

# MUDD PRINTS

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**The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - June 2021**

AGM - June 28 at 7pm - Annual General Meeting



## **From the Desk of the President - Jeff Lee**

For the first time ever we'll be closing out the Mudds season with no shows under our belt. While we have not been performing on stage we've been performing nonetheless in raising funds to keep the troupe afloat and maintain our tradition of awarding bursaries to students in our community.

Carleton Place High School had no candidate pursuing post-secondary education in performing arts but asked if we'd extend the eligibility of the bursary to students pursuing health sciences. The entire board thought this was a great idea under the circumstances and voted unanimously to extend the eligibility for this year only.

Please remember the AGM is on the 28th of June, people can sign up at [www.mississippimudds.ca](http://www.mississippimudds.ca). There has been some interest in people running for the board but we still need more, there is 7 positions up for election: President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 directors without portfolio.

As a new board is taking over we'll see you all next season when we'll be able resume more normal activities.

## **Mudds Clubbs Update - Stephanie Stephens**

Last week was the final meeting for our youth online theatre group for this season. The kids enjoyed several new activities and had fun creating scenes and role playing different improvised characters. Eight weeks flew by! You know what they say: time flies, when you're having fun. And we had a lot of fun!

With so much positive feedback from parents and kids, it will definitely come back in some shape or form in the near future!

The older group is continuing to meet but only because we have some finishing touches to still add to our Zoom production of 'Alice in Zoomland'. Piano player extraordinaire, Ian Guenette, recorded the accompaniment tracks for the musical performances for the show, and music teacher, Carolyn Scott-MacIntyre, has joined us for some vocal coaching. Listening to the Jilted Bride sing their version of Julie Andrews' Waiting at the Church and the evil Queen's Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow Wow gives goosebumps! There is so much talent in this group!

The actors have had a lot of input into the script and how the show is being put together. There will be puppets, drums, and comedy galore... Including some pretty funny improv riffs! Asher Scott, who plays The Cat, has turned some of their lines into masterpieces with their sly and intelligent adlibbing.

Because of lagging Internet, it will most likely be recorded and shared, just to ensure flow of performance. Sometimes it can be a little tricky to continue a scene when one actor is frozen! Then they really would have to exercise their improv skills!

It's been a great learning experience and a great way to socialize and spend some time together with great friends!

**From the Editor - Sandra Dunlop, Editor**

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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 July 20, I would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be long, just of interest to Mudds members and fans.

**Mudds in Your Eye #13 June 2021 (coordinated by Stephanie Stephens)**



**Here is another in a series which profiles members of the Mississippi Mudds, written especially for the readers of the Muddprints!**

The spotlight is on Mudds Youth member, Bobby Martin. Since Bobby has been bitten by the theatre bug, she has been in so many productions over the past few years! From 'Merchant of Venice', to 'Little Mermaid', 'Lion King', 'CP 200+', and 'Frozen'! Bobby has also been in CPHS's Oz and has been a teaching assistant for the 'Be Your Best' improv classes. Recently, she has been helping to lead the Mudds Clubbs online theatre group on Wednesday nights. Bobby is an easy-going, warm, and member of the Mudds, and so much fun to work with!

1. **What was the first production you did with the Mudds? What was your part? What was your most memorable moment in that production?**

The first production I was in, was The Little Mermaid Jr. I played both a sailor and a chef. I think the most memorable moments of that production was meeting new friends, honouring Kate Cooney, and listening to people talk about her and how amazing she was, and stepping out onto that stage for the first time.

2. **What show would you wish the Mudds would put on? What character would you like to play in it?**

I would love to see the Mudds put on a production of Beetlejuice the Musical. It's one of my favourite movies growing up and seeing it as a musical completely blew my mind. I would love to play Beetlejuice in it!

3. **Is theatre something you wish to pursue after high school?**

After high school, I really wanna get out there in the world and help people, make them feel better, and let them smile! So, I have thought about pursuing the arts after high school or becoming a therapist/social worker.

4. **How would you describe the Mudds experience to another kid your age debating whether or not to join?**

Well, the Mudds experience is something truly fantastic! Seeing everyone around my age gathering together and sharing this moment in each of our lives, bonding together and making great memories- that's the experience the Mudds gives me that I think kids my age should definitely experience!

5. **Do you have any advice for auditioning?**

The advice that I have for auditioning is practice. That's all it really boils down to: the more you practice, the better it reflects in your performance and your audition. Whatever role you want, now matter how big or small, practice, and own the role; make it yours even in the auditions.



6. **What is your favourite play/musical?**

Currently my favourite musical/play is a three-way tie between Rocky Horror Picture Show, Hamilton, and Cats.

7. **Other than acting, what role would you like to fill in a show?**

I think a role I would love to fill would be helping to direct or to play with the musicians in the adult shows.

8. **What's the best part about being on stage?**

The best part for me about being on stage is that I can completely check out of reality. When I'm on stage playing a character, all the worries and struggles in my life just fade and I get to be someone else for a moment and provide joy in people's lives and my own.

9. **What is the scariest part about being on stage?**

The scariest thing about being on stage is forgetting a line, cue, or choreography.

10. **What is something you've learned from another Mudds member?**

One thing I've learned from another Mudds member is to truly just be yourself. I learned this from a lot of Mudds members, but being yourself takes you a long way. When I first started in the Mudds, I was shy and didn't wanna make friends, but having these people teach me that, has allowed me to be myself and be proud in who I am and what I'm doing.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes go to members past and present who are celebrating their birthdays between June 23 and July 22. We know this is not a time that we can go out and party with our friends, but we hope you find something awesome to do! :-)

Michael Alon	Jun-23
Kellie Brown	Jun-23
Emily Hogan	Jun-25
Michael Pichette	Jun-28
Rebecca Montsion	Jul-03
Aedan Ingram	Jul-05
Cristian Bowie	Jul-06
Annie Ahern	Jul-06
Randy Thibeault	Jul-07
Ashley Yantha	Jul-09
Laura Bennett-Ferland	Jul-09
Jim McNally	Jul-11
Amelia Moore-Crispin	Jul-12
Sam Bowers	Jul-13
Laura Hunter	Jul-13
Sheelagh Lam	Jul-17
Colm Cooney	Jul-18
Kate Bains	Jul-19

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

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

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## **Mudds Calendar (2021)**

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