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WELCOME TO the 2009/10 SEASON!



The 2009/10 season has been set and the Executive of Shuswap Theatre has been busy planning a number of exciting events to start the new season. Read on to find out all the details and to see how you can get involved this year to help make it a stellar season for community theatre in Salmon Arm.



BACKSTAGE PASS

The plans for our September Open House are well underway. This is the annual social and informational event that gives anyone in the community an opportunity to find out what's happening in the upcoming season and to learn more about what we do at Shuswap Theatre. Please invite friends, especially those who are not involved with the Theatre. This year it's all happening on **Saturday Sept 19th at 7:00 PM** and admission is free! There will be food and entertainment so don't miss out on this great annual soirée that kicks off our new season. If you'd like to help with this event please contact Monica at pr@shuswaptheatre.com.

AN EXCITING SEASON AHEAD

Our Artistic Committee of Peter Blacklock, James Bowlby and Ellen Gonella has worked very hard this spring to plan our 2009-10 season. The line up is as follows:

Two by Two

Two one-act plays, directed by Rebecca Marchand & Elizabeth Ann Skelhorne
October 2 - 10 (*see below for more details*)

A Thematic Revue

Directed by Peter Blacklock
November 19-21 & 26-28
(*contact Peter if you have want to be involved*)

Two Gents

(an adaptation of *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*
by William Shakespeare)

by Eberle Thomas
Directed by James Bowlby
March 5 - 13

The Fighting Days

by Wendi Lill
Directed by Julia Body
April 29 to May 8

Learn more about these productions at the Backstage Pass, Sept. 19, or check our website www.shuswaptheatre.com



TWO BY TWO

Our season opens with two one act plays directed by two members new to this role. Rebecca Marchand will direct ***Not Enough Rope*** by Elaine May and Elizabeth Ann Skelhorne is the director of ***American Modern*** by Joanna Glass. Both of these women will be mentored by Danielle Dunn-Morris. (More about Danielle on page 3.)



The two comedies revolve around characters who have unusual mental perspectives. One is an obsessive compulsive who loves to collect things she finds on the street. The other is a neurotic women bent on hanging herself with twine, until she changes her mind! Both plays have now been cast, but we are looking for people to crew in all positions. **We especially need a producer - or two people to share the position.** Rehearsals will take place during September, with performances from October 2 to 10 and Preview Night on October 1. If you would like to be part of this production, please call Elizabeth Ann at 250-515-0143.

Finding the Essence of a Character

Many of you will remember Danielle Dunn-Morris who was a very active member of Shuswap Theatre during the 80s and 90s. In 2006 she directed *Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun* here in Salmon Arm. Danielle now lives in Kamloops and owns **RIVER MAGIC PRODUCTIONS**. We are delighted that Danielle is offering a workshop here in September. Here are the details:

Topic: Finding the Essence of a Character

When: September 12, 10 AM to 4 PM (Limited to 12 participants)

Where: Shuswap Theatre

What: Acting is responding to what we know. As actors we open up our emotions and allow ourselves to live other lives. Each actor is unique. So, too, is the creation of characters they embody while performing. Each participant will discover a character from his or her own imagination. In this workshop, we will explore the character's world and a point in their life where the character feels a great urge to talk, to understand, to remember – a transition point. Out of this place will come a unique monologue which each participant will write. These monologues, about two minutes in length, will then be read, discussed and finally performed.

Requirements: Imagination, an open mind and confidence in your innate ability to create.

Fee: \$30

To Register: Call James Bowlby at 250-832-8383



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Shuswap Theatre Society AGM will be held at the theatre on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 PM**. Nine directors will be elected to form the executive, then those members will choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer from the group. Please consider letting your name stand for the executive or nominating someone you feel would be an asset in that position. To nominate someone, contact **Returning Officer, John MacVicar, at 832-4264**. Whether or not you nominate someone, we urge you to come to the meeting and help to elect the executive for the coming year.

Everyone Loves a parade!!!

The streets of Salmon Arm are a stage on Saturday Sept 12 when Shuswap Theatre takes a walk on the dramatic side in the Fall Fair Parade. It's the best role EVER. You get to wear the best costumes, toss candy at the audience and make up your own lines. Phone Cathy Lake at 250-832-8000 if you would like to get a costume from our amazing collection and walk along with us.

SHUSWAP YOUTH THEATRE

Shuswap Theatre is again sponsoring the Youth Theatre Program. The first session is September 10 at 3:30 PM at the Theatre. The program this year will be a combination of theatre games, acting lessons and a production. Sessions run Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:15 PM.

James Bowlby is co-ordinating the Youth Theatre again this year, but needs a partner to help. If you have some acting/directing or youth education experience, please consider volunteering in this important area. Call James at 250-832-8383 or 250-833-5134.

GRANTS

Thanks to a \$1000.00 grant received from the Shuswap Community Foundation there will soon be a big beautiful new sign on the side of our theatre building. The sign will be an eyecatcher and will allow us to advertise the whole season at once.

We are grateful to Scotiabank and Rebecca Marchand for our latest grant. Rebecca applied and received a \$1000.00 donation through the Scotiabank employee volunteer program. This will be used to facilitate a mentoring project for our season opener. Two new directors will direct two one-act plays. The title is *Two by Two* and the directors will be mentored by Danielle Dunn-Morris. Thank you Rebecca and Scotiabank!

Food, Wine, Fun and Profit

Shuswap Theatre invites you to '**An Entertaining Evening**' on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17** at 7:00 PM at the Theatre. Join us for local wines and appetizers, Improv, an auction of odd treasures and collectibles and other great fun! It's an evening to raise money for, and awareness of, all that live theatre contributes to the Shuswap lifestyle. So mark the date on your calendar now. For more information, contact Monica at pr@shuswaptheatre.com or 250-833-6100.

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Helping You Help Shuswap Theatre

by Kim MacMillan, Coordinator of Volunteers

A successful theatre production involves a myriad of tasks performed by a large team of people. Half the challenge of community theatre is encouraging people to do what interests them and providing help to learn how it's done. Sometimes people are interested in contributing but don't know who to inform. Or perhaps they don't know if the help they need to get started will be available. Some folk don't even know what kinds of jobs are needed.

This year we are taking a new approach to matching people to jobs. We are creating a database that allows you to indicate the areas of interest you have and how ready you are to take on those jobs. When it's complete, the Coordinator of Volunteers will be able to produce printouts of all those interested in a particular cluster of tasks. That means it won't matter so much "who you know" and it will be easier for new folk to get involved.

For this to work we need *everyone* to complete a quick questionnaire. It only takes a few minutes and the easiest way to do it is on line at

<http://www.shuswaptheatre.com/interested>

Or you can pick up a hard copy at the theatre and drop it in the box provided. We'd even like you old timers, who think everyone knows what you do, to take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. (That way we'll never forget you. Ever.)

Benefits to You

- we'll know how you'd like to be involved
- we won't rely only on our memories when compiling production teams
- if you're interested, but don't feel ready, we can help with mentoring
- newcomers can get involved more easily
- completing the questionnaire does not obligate you to do anything

Benefits to the Company

- all the information is in one place
- we can more easily mentor people into new areas
- a higher degree of excellence in our productions
- better coordination of production teams
- a happy and productive company

So don't delay. Do it today while you're still thinking about it. **Shuswap Theatre needs you!**

For more information contact me, the *Coordinator of Volunteers*, at volunteer@shuswaptheatre.com or leave a message for me (Kim MacMillan) at the theatre (250-832-9283).