

MUDDPRINTS

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - December 2018

From the President's Desk - Stu West

I'd like to start this edition of 'Muddprints' with a special "Thank You" to the cast and crew of "The Mikado". The music was wonderful, the acting superb, and the costumes were outstanding! You all provided our audiences with a terrific evening of entertainment. Bravo to you all. I would especially like to congratulate Barb Dickson, Producer, Mark Piper, Director, Tracy Ahern, Musical Director, and Colleen Robillard, Stage Manager, on a job well done.

Another "Thank You" that is overdue goes to Tony Scott, Director, and the cast and crew of "Murder, Medium Rare", the Murder/Mystery put on by the Mudds in conjunction with the Grand Hotel. Two sold out evenings provided patrons with a great meal and a mystery to solve as to 'who done it?'. Let's hope we can look forward to another Murder/Mystery in the not too distant future.

Our next production, "The Lion King, Jr.", moves in to Town Hall in January to put the finishing touches on what, I'm sure, will be a spectacular show. Directors and our Junior Mudds performers have already been rehearsing since September, and will now be getting down to fine-tuning their performance. When tickets go on sale at "Tickets, Please", be sure to get yours early as I'm sure a number of these performances will sell out quickly.

Our spring production of "We Will Rock You" just completed auditions, and with all roles filled will enthusiastically begin rehearsals in January. Watch for updates in 'Muddprints' as this production begins to take shape in the months ahead.

As we get ready to close out 2018, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members for their support and work over the last six months. We, the Mississippi Mudds, also appreciate the continued support of our business community sponsors. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Greetings from Jan F. for Christmas 2018

I read an article about Ian McKellen some time ago and to me it spoke of us ! He ended his interview with this;

...." When I was a young actor myself, I loved being with the older actors; they had things to educate me about. I would think, 'One day I'll be like you.' and now I am like them ! It's wonderful to be in an industry where young and old have equal responsibility and are sharing things together and the respect is mutual and not just dependent on your age ."

That is truly us ! You all make me extremely proud , old and young, big and small ! May each of you have a wonderful Christmas with those you love !

Jan Ferguson (Mother Mudd)

Signing off from the Mikado - Barb Dickson, Producer.

I would just like to thank all involved in the production of the Mikado .



Our cast really enjoyed themselves, produced wonderful music, great acting . The set design was simple, effective, complementing the beautiful lighting and very colourful costumes. Our Music Director and Director moulded the cast into a force to be reckoned and the accompanist and drummer kept pace with the action on stage. Gilbert and Sullivan would have been proud.

Behind the scenes, the stage management crew kept everyone in order, and the stage manager succeeded with all those lighting cues. Front of house, follow spot operators, sound design, make-up and lighting all combined to make this show a feast for the eyes and ears.

It was my pleasure to work with you all as Producer. Seasons Greetings to all. Signing off on the Mikado.

Update on Lion King Jr. - Sherrie Seward, Producer

Preparation and rehearsals for the Lion King Jr. continues, with much effort being placed on choreography and music. For each rehearsal, a schedule is prepared ahead of time to address specific scene blocking, choreography and songs to run through. This has proven to be an invaluable tool in ensuring cast and directors stay on track. We have also completed ticket selection for the cast, with the online ticket website being prepared to be released in the coming days to the public.

We are approximately two months away from dress rehearsal, which means that time is now of the essence for cast members to know all of their lines, cues and music. As such, they have been asked to return in January after the break without scripts in hand and we have requested all cast members to practice their music daily. Videos are taken regularly of choreography to aid cast members to practice their dance moves at home. Our costume and make-up team has collaborated on vision and design, and early fittings are now happening for cast members as costumes are constructed and sewn.

Newer and more junior cast members are being coached to remain in character while on stage, with some of our more experienced cast members assisting with games and warm-up as

needed. Some of the music has proven to be quite challenging in terms of harmony, language and timing. Specifically for one of the numbers, stronger vocalists within the cast have been called upon to assist behind curtain to help sing. We look forward to moving to the Town Hall on January 7th to continue our focus in fine-tuning the production in the same physical space of where the musical will come alive.

On December 6th, the cast and Directors visited the Carleton Place Terrace Manor to sing Christmas carols and some of the Lion King songs to the residents and staff. There was an overwhelming sense of compassion and enthusiasm displayed by our youth Mudds members during this visit – it was a sight to see and hear. The residents were thrilled with the mini-concert, and it was a pleasure and proud moment for us as a production team. Pictures are attached.



We Will Rock You (WWRY) - Karen Lapointe, Director

The date: November 24, 2018. The time: 9.15 am. The place: Town Hall, Carleton Place. The reason: Auditions for We Will Rock You, the musical written by Queen and Ben Elton. The turnout was amazing; we had more than 30 people on the day as well as several submissions by video. As usual the standard of talent was extremely high, but finally the roles were set and we have a cast of 34. I would like to thank Peter Brown, Tracy Ahern, Sandra Dunlop, Joanne Samler, Colleen Taylor and Don Lee for their invaluable help during the day, it really was very much appreciated and also to everyone that came out, danced, sang and read for us.

It really was a great day that went very smoothly and I could not be more proud of those in the cast who have been with the Mudds before; I had some wonderful comments from newcomers on how friendly everyone was and what a great atmosphere was felt in the hall; this is why I love being a part of such an amazing family.

As a few of you may know (!) I have been a Queen fan since the mid-70s and when WWRV closed its doors in 2014 in London, I knew this would be my solo directorial debut for the Mudds. I have been planning this show for 4 years and for the last 2 years just waiting for all of this to come together and now we are just 2 weeks away from beginning the journey!! Rehearsals start on January 6th, with our first day as a Meet and Greet/Pot Luck for all cast and crew at 1.30 in St. Mary's Church Hall. To say I am excited is an understatement and I know we are going to do a lot of hard work, but also have a great deal of fun bringing this to the stage.

So I guess you all might be just a little bit interested in knowing who is in the cast? Ok then!

ROLE	CAST
Galileo	Calvin Beaulieu
Scaramouche	Julie Hunter
Killer Queen	Amy Bourne
Khashoggi	Joshua Gallant
Britney Spears	Andrew McDougall
Meatloaf	Stephanie Scott
Pop/Buddy	Peter Meyer
Teacher/Bohemian	Trish Smith
Doctor #1/Bohemian	Angela Rogers
Doctor #2/Bohemian	Randy Thibeault
Ga-Ga/Teen Queen	Satinka Schilling
Ga-Ga/Teen Queen	Sydney Osborne
Ga-Ga/Teen Queen	Grace MacDonald-Lee
Ga-Ga/Teen Queen	Annie Ahern
Secret Police/Bohemian	Hannah Schmidt
Secret Police/Bohemian	Kaleb McCarty

Secret Police/Bohemian	Curran Hall
Secret Police/Bohemian	Jen Hughes
Secret Police/Bohemian	Kathleen Everett
Secret Police/Bohemian	Loretta Di
Eugenio	
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Linda Beiglee
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Danette
	Hanneman
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Colleen Robillard
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Jessica Faris
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Kathy Cosham
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Jesse Gibson
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Ben Bourne
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Ainsley Mohns
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Yolande Hardy
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Kara Parisien
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Helen Gillis
Ga-Ga/Bohemian	Kim Balazsi
Bohemian	Andy Simpson

So congratulations to everyone and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; see you all on the 6th!

From the Editor - 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.

Know that I welcome articles monthly, be it from members, former members and people involved in current productions. The deadline for the next edition of Muddprints is January 20. I would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be long, just of interest to Mudds members and fans.

Hi all

So since last Muddprints and announcing that our new Nevada schedule is live, only 4 (wonderful) people have signed up ! A little sad really. In the new year I will be contacting all of you that have not taken on a shift for this season. We will also have many new members from our latest show We Will Rock ou, that will help with the numbers too. So if you need a certain date, jump on now and secure it. Simple and easy to do and remember.... this is the most important income for the Mississippi Mudds. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and thanks for supporting us.

1) Visit this link to see our signup page for Nevada Schedule <http://signup.com/go/fAiTzHL>

Mississippi Mudds 2019 Nevada Schedule 1 signup.com

2) Review the dates listed and choose at least 1 of the spot(s) you like. (you can isolate dates that are not filled yet by checking the box hide full spots at top of the list of dates)

3) Sign up! It will ask for your email to send reminder and name, so we can keep track of who is supporting the Mudds and honouring your commitment. It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com. Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. I can be reached at muddsmisissippi@gmail.com

below are just some of the awesome people below that have already helped us out by simply signing up... THANK YOU

Date	Sat 10am - 1pm	Sat 1pm - 4pm	Date	Sun 10pm - 1pm
22 Dec	Jan Hopkins	Liz Szucs	23 Dec	<i>Need Help Please</i>
29 Dec	Karen Lapointe	Mark Piper	30 Dec	Kristi Latham
5 Jan	Shelley Rossetti	Heather McDermid	6 Jan	Helen Gillis
12 Jan	Melanie Arrowsmith	Tony Moffa	13 Jan	Abigail Brown
19 Jan	<i>Need Help Please</i>	Judith Scott	20 Jan	<i>Need Help Please</i>
26 Jan	Angela Rogers	<i>Need Help Please</i>	27 Jan	<i>Need Help Please</i>

Any questions, please email Kate at: muddsmisissippi@gmail.com

Happy Birthday wishes go to members past and present who are celebrating their birthdays between December 23 January 22: We hope you have a lovely day :-)

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| Paul Hui Yu Wang | Dec-25 |
| Clark Bains | Dec-26 |
| Keira Uriarte | Dec-26 |
| Holley Edgerton | Dec-27 |
| Jan Ferguson | Dec-27 |
| Tori Rodgers | Dec-30 |
| Christy Bindhardt | Dec-31 |

Sylvia Giles	Jan-09
Claire Campbell	Jan-09
Victoria Bourne	Jan-09
Chris Barlow	Jan-09
Caitlin Doyle	Jan-13
Abbie Giles	Jan-15
Sierra Mathew	Jan-21

Watch this space for more birthday celebrations next month :-) Karen Lapointe, Membership

The next issue of Muddprints will be published on January 22. The deadline for articles is January 20.

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Mudds Calendar (2019)

Jan 6 (Sun)	1:30pm-6:00pm	WWRY Meet & Greet, Pot Luck	St. Mary's
Jan 7 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 9 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Jan 10 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 13 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Jan 14 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 16 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Jan 17 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 20 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Jan 21 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 23 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Jan 24 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 26 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	Lion King Set Build	Town Hall
Jan 27 (Sun)	9:00am-4:00pm	Lion King Set Build	Town Hall
Jan 28 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 31 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 2 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	Lion King Set Build	Town Hall
Feb 3 (Sun)	9:00am-4:00pm	Lion King Set Build	Town Hall
Feb 4 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 7 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 9 (Sat)	10:00am-4:00pm	Lion King Rehearsal (Cue to Cue)	Town Hall
Feb 11 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 14 (Thur)	5:00pm-9:00	Lion King Dress Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 21 (Thur)	6:30pm-:30pm	Lion King Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 22 (Fri)	5:00pm-9:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Feb 23 (Sat)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Feb 24 (Sun)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Feb 28 (Thur)	5:00pm-9:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Mar 1 (Fri)	5:00pm-9:00-m	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Mar 2 (Sat)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Mar 3 (Sun)	12:00pm-7:00pm	Lion King Performance, Tear Down and Party	Town Hall

FULL SCHEDULE FOR WWRY WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT MUDDPRINTS.