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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - June 2011



INTRODUCING THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2011/2012

Before I welcome our new board, I would like to applaud our outgoing board for all their hard work. To Jan, may you enjoy your year off. You all have my thanks. Meredith.

Congratulations to our new board: President - Meredith Millman; Treasurer - Adrian Osborne; Secretary - Judith Scott; Show Development Officer - Tony Scott; Singers Rep - Laurel Tye; Players Rep - Brian McManus; Member without Portfolio - Jeff Lee; and Member without Portfolio - : Pat Black.

The Board's first meeting will be September 1st at 7:00 pm.

***Alice in Wonderland* - Meredith Millman, Director**

Thank you to all who came out to the auditions on June 25th. We had a very full day, and appreciate the time everyone gave. So nice to see new and returning faces. Principals will be announced soon.

Rehearsals start September 7th and anyone who wants to join the show as ensemble should please come and join us that night. Rehearsals will be Wednesday nights 7-10 and Sundays 1-4. Any questions please feel free to contact Meredith Millman at meredith_link@hotmail.com, Alina Jacques at alina.jacques@hotmail.com or Louise Link at louise.link@rogers.com

***MacBeth* - Mark Piper, Director**

Evil. Treason. Murder. Madness. And blood.
Lots of blood.

Well, actually, it's adulterated corn syrup, but you get the idea. Fifteen young actors (and two

older ones) have been cast for the Mississippi Mudds Youth Theatre's production of Macbeth, at the Carleton Place Town Hall, a week before Hallowe'en, Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22, at 7 pm. Mark Piper is directing.

This production will avoid a lot of special effects (except the corn syrup) – our goal is to highlight the beauty of Shakespeare's text, and the skills of these talented young performers.

We held two rehearsals in June, and have gone on summer break, but some of the actors will be coming in individually to study the Shakespearian text intensively during July. Rehearsals start up again on August 15, and run every Monday and Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Mary's Church in August and then at Carleton Place High School in September and October.

The show will be put on in the round – with four exits at each corner of the stage, so we are looking for four adult Assistant Stage Managers to stand at each exit, to direct traffic. Also, some of the actors are doubling (and even tripling) parts, so we would look forward

to having some adult assistance in the costume room (although some of it will come from parents, undoubtedly). We're also looking for help for front of house on show nights, and perhaps on dress rehearsal (Thursday October 20).

***Pirates of Penzance, Jr.* - Sandra Dunlop, Director**

Wacky, irreverent and as entertaining today as it was when it first opened in 1879, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE spins a hilarious farce of sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dim-witted young lovers, dewy-eyed daughters and an eccentric Major-General, all morally bound to the often-ridiculous dictates of honour and duty.

I am pleased to announce that we almost have a full production team and Laurel Tye has agreed to be our Musical Director.

Auditions for this youth theatre production will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, September 10 starting at 9:00 am. All children and youth between the ages of 8-18 are welcome to join us. For further information please contact Sandra Dunlop at pcbear@rogers.com.

Youth Theatre Member Wins Audition WITH Odyssey Theatre

In its 25th season, every summer in Ottawa's historic Strathcona Park on the banks of the Rideau River, the Odyssey Theatre provides a charming open-air setting for performances with imaginative use of masks, evocative physicality, fusion of art forms and cultures, and innovative staging.

From July 21 to August 21, 2011, Odyssey is presenting *The Fan*, Carlo Goldini's masterpiece of farce. A simple fan strips the mask of idyllic calm of small town life in this raucous comedy of misconceptions and gossip, meddling and intrigue, and fist fights and fainting fits by men and women alike. The

production will feature their signature masks and stunning sets and costumes. They promise an evening filled with fun and laughter in an enchanting outdoor setting under the stars.

Throughout each season, Odyssey offers a summer apprenticeship programme that combines learning, fun and a little income for teens with an interest in the arts. Youths receive training in mask and Commedia, with placements and mentorship in a professional environment. The programme offers this unique experience to up to 15 young people between the ages of 14 - 21.

Earlier in the year, 14 year old, Mississippi Mudds Youth member, Phoebe Williams auditioned and interviewed to participate in the season. She has been invited to join the Performance programme, with an acting role which means she has committed to attending 6 days a week between June 29 and August 21, both an exciting and exhausting prospect. For her audition, Phoebe had to pretend to catch a mouse with her bare hands. Clearly she did it very well.

For more information of the Odyssey Theatre and performance times, please visit www.odysseytheatre.ca

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum Summer Workshops for Children

Sign up now for the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum's "Fibre Friends Workshops". Running from July 11 to 15th from 9:30 am to noon, ages 9 and up.

Monday July 11th - Make a Friend with string , (friendship bracelets to get us thinking friendly).

Tuesday July 12th - Make a Friend with recycling, (make a sock monkey or sock critter).

Wednesday July 13th - Make a Friend with yarn, (knit your own "PUPPET" with Janie from Janie H. Knits).

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Thursday July 14th - Make a friend with fur, (who doesn't love a teddy bear?)

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Friday July 15th - Make a friend with stitching, (it's known as a kiss, and made from plastic canvas).

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.

Each workshop is \$10 per day per student or \$45 for the week. For registration or questions

The next MuddPrints will be coming out by July 22, 2011, so if you want something included please send it to me by July 19 at pcbear@rogers.com.

Mudds Calendar (2011)

Aug 18 (Thurs)	7pm	Full Production Meeting for Pirates of Penzance, Jr	St. Mary's
Aug 18 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	St. Mary's
Aug 22 (Mon)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	St. Mary's
Aug 25 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	St. Mary's
Aug 29 (Mon)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	St. Mary's
Sept 1 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	St. Mary's
Sept 1 (Thurs)	7pm	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting	Tomahawk Tech.
Sept 7 (Wed)	7-10pm	First Rehearsal for Alice in Wonderland	
Sept 8 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Sept 10 (Sat)	9am	Auditions for Pirates of Penzance Jr.	Town Hall
Sept 11 (Sun)	1-4pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Sept 12 (Mon)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Sept 14 (Wed)	7-10pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Sept 15 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Sept 15 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS
Sept 19 (Mon)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Sept 22 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Sept 22 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS
Sept 25 (Sun)	1-4pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Sept 26 (Mon)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Sept 28 (Wed)	7-10pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Sept 29 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Sept 29 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS
Oct 2 (Sun)	1-4pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Oct 3 (Mon)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Oct 5 (Wed)	7-10pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	

Oct 6 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Oct 6 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS
Oct 12 (Wed)	7-10pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Oct 13 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	CPHS
Oct 13 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS
Oct 16 (Sun)	9am-4pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	Town Hall
Oct 16 (Sun)	1-4pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Oct 17 (Mon)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	Town Hall
Oct 19 (Wed)	7-10pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Oct 20 (Thurs)	7-9pm	MacBeth Rehearsal	Town Hall
Oct 20 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS
Oct 21 (Fri)	6-9pm	MacBeth Performance	Town Hall
Oct 22 (Sat)	6-11pm	MacBeth Performance	Town Hall
Oct 23 (Sun)	1-4pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Oct 26 (Wed)	7-10pm	Alice in Wonderland Rehearsal	
Oct 27 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS
Nov 1 (Thurs)	6:30-8:30pm	Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Rehearsal	NDHS