

# MUDDPRINTS

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## The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - May 2017

### **Mudds AGM and Elections - Jeff Lee, President**

By now all current members should have received an email from the Nomination Committee (Jeff Lee, Lesley Moll and Kate Martin) regarding elections. The Mudds AGM is June 13th at 7pm in the lower hall of the Carleton Place Arena and that's when elections will be held. The intentions of current board members is listed below. Mudds members have not actually cast any ballots in 3 or more years, every board has been acclaimed as just enough people have stepped forward and the entire board has been acclaimed.

This year is different, my constitutionally mandated term as President is over and I will be in the unelected position of Past President. Two other board members are choosing not to run again leaving the positions of President and Director without Portfolio, at the very least, open to election. All positions on the board are up for election and any adult member has the right to have their name put on the ballot.

The Mudds board meets once a month to report on Financials, Properties, Promotion, Public Relations, Show Development, Social, Membership, Records, Fund Raising and progress on the season's shows. As matters arise the board discusses and votes on a course of action for each. Once a year the board holds a show proposal meeting where members are invited to pitch developed show ideas to the board.

I was elected to the board in 2009 and served as Director without Portfolio largely in charge of Properties and Fund Raising until 2014 when I decided to run for President. I served under three Presidents: Meredith Millman, Tony Scott and Catherine Hutton each of which taught me

a lot and prepared me to take on deeper responsibilities in the organization. I had a lot of support in the past years as President from: Adrian Osborne, Kate Martin, Sandra Dunlop, Joanne Samler, Catherine Hutton, Liz Szuks, Jan Ferguson, Brian McManus, Trish Smith, Karen Lapointe, Linda Beiglee, Mark Piper, Kate Cooney, Barb Dickson, and Lesley Moll (very sorry if I missed anyone). The incoming President can expect the same support from myself and the elected members of the board.

I encourage you to step up and put your name on the ballot and not be afraid to win or lose should an election happen. There has been a tendency in the past for members to ask if anyone else is running before they'll throw their hat in the ring and that is only natural in such a friendly organization. There will be no hard feelings, the Mudds will continue to provide MUsic Drama and Dancing on Stage and members will still have a blast in meeting new people and learning new lines and songs for shows for decades to come.

If you wish to throw your hat in the ring or have any questions please contact me at 613-257-1433 or by email at [jeff37801@yahoo.ca](mailto:jeff37801@yahoo.ca). I encourage all of you to attend the AGM to vote and get up to date on the state of the organization.

### Status of Current Board Members

Jeff Lee – President – term expired and automatically acclaimed as Past President.  
Jan Ferguson – Treasurer – letting her name stand as treasurer for the coming season.  
Lesley Moll – Secretary – will not be letting her name stand for election.  
Mark Piper – Show Development Director –

will let his name stand in the same position for the coming season.

Kate Cooney – Director – will let her name stand for the position of Secretary for the coming season.

Karen LaPointe – Director – will let her name stand as Director for the coming season.

Barb Dickson – Director – will not be letting her name stand for election.

Linda Baiglee – Director – will let her name stand as Director for the coming season.

While there are current board members standing for election, all positions with the exception of Past President are available for a nominee.

### **State of the Mudds - Jeff Lee, President**

The Mudds are having an action packed season this year. Normally that sentence would be in the past tense at this time of year but we still have Assassins to go and they are 2 rehearsals into a compressed schedule for dinner theatre performances on June 23 & 24.

The Mudds mainstay schedule over the past few years has been a youth Shakespeare performance in early fall, a major production in late fall, a youth major production in winter and a major production in spring. This year we added a murder mystery/dinner theatre in the winter and a new addition of Mudds Underground in the early summer.

King Lear began our season with passionate performances by our youth. This show provided our young actors with a lot of room to grow into their very challenging rolls; perennial Shakespeare director Mark Piper put together a great show that both cast and audiences enjoyed.

Next the sister team of Sandra Dunlop (Director) and Joanne Samler (Producer) brought us Mary Poppins. This show was very complex for all involved and it was pulled off marvelously. The cast had challenges in dancing and music and the crew had challenges in set build and set changes. A massive team effort across the board made this show a success in all measures.

Tony and Judith Scott next brought us Comical Murder, a funny and energetic murder mystery and dinner theatre. This is the only show I could attend as a patron and I had a great time. This show being so close to the youth show required both teams to work together and they demonstrated why the Mudds are so successful with help and cooperation.

Aladdin Jr. followed with a colourful and exciting performance from our youth. The music, choreography and costumes were outstanding and the crowd was wowed at the quality that Kate Cooney (Director) and Linda Baigley (Producer) put on stage.

The Gilbert and Sullivan classic HMS Pinafore followed directed by Mark Piper. This show was funny and tight with lots of great crowd pleasing moments. The cast and crew had a great time putting this show together. Performances and rehearsals were enhanced by impromptu and well timed levity that made this show a memorable one for crowd, cast and crew.

Lastly we're now putting on Assassins, the inaugural show under the Mudds Underground brand. This brand is meant to convey to our patrons that the show is a bit more edgy and not quite so family friendly as most of our shows are. The relatively small cast is experienced and I understand that rehearsals are going well in these early stages; I look forward to seeing this on stage.

Details will be given at the AGM but financially we are doing well and holding our own. Here's what we have in store for next year: Youth Fall will be Twelfth Night directed by Mark Piper, in the late Fall we'll be presenting Anne of Green Gables directed by Patti and Jon Lockhart, the Winter youth show will be Little Mermaid (originally approved last year as Shrek but the board voted to allow the change) directed by Kate Cooney and finishing off with Guys and Dolls directed by Adam Pelletier.

Members need not wait for the show proposal meeting to pitch murder mysteries and Mudds Underground proposals. The

board is open to those ideas throughout the year. The show proposal package is available on the Mudds website and outlines the requirements to be approved. Also get your creative juices flowing for the next season and beyond.

Finally, thank you all for allowing me to serve as President these past three years. It has been and will continue to be my privilege to serve this historic organization. I especially want to thank all the board members who have served during my term and the friends who advised me and helped me through some challenging times (pretty sure you know who you are). I would also like to extend a huge thanks to Louise Link for her volunteer work as Mudds Bookkeeper.

### **Coffee House for Jr. Mudds - Emma Andrigo**

Hello Jr. Mudds!

We are planning an event to raise funds for the Mississippi Mudds and to showcase some great Jr. Mudds talent!

What: Jr. Mudds Celebration - This will take the form of a "coffee house" that includes a Talent Show, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and the screening of the 'Aladdin' documentary

Where: Carleton Place Town Hall

When: Saturday June 3rd 1:30 to 4:00

The link below will take you to a google doc with sign up pages for the talent show, bake sale and silent auction. There is also a list to give suggestions for the documentary title. We will contact those who have signed up through email to confirm the details.

Please check out the sign up pages and consider how you might help make this event a success! Also please ask family, friends and neighbours to attend on June 3rd!

Thank you very much for your support,  
Emma Andrigo

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WRic\\_J\\_DHZTssv\\_wbGc5n8XzvkR2XcviK3UH9qhyQY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WRic_J_DHZTssv_wbGc5n8XzvkR2XcviK3UH9qhyQY/edit?usp=sharing)

P.S. Please contact us by phone or email if you are not able to access or use the google doc sign up

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### **Lambs Down Park Festival - Karen Lapointe, Board Director**

And now for a bit of fun: In line with Canada's 150 and Carleton Place's rich history, especially with the Wool and Train industry in the region, The Lambs Down Park Festival have decided to turn back the clock for the event and celebrate life over the past 150 years. The organizers have approached the MUDDS to see if anyone would be interested in dressing up in period costume and engaging the crowds as we walk around, with photo ops etc.. Food and drink will be supplied to the MUDDS members who are taking part. I think this would be a great chance to dress up and have some fun! Also included in the event this year is "an obstacle course, entertainment stage, a fibre and wood hand made market, a tented display and demonstration area for antique craftsman, petting zoo and rides, animal demonstrations, confectionary and BBQ area, model train demonstrations and hopefully a model train ride as well as carriage rides from parking areas. Lambs Down is a BIA event meant to assist those businesses further down Bridge Street such as the Wool Growers etc. We are anticipating approximately 1000 pers and hopefully more!"

The Festival is being held on June 17, 2017, between 10 am and 3 pm and anyone who is interested should contact myself, Karen Lapointe, within the next couple of weeks so that we can organize a time with the costume team to kit us out. Please contact me via my email at kazli63@gmail.com

## **The Underground - Assassins - in Rehearsal** **- Mark Piper, Director**

The Mudds Underground Dinner Theatre production of Stephen Sondheim's Tony-Award winning musical black comedy, *Assassins*, is now in rehearsal. We'll be performing for two nights only - Friday, June 23, and Saturday, June 24. Tickets will be \$45 (includes salad, meal, dessert), and will be available from Hallmark, from the cast and crew, and at the door. (Cash bar.)

Here's the cast:

Julie Hunter - Shooting Gallery Proprietor  
Calvin Beaulieu - Balladeer/Lee Harvey Oswald  
Mike McCormick - John Wilkes Booth  
Mark Piper - Leon Czolgosz  
Andrew Simpson - Charles Guiteau  
Laurel Tye - Sara Jane Moore  
Katie Irvine - Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme  
Jesse Gibson - John Hinckley  
Ben Bourne - Guiseppe Zangara  
Don Lee - Samuel Byck  
Karen Lapointe - Emma Goldman  
Molly Cooney - Housewife

A darkly funny, musical examination of the culture of fame and notoriety in the United States, told through the reaction of people who have gained fame by trying to assassinate the President of the United States. (Not a show for children.)

## **Twelfth Night Auditions - Mark Piper, Show Development**

The Mudds Youth Theatre - which has performed seven Shakespearean productions over the past seven years - will be presenting William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, directed by Mark Piper, in the last two weekends of October. Auditions will be held at St. James Anglican Church, 225 Edmund St, Carleton Place, on Sunday, June 25 from 2pm to 6pm.. (In past years, rehearsals have taken place Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.)

Twelve roles for actors between the ages of 13 and 17 (and younger actors are welcome to

audition in special circumstances):

Viola - a shipwrecked young lady (and the heroine of the play) later disguised as the young man Cesario.

Duke Orsino – Duke of Illyria (bored and weary of life, pursuing Olivia).

Olivia – a wealthy countess (noble and wise, but long in mourning for her brother).

Malvolio – steward in the household of Olivia (a dour Puritan).

Maria – Olivia's gentlewoman (saucy, sharp-tongued, witty).

Sir Toby Belch – Olivia's uncle (a middle-aged knight who likes to party).

Sir Andrew Aguecheek – a rich man who Sir Toby brings to be Olivia's wooer (friendly, but a bit dim).

Feste – the jester of Olivia's household (the wise fool).

Sebastian – Viola's twin brother, thought drowned in the shipwreck, but actually alive and visiting Illyria.

Fabian – Olivia's servant and a friend to Sir Toby (the normal one).

Antonio – a brigand and 'friend' to Sebastian (doubles as Captain of the Wrecked Ship – friend to Viola).

Valentine – a cultured gentlemen attending on the Duke (doubles as a Police Officer, and a Priest).

Send an email to [mississippimudds@gmail.com](mailto:mississippimudds@gmail.com) (or Mark Piper at [kmm.mdp@gmail.com](mailto:kmm.mdp@gmail.com)), or leave a message at the "Contact Us" page at <http://mississippimudds.ca/> to book a time.

Also, if you can't make the auditions, but still want to try out for the show, send us a message, and we'll try to work something out.

**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](mailto: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 June 20. I would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to long, just of interest to Mudds members and fans.

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Happy Birthday wishes go to our past and present members, who are celebrating their birthdays between May 23 and June 21. We hope you have an amazing day.

Justin Beiglee	May-24
Kate Osborne	May-25
Cathy Boynton	May-26
Kelly Young	May-28
Jessica Kinnari	May-28
Audrey Statham	May-28
Douglas Campbell	May-28
Lesley Moll	May-30
Kyle Booth	Jun-01
Frank Martens	Jun-02
Julia Harvie	Jun-02
Maleeka Thaker	Jun-02
Lise Corbett	Jun-04
Jacob Jones	Jun-04
Michele Eno	Jun-05
Esme Purdy	Jun-08
Jack Lockhart	Jun-11
Meredith Millman	Jun-16
Perry Santry	Jun-17
Nora Ziai	Jun-17
Olivia Scott	Jun-17
Aiden Letemplier	Jun-18
Wendy Giles	Jun-19
Amy Bourne	Jun-21
Matthew Abele	Jun-21



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 June 22. The deadline for articles is June 20.

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## ***Mudds Calendar (2017)***

June 3 (Saturday)	1:30pm	Coffee House - Jr. Mudds	Town Hall
June 13 (Tuesday)	7pm	Annual General Meeting	Arena
June 17 (Saturday)	10am-3pm	Lambs Down Park Festival	Park
June 23 (Friday)		Dinner Show - Assassins	Town Hall
June 24 (Saturday)		Dinner Show - Assassins	Town Hall
June 25 (Sunday)	2pm-6pm	Auditions for Twelfth Night	St. James