

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - August 2010



From the Editor

Can you believe the summer holidays are almost over? Well they are so get ready, get set GO. The Mississippi Mudds have a fun filled, busy fall. Get that calendar out and start marking down where you need to be. There are lots of things to look forward to.

News from the Board - Judith Scott, **Secretary, Board of Directors**

Budgets and Bursaries

At our meeting on August 8th we established our operating budget for the year. We will once again be giving a \$500 bursary to a graduating student from each of the two High Schools. We ask school staff to pick the award winner but do require that it go to a student who meets the following criteria:

The recipient will be a person who has been accepted into a University or College in a program or course related to performing arts. In addition he or she meets at least one and preferably, but not necessarily, both of the following criteria:

- has distinguished him or herself in some aspect of performing arts during his or her high school years (see definition above)
- has volunteered some hours in one or more aspects of community theatre, school concerts, plays or musicals.

Our intention is that this award will support a student going on to post-secondary studies that are in some way related to performing arts. This could include anything related to music, acting, singing, dancing, script writing or musical composition. In addition it would also appropriately include technical studies in

sound, lighting, costume or set design/building, stage management, makeup or special effects.

We have been asked by CPHS and Notre Dame HS to have a member attend their graduation ceremony (October 8th for both schools) to present the Mudds award. If you are interested in presenting on behalf of the Mudds please contact Meredith at 613-257-8930 or meredith_link@hotmail.com.

Program Advertising

Once again we plan to approach local businesses with an opportunity to advertise in the programmes for our three main production for the season. This is a Board initiative and proceeds are shared between the shows. We will be generating a letter to be mailed out and then following up with visits to collect advertising copy from the participants. We do not go door to door begging but rely on our letter campaign to bring in the business. Bob Stacey and Don MacKay have helped out enormously with the campaign for the past few years and for this the board extends a big thank you. Bob has once again agreed to be the main contact and collector. We are looking for a volunteer to help Bob with this task. He says that a few hours of your time would be needed during a two or three week period as advertising copy is collected and collated. Let Judith know if you can help judithscott@sympatico.ca or 613 253 2007.

Theatre Ontario

We receive electronic newsletters from Theatre Ontario as part of our membership. If you are interested you can have your name put on the e mail list to receive this by going to news@theatreontario.org.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Saturday September 18th at 9:00am.

***NunSense: The Mega-Musical Update* - Joanne Samler, Producer**

Hope you are all having a wonderful summer! The weather has been unbelievable (for those of you who love the heat!). We have been working hard behind the scenes to get NunSense up and running and I am pleased to say that almost everything is ready.

The cast is in place and ready to learn the songs and dances, the set is designed, most of the costumes are set, the production team is ready to work – all we need is to get on that stage! Our first cast/crew/family get together will be on August 21st when we can all get to know each other!

We are still looking for three teenagers and two basses to join the cast. The teens will be performing two songs from Grease as well as the other ensemble numbers. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please let me know.

We still need a make-up coordinator - so if that sounds interesting let me know. We also need a few team members, specifically spot operators and front of house/canteen helpers. If you are interested in any of these positions please call me.

The next production meeting will be held September 1. The production heads will be getting an email on this with further details.

Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 8, 7:00pm at Waterside. We will be collecting

membership dues (\$20) from all cast and crew at the first few rehearsals. Can you tell??? I just want to get started on Nunsense. It will be a great show!! See you at rehearsal.

I can be reached at 613-253-4638 (home), 613-250-2803 (cell) or jsx4@rogers.com.

***Fall 2010 Murder Mystery* - Tony Scott, Director**

The board approved the production of a new murder mystery at their August meeting. "PRINTS OF DARKNESS" will be presented at Tijuana Tilly's on October 30 & 31 (Saturday & Sunday).

Auditions for this comedic murder mystery are scheduled for Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30pm and Sunday September 12 at 7pm. Roles are for 4m, 2f and 2m or f, with some having a song to sing. Rehearsals are planned for Tuesdays with more in the final week.

Contact director Tony Scott 613 253-2007 or producer Brian McManus 613 253-6351 for more information, but for now here is some insight into the production ...

It is the night of the award for Photographer of the Year. Personalities clash; greed, need and envy abound; alliances are formed. Is there a possibility of blackmail? Why does Simone the hostess slap Ivan the Ukrainian? Why does Angelique take a knife to her husband Ted? All will be revealed after someone dies horribly, poisoned.

***Play Reading Group* - Brian McManus, MuddsPlayers**

The Players Committee is planning a play reading group. The intent is to meet once a month to read a script for the purposes of having some fun and generating some interest. A second objective would be to get a proposal in for a show in 2012. To do that we would need to see who is interested and what type of play we would like to stage.

If we met once a month , we could read different types of plays to see what clicks. It would be nice to get together 7 or 8 times this year. We are interested in any suggestions for scripts to read of any type potential proposals or just fun reads. Here is what we have so far.

Looking - Norm Foster: This is a recent Canadian play and is indicative of four hander romantic comedies we could do in CP. It about the dating scene for grown-ups and is really funny.

Steel Magnolias - Everything about this play is wonderful. It is all women. All the characters are colourful. A real crowd pleaser which is also doable in the CP town hall.

Mark Piper has an original play to read, which would be exciting.

Quartet - Ronald Harwood: Cecily, Reggie and Wilfred reside in a home for retired opera singers in Kent, England. Each year, on the tenth of October, there is a concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday. Jean, who used to be married to Reggie, arrives at the home and disrupts their equilibrium. She still acts like a diva and refuses to sing. But the show must go on in this funny and poignant play by the author of *Another Time*, *The Dresser* and *Interpreters* that premiered at the Albery Theatre, London.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Brian McManus, Pat Black or Linda Pond. Acting intentions or experience are not required. It is ok to come to listen and discuss. We will pick a night that doesn't conflict with other Mudds activities.

***MuddSingers Reminder* - Jan Ferguson, Producer**

A reminder to all those interested in a short span of rehearsals and a couple of weekends singing 'Musical Memories of the War Years'. Rehearsals start on Monday, September 13 at 7:30pm at St. James Anglican Church. 4 part harmonies with books in hand.

***Nevada News* - Louise Link** - Repeat from the June-July Newsletter.

WANTED - Nevada license/ticket manager (to replace Don McKay who's done the job since the Mudds started selling Nevada tickets) This job includes obtaining a cheque from the Mudds Treasurer; applying to, paying for, and obtaining the Mudds license at the Town Hall; advising the provincial authorities in Toronto; picking up the boxes of tickets on delivery to the Hallmark store; checking at Giant Tiger on the weekend to determine when new boxes of tickets are needed for selling; and delivering the boxes when needed to Giant Tiger. The job requires regular duty. There is a back-up for absence. Training is provided. For further information please contact Louise Link (louise.link@rogers.com, 253-4737). We really need YOU!

***Mississippi Mudds Membership* - Sandra Dunlop, Membership**

Another reminder that the 2010/2011 membership fees are \$20.00. You can get the Membership Form off the web site and send it to Sandra Dunlop or you can wait if you are in the MuddSingers or one of the productions in the fall as fees will be gathered within the first three weeks of September.

***E-Mail Addresses* - Sandra Dunlop, Editor**

Please - if you have a change in any of your information (address, telephone number and especially email address) please make sure that you get that information to Sandra Dunlop at 613-599-7221 or pcbear@rogers.com. This will make sure that you continue to receive the Mudds newsletter and any other pertinent information that is sent out.

***Sounds of Downtown* - Arts Carleton - Chris Jones**

The fifth annual Arts Carleton Place fundraiser "Sounds of Downtown" co-presented with the

Carleton Place BIA, is on Saturday, September 11 on Bridge Street. The featured headliners at the Town Hall are Sheesham & Lotus. For old ragtime mountain high steppin'music, don't miss these two musicians and singers. You step back in time watching them perform traditional minstrel tunes, the flatfoot buck-dance, hambone hand-jive, playing jaw-harp, fretless and gourd banjos, harmonica, fiddle and banjo. These guys will get you clapping at the town hall auditorium.

Before the 9:00pm concert, check out the other performers and venues. Performances starting at 6:00pm are: Next in Line jazz duo at The Good Food Co., the always popular Carleton Place & District Community Band at the Post Office, a busker at the Granary. A new location this year is St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church where the Mississippi Mudds Youth Choir will be performing Broadway tunes, 6-8pm. Stop in at Surrounding Memories to check out our talented local artists in the Gallery. The SRC Rock Camp students will be rockin'at The Barge, 6-8 pm. Listen and snap your fingers to LiPS Slam Poetry and the Capital Poetry Collective performing the spoken word at Brush Strokes. A new restaurant, Saigon's Delight, will be offering Vietnamese music and delicious samplings. At St. James Gate at 7pm and at 10.30pm, don't miss the ever popular Kirk Armstrong. The Thirsty Moose has acoustic blues with the Night Crawlers at 7pm and Still Dangerous at 9:30pm. Buskers, presented by SRC Music, will be playing along Bridge Street. The Barge has Brock Zeman at 9:30pm and Ballygiblin's is presenting the

talented Brea Lawrenson starting at 7pm and at 10:00pm.

The Moore House will be open with artistic and historical displays along with a barbershop quartet performance by Wellington Street from 6-9pm.

This year the main concert featuring Sheesham & Lotus starts at 9pm. There is a cash bar, 8.30-10.30pm. It's going to be a great show!

For all of you late night folk, The Barge, Ballygiblin's, St. James Gate Pub and The Thirsty Moose will be offering entertainment. Buy your passports early. The \$15 passport: all venues except the Sheesham & Lotus concert. The \$25 passport: all venues plus the 9pm Sheesham & Lotus concert. All passports allow for sampling and munching appetizers. What a deal!

Passport location: Drop in and visit the Train Station Information Centre and Gallery, 132 Coleman Street. Cash and cheques only please / www.artscarletonplace.com or telephone 613 257-2031.

Please support the arts in our community! See you on September 11!

We are also looking for volunteers to help out at various venues during Sounds of Down Town, so if anyone would like to help out they can reach us at the Train Station office or reply to me.

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The next MuddPrints will be coming out by September 20, so if you want something included please send it to me by September 15 at pcbear@rogers.com.

Mudds Calendar (2010)

July 9 - Aug 29	Classic Theatre Festival - Perth - www.classictheatre.ca
Aug. 21 (Sat.)	Nonsense: The Mega-Musical Get Together, Michele Eno's cottage - 2pm - 9pm
Sept. 1 (Wed.)	Nonsense: The Mega-Musical Production Meeting, Sandra Dunlop's house - 7:30pm
Sept. 7 (Tues)	Murder Mystery, Prints of Darkness Audition - 7:30pm
Sept. 8 (Wed.)	Rehearsals start for Nonsense: The Mega Musical at Waterside - 7pm
Sept. 9 (Thur.)	Information night at 7 pm at the Town Hall for the Mudds Youth Theatre February 2011 production of "Into the Woods Jr."
Sept. 11 (Sat.)	Auditions for Into The Woods at 10:00am at the Town Hall.
Sept. 11 (Sat.)	Sounds of Downtown. The Mudds Youth Theatre Choir will be performing.
Sept. 12 (Sun.)	Nonsense: The Mega Musical Rehearsal - Waterside - 1:00pm
Sept. 12 (Sun.)	Murder Mystery, Prints of Darkness Audition - 7:30pm
Sept. 13 (Mon.)	MuddSingers Rehearsal, St. James Anglican Church - 7:30pm
Sept. 13 (Mon.)	First Rehearsal for Into The Woods.
Sept. 15 (Wed.)	Rehearsal for Nonsense: The Mega Musical at Waterside - 7pm
Sept. 18 (Sat.)	Mudds Board of Directors Meeting - 9:00am
Sept. 19 (Sun.)	Nonsense: The Mega Musical Rehearsal - Waterside - 1:00pm
Sept. 20 (Mon.)	Muddsingers Rehearsal
Sept. 20 (Mon.)	Into The Woods Rehearsal
Sept. 22 (Wed)	Nonsense: The Mega Musical Rehearsal - Waterside - 7:30pm
Sept. 26 (Sun.)	Nonsense: The Mega Musical Rehearsal - Waterside - 1:00pm
Sept. 27 (Mon.)	Muddsingers Rehearsal
Sept. 27 (Mon.)	Into The Woods Rehearsal
Sept. 29 (Wed.)	Nonsense: The Mega Musical Rehearsal - Waterside - 7:30pm
October 30, 31	Prints of Darkness, Murder Mystery Performances
Dec 3, 4, 5	Nonsense The Mega Musical Performances
Dec 9, 10, 11	Nonsense The Mega Musical Performances