSRD. They will decide whether or not to exercise their option later in the fall. If they don't, we are planning to again approach the School District to see if we can build there.

The second option is a parcel of the same property now slated for low income housing. If no one steps forward and takes on that project, the land may be available to us for use. Both of these sites would put us in close proximity to the possible location of the new and expanded campus of Okanagan College. The advantage of being close to them is the possibility that they may start a theatre arts program and use the new facility.

The third option, staying where we are and buying out Bart's Muffler property, comes at a much higher cost. The location is ideal, but the cost and need to provide additional parking has reduced the status of this option.

A fourth option, the parcel of city-owned land next to Mino's, is still a possibility if the city will release it for use and the theatre membership wants to locate out of the downtown core.

So we must wait until our options either present themselves, or are taken off the playing field. As soon as we have a confirmed site, we can have our floor plans engineered and start fund raising. Hopefully, we will have a direction in a few more months.

## SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

<b>Sept. 6, 7, 8</b>	Auditions for <i>Renovation</i> , 7:00-9:00 pm at the Theatre
<b>September 12</b>	Improv Workshop 1, 7:00 pm
<b>September 13</b>	Board Meeting 7:00 pm ( <i>everyone welcome</i> )
<b>September 19</b>	Improv Workshop 2, 7:00 pm
<b>September 20</b>	AGM 7:00 pm ( <i>everyone welcome</i> )
<b>September 24</b>	Open House/Backstage Pass 7:00 pm
<b>September 26</b>	Improv Workshop 3, 7:00 pm
<b>September 28</b>	Rental - Portrait of a Lady - Margaret Laurence, 8:00 pm
<b>September 30</b>	• Stage Manager Workshop, 7:00-9:00 pm
<b>October 1</b>	• New Members Orientation, 9:00 - 10:30 am
	• Producer Workshop, 10:00 - 12:00 noon
	• Sound Workshop, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
<b>October 3</b>	Improv Workshop 4, 7:00 pm
<b>October 11</b>	Board Meeting 7:00 pm ( <i>everyone welcome</i> )
<b>October 17</b>	Improv Practice, 7:30 pm

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