

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - April 2011



AUDITIONS for the 2011 fall show - a panto - "**Alice in Wonderland**".

The Mudds fall 2011 show is another great panto. With great characters like Alice, the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and March Hare, Cheshire Cat, Tweedle Dum and Dee, Princess Incontinenta, Alice's Mom Gladys, the not-so-nice Queen of Hearts and the gardener Ernest Compost. And great music like "What a Wonderful World", Elvis' "Burning Love", the Stones' "Satisfaction", "Can't Wait to be King", and "Hard Knock Life". The Director is Meredith Millman, music director Laurel Tye, piano+ by Peter Brown, and produced by Alina Jacques and Louise Link.

Auditions for principals, including the non-singing roles of the White Rabbit & Cheshire Cat, are **Saturday June 25th**. (Rehearsals start in September.) For subsequent info, watch this spot, the Mudds website, and the local papers. If you'd like to talk to someone about this show please call Meredith Millman at 257-8930 or meredith_link@hotmail.com.

Please note:

1. These auditions are for principals and secondary characters only.
2. Chorus will be invited to join in September.
3. There are no summer rehearsals. The auditions are being held to enable music arrangements & costuming to get a head start.

Please mark your calendars! More information will be coming soon.

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

AUDITORIUM UPGRADES: Joanne Henderson from the Town of CP came to speak to the board meeting in April. She and Paul Knowles CEO are reviewing a wish list put together by the Auditorium Committee during its work under the previous town council. They asked the Mudds Board to present them with our "top five" improvements that we would like to see. They are asking other user groups to do the same. They will then decide if they should recommend to the new council that the Auditorium Committee be reconvened. If you would like to know the top

five items the Board forwarded to the town please contact Meredith Millman.

NEW SHOW BRAINSTORMING: 17 members came out to a meeting on Monday April 18th to share ideas for future Mudds shows and ventures. Many ideas were put on the table for shows, activities and ways to connect more with the community at large. A few people are ready to work towards a proposal for next year. Some were asking for help or the opportunity to assist with a production and learn a new aspect of theatre. Producers are needed quickly for a couple of proposals, in order for them to go forward to the Boards annual show proposal meeting scheduled for May 28th. Other ideas are in need of further research.

Please contact Meredith Millman or Tony Scott if you want to join a production team.

ONLINE SURVEY: We are putting together an on line survey to get input from more of you on some of these topics. The link will be sent out separately but we urge you to take part and let us know what you want and also, very importantly, what you can do to keep us alive and flourishing as a cultural entity in our community.

The next Board meeting is set for Wednesday May 18th at 7 pm. Please let Judith Scott know if you would like to attend. Members are always welcome so sit in.

***Halfway to Heaven* - Judith Scott, Producer**

Dont forget to buy your tickets for Halfway To Heaven opening on April 29th. Independent feedback tells us it is a striking piece of theatre, guaranteed to give you some musical thrills and theatrical chills. And yes there is a tender and beautiful happy ending emphasised by Peter Brown's incredible arrangement of Stairway To Heaven. We know there is a lot of competition for your entertainment dollars but this is an absolute must see. Visit the website for more information or call 613 257 2031 for tickets.

EODL (Eastern Ontario Drama League) - President Meredith Millman

The EODL results have been released..... please join me in congratulating Robert Horne! Robert won the Bancroft Theatre Guild Award for Acting Excellence for "Looking". And Congratulations to Brian McManus - Director of "Looking".

Full award listing:

Armagh Sifton-Price Award: Adjudicator Award for the Music - Theatre Night in Merrickville - The Farm Show - Marcia Phillips and her musicians Paul Sutterlin and Gary Roberts

Arnold Connerty Award: Adjudicator Award for the Fake Accent - Northumberland Players, Cobourg - Having Hope at Home - Greg Curtis as Michel

Bancroft Theatre Guild Award for Acting Excellence: Valley Players, Almonte - Looking - Robert Horne as Andy. **Nominated:** Ken Godmere as Roger, Ottawa Little Theatre - The Long Weekend

Deep River Players Award: Best Visual Presentation: Theatre Night in Merrickville - The Farm Show - Set Design by Rod Fournier, Gillian Morden and Andrea Howard; Set Decorating and Scene Painting by Gillian Morden; Costumes by Nancy Harris and Lighting by Kendrick de Lepper and Rich Huton

John L. Walley Award: Best Costuming: Domino Theatre Inc. - Trying - Claudia Wade, Costume Designer

Kingston Trophy: Best Production of a Canadian Play: Ottawa Little Theatre - The Long Weekend

Leonard Beaulne Memorial Trophy: Best Actor in a Major Role: Domino Theatre Inc. - Trying - William Morrow as Judge Francis Biddle

Leonard Beaulne Memorial Trophy: Best Actress in a Major Role: Northumberland Players, Cobourg - Having Hope at Home - Jody Ledgerwood as Carolyn (Caro)

Margaret White Award: For Acting Excellence: Ottawa Little Theatre - The Long Weekend - Irish O'Brien as Wynn. **Nominated:** Honor Sylvester as Dawn, Northumberland Players, Cobourg - Having Hope at Home and Melanie Hollingworth as Abby, Ottawa Little Theatre - The Long Weekend

Peterborough Theatre Guild Award: Best Use of Speech: Peterborough Theatre Guild - Art - Randy Lawrence as Yvan

Peterborough Theatre Guild Award: Set Design: Peterborough Theatre Guild - Art - Ian Burns and Wyatt Lamoureux, Set Designers.
Nominated: Domino Theatre Inc.- Trying and Ottawa Little Theatre - The Long Weekend

Ron Hazelgrove Award: Best Cameo Performance: Theatre Night in Merrickville - The Farm Show - Gerard Phillips for the bale scene

Thérèse May Memorial Award: Outstanding Contribution by a Student (based on information gleaned from the leadership of the various theatre companies): Valley Players, Almonte - Looking - Jeff Gourgon, Sound Technician

Trentonian and Tri-County Award: Best Director: Domino Theatre Inc. - Trying - Penny Nash

Leslie M. Frost Award: Best Production: Domino Theatre Inc.- Trying. **Nominated:** Ottawa Little Theatre - The Long Weekend

***Email 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.

The next MuddPrints will be coming out by May 22, 2011, so if you want something included please send it to me by May 20 at pcbear@rogers.com.

Mudds Calendar (2011)

Apr. 20 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Run Through
Apr. 27 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Dress Rehearsal
Apr. 29 (Fri)	6 - 11	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Show #1
Apr. 30 (Sat)	6 - 11	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Show #2
May 1 (Sun)	12 - 5	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Show #3
May 4 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Run Through
May 6 (Fri)	6 - 11	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Show #4
May 7 (Sat)	6 - 11	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Show #5
May 8 (Sun)	9 - 12	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Tear Down
May 18 (Wed)	7	Mudds Board Meeting	Tomahawk Tech.	
May 28 (Sat)		Board to Review		
		Show Proposals	TBD	
June 15 (Wed)		Annual General Meeting	TBD	
June 25 (Sat)		Auditions - Alice in Wonderland	TBD	