

# The PROMPTER



## Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7:00 pm at Shuswap Theatre

'Shaping The Future of Your Theatre' will be the theme of the evening, with special guest Michelle Ambrose. Michelle has been working closely with the Board since May of this year, to 'listen to the stories' of our members and gather information and feedback as to what matters to them.

This ongoing process was part of a Board retreat in May and subsequent meetings to discuss what was learned and develop five priorities for the Board to focus on: (1) our season/the run, (2) the theatre atmosphere, (3) communication, (4) productions & cast/crew, and (5) additional events and features in the theatre.

The business of the Annual General meeting will be kept to a minimum so that we can spend time talking to you, the membership, about the culture/atmosphere of our theatre and start 'Shaping The Future of Your Theatre' based on YOUR input.

We hope to have a bigger and better turnout at this AGM so that we have more members contributing. If you've not attended an AGM before or find AGM's boring (for the most part, they are routine), please reconsider and join us on September 24 at 7pm.

**NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD** - If you are considering being on the Board or a returning Board member, please tell us (so we can pass along to the membership) why you are considering being on the Board, any Arts background you may have and any skillsets you bring to the Board. In response to comments from the membership, we are working to improve communications. Please email [inquiry@shuswaptheatre.com](mailto:inquiry@shuswaptheatre.com)

Candidates must be members in good standing., as must those who vote at the AGM. Reminder notices have gone out regarding your membership renewals and you can now renew and pay online at <http://shuswaptheatre.com/involved/member/>.

### SHUSWAP THEATRE BOARD

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#### Artistic Committee

Julia Body, James Bowlby, Rebecca Marchand

# 2013-2014 SEASON

## LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

A Musical • Book by Howard Ashman • Music by Alan Menken • Lyrics by Howard Ashman  
• Directed by Julia Body • November 15 - 30  
(Audition information below)

## DISTRACTED

A Drama • by Lisa Loomer • Directed by Adele Juyak • February 21 - March 8

## THE COMPLEAT WRKS OF WLLM SHKSPR (Abridged)

A Comedy • by Adam Long, Daniel Singer & Jess Winfield • Directed by Evelyn Birch  
April 25 - May 10

Check our website <http://www.shuswaptheatre.com> for more information about these productions.

## Call for Auditions

Our first Mainstage production of the new season is the musical comedy



This play will be directed by Julia Body and run from November 15 to 30. Audition details:

- September 3 and 4 at 7:00 pm at the Theatre
- Characters (must be able to sing):
  - ★ Seymour: Male Age 25-35ish
  - ★ Mr. Mushnik Male Age: 45 +
  - ★ Audrey: Female Age: 25 – 35 ish
  - ★ Chorus: 3 Females Age: 20+
  - ★ Dentist: Male Age 30 – 45ish (plays multiple parts)
  - ★ Wino#1 Male Age: ? (plays multiple parts)

*The director may consider having a few more people to play street people or take on some of the multiple parts.*

A large crew is also needed for this production - please click here <http://shuswaptheatre.com/events/current/> to read about the areas in which we are looking for volunteers. Since some of these areas are quite involved it would be best if a few people or teams worked on certain areas, such as puppets.

**For a copy of the script or to learn more, contact Julia at 250-833-1496.**

## OPEN HOUSE - Saturday, September 21 at 7:30 pm

Come out to our annual Open House and find out how exciting our season is going to be, as well as our new programs and upcoming workshops. NO COST, refreshments will be served, bring a friend.

### IDA and OLD BALDY'S *Seniors theatre*

A quick on-line search into *Studies of Arts and Aging* shows that researchers are starting to investigate what we have intuitively known for a long time—that being involved in the Arts keeps us healthy. There are almost 1000 registered Seniors' Theatre Companies in North America. While the activities are not always the same, the intent is always to provide physical, intellectual and social stimulation while exploring the issues we all face on a daily basis.

That is the official story. The unofficial story is that Seniors' Theatre is the best two hours of your week. We laugh, get teary, meet new people, solve all of the issues facing modern society, stretch our faces and our muscles, and come away with a passion to return.

Do you have to be a senior to be involved? No! Our whole intention is to be inclusive of the whole community and we want to interact with people of all ages.

What skills do you need? If you can laugh at yourself and share a story with others then you are more than qualified. Any other skills we will develop along the way.

Seniors Theatre begins October 1, Tuesday mornings (9-11am) at Shuswap Theatre, Tuesday afternoons at Sorrento Memorial Hall and Wednesday afternoons at Cedar Centre and is led by Peter Blacklock.

More information at 250-675-3004 or visit [www.seniorstheatre.ca](http://www.seniorstheatre.ca)

**Canada** Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program through a grant made available to Shuswap Theatre Society.

Additional support provided by Shuswap Theatre Society and Sorrento Memorial Hall Society.



Shuswap Theatre is pleased to announce that we have a **new ticket outlet** in downtown Salmon Arm.

**Althea Mongerson**, a dedicated and talented member, is opening a new business on September 6 and will be our sole ticket outlet (other than at the door once the show opens). Tickets will be available about two weeks before each opening.

We're excited to have a ticket seller that is so immersed in Shuswap Theatre and will be **open late Thursday and Friday nights** to make purchasing tickets that much easier.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

Shuswap Theatre memberships expire September 30 and by now you should have received a letter or email alerting you. We are very pleased to announce that memberships can now be paid using PayPal online. You can use your credit card without creating a PayPal account to do this. The process is simple and there is no extra cost to you using this service. In fact it will be cheaper as you won't have to buy a stamp! We are strongly encouraging our members to pay online as it has several advantages over the "mail a cheque" method. As Membership Secretary it means that I will not have to copy the membership form and risk making a mistake. You fill out your form online and that information goes directly into the database.

If you still prefer to pay by cheque we will certainly still accept your money! Depending on the method you choose, the following link takes you to the website page that clearly explains how to do it: <http://shuswaptheatre.com/involved/member/> Please complete the membership form no matter which way you choose to pay.

Apart from the fact that we've added more membership categories, the cost to be a member of Shuswap Theatre has not changed for over thirty years! So it's certainly a great deal and a way to support an organization that has given a lot of pleasure to many people year after year. Many thanks for your support!

Patrick Benson, Membership Secretary



Shuswap Theatre gratefully acknowledges the support of the **City of Salmon Arm** with a recent grant of **\$2500** to purchase new blacks. Ten years ago we replaced our blacks with factory seconds and over time, they have seen much wear and tear from many productions and events. Stage Blacks are made of a heavy, fire retardant material in accordance with National and BC Fire codes. They are also an unusual size - so the construction makes them even more expensive. The Grant In-aid Committee acknowledged "the contribution the Theatre Society makes to the cultural fabric\* of the community."

Special thanks to Joyce Henderson for her efforts in writing the grant and for Cilla Budda, 'keeper and hanger of the blacks'.



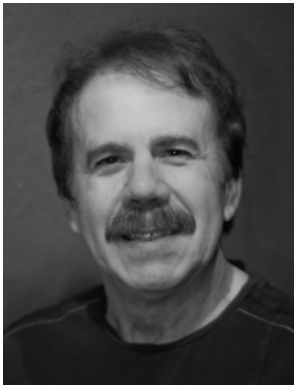
[\*no pun intended]

*'Tears water our growth.' - William Shakespeare*

Every life has an impact on this world and Shuswap Theatre has recently lost two friends of our Theatre family. Their lives impacted our theatre company in very special ways.

### Allan Jacques Marcelle Marchand

**May 1, 1947 – August 15, 2013**



*Allan,*

*You laughed with us but never at us. You shared our joy when things flew and helped to carry our burden when we struggled. When asked to do the impossible you would say, "Yes, I think we can do that ... yes I'm pretty sure we can do something like that."*

*You touched our heads and our hair as part of your role—but more importantly your gentle and thoughtful nature touched our hearts and our souls as the man you were. You have our respect and our love forever.*

Allan's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Shuswap Theatre Society in Allan's memory. To read more or to donate online, go to [shuswaptheatre.com/news/remembering-allan-marchand/](http://shuswaptheatre.com/news/remembering-allan-marchand/)

### Shane Gorner February 14, 1994 - August 28, 2013

We are sad to announce the sudden passing of Shane Gorner on Wednesday, August 28 at the age of 19. Shane was involved in several Shuswap Theatre productions as well as school shows. Judith Benson wrote, "Shane was a witty, talented, mature young man with a quick smile, who didn't hesitate to chat with senior citizens like me."



James Bowlby, who worked with Shane, has written a moving poem about him. You can read it at [shuswaptheatre.com/news/shane-gorner/](http://shuswaptheatre.com/news/shane-gorner/).

Shane's family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a new Youth/Young Adult Theatre program at Shuswap Theatre. To donate online, click [here](#).

We'd also like to send our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Melissa Treleavan whose father, Michael Franklin, passed away in July, and to Virginia Verma, whose sister, Diane Nicol, passed away in August.

# SHUSWAP THEATRE CALENDAR

- September 1 - 30** Season's Subscriptions on sale
- September 3 & 4** Auditions for *Little Shop of Horrors* - 7:00 pm
- September 20** Rachelle van Zanten Concert (see below)
- Sept. 20 - Oct. 20** Season Subscriptions on sale
- September 21** Open House - 7:00pm
- September 24** **Annual General Meeting - 7:30 pm**
- September 30** Memberships deadline - need to be paid prior to AGM to vote
- October 1** Seniors' Theatre starts - 9:00 - 11:00 am (every Tuesday)
- October 16** Board Meeting - 7:00pm - Everyone welcome to attend

**Seasons Subscriptions** will be going on sale **September 20** 'til October 20 and you will be able to order and pay online, too! [shuswaptheatre.com/events/tickets/](http://shuswaptheatre.com/events/tickets/). We will send out a member email when you can go online and order your subscriptions.

Back by popular demand after a fantastic performance last fall in Salmon Arm - Acoustic Avenue and Shuswap Theatre present in Concert:

**Rachelle van Zanten**  
with special Guests – The Elk Tribe  
**Friday September 20**

**Shuswap Theatre – 41 Hudson Ave NW**

**Doors open at 7:00 pm – Music starts at 7:30 pm**

**Tickets \$20 – available at Acorn Music & The Blue Canoe Café**

Follow local print, radio and social media for more information or call  
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