

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - January 2011



From the Editor

Happy New Year everyone. The first half of the 2010/2011 was highly successful and now we move to the second half of the year with two productions in rehearsal. I'm afraid Muddprints took a bit of a back seat while I was involved in Nunsense: The Mega-Musical, but I did send out quite a number of announcements to the e-list.

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

CHARITABLE STATUS

At our October meeting we spent a good deal of time reviewing the history of our application to the CRA for charitable status. Sandra Dunlop attended to add her insights. This process was begun in 2006 after the Board decided it would be advantageous for the following reasons:

- Able to issue tax receipts to contributors
- Fund-raising through membership classes as recommended by the 2005 ad hoc fundraising committee
- Position ourselves to raise funds for performance and culture related projects in the community in the community

The process was taking a long time. Long spells with no communication from CRA were punctuated by new requirements that always required instant response under dire threats of rejection. Months were turning into years when Sandra Dunlop having been successful in helping two other groups to achieve charitable status in the early 2000's, offered to take over managing the application. Finally in Nov 2009 we had to make a quick decision to withdraw rather than be rejected when it was discovered one of our legal documents had not been updated with the Provincial Government. Sandra recently contacted the CRA to see what would be involved if we wanted to reactivate the file once the legal documents

are all in order once more. She learned that we would have to go right back to the beginning and the bottom of the pile.

Board members and Sandra discussed our options at length and decided not to pursue this application further. New information indicates that there are ways we can have receipts issued for individuals who may want to donate or bequeath. Also recent research shows that we would be eligible for Trillium grants with our current Not For Profit Incorporated status. We wanted to let you members know about this decision and the rationale. We will keep all the pertinent paperwork in our archives for future reference. If you would like to know more please contact President Meredith Millman or Tony Scott chair of records Committee.

FORWARD PLANNING

Brian McManus has taken on the role of facilitator for this activity. He and Meredith Millman promise a full report of the results so far and future strategies in an upcoming Muddsprints. In the meantime please direct any questions you have to one of them.

MUDDS BURSARIES

At the October convocations Pat Black presented the \$500 Mudds bursary to CPHS student Ryan Forsyth who is enrolled in Radio Broadcasting at Loyalist College. Tony Stuart presented to Notre dame student Nicholas Grover who is enrolled in Theatre Arts at

Ottawa U. Congratulations to these worthy recipients.

CALL FOR NEW SHOW PROPOSALS

Do you have a future show to propose? A Musical? A Play? A Review? A Murder Mystery? Contact Show Development Officer Tony Scott ... tonyscott@sympatico.ca / 613 253 2007... and he will advise you on the process. The Board would like to have new proposals in hand by the beginning of April. After that a special meeting will be scheduled to hear presentations.

AUDITORIUM COMMITTEE

Louise Link has resigned as Mudds representative on this committee. Decisions made by this committee are of such great importance to us. The committee has been inactive recently as the Chairperson was sick. With a new Council we expect the work will resume soon. Please consider offering your services on this committee. In particular, if you have expertise or an interest in the fabric of the auditorium your contribution on behalf of the Mudds could be very helpful. Jan Ferguson sits on the committee but not as Mudds Rep., however she would be happy to talk to you if you need more information before offering to take this on. Jan says meetings are usually held around 2 pm on a Wednesday but certainly no more than once a month. The Board would like to thank Louise for all her work on this committee over the past 2 years.

WAIVERS

We have been reviewing the Constitution and Practices regarding Memberships. Our usual practice is that if you have an on stage role you must be a paid Member or Junior Member. In Section 3.0 of the Constitution you will see that exceptions can be granted at the discretion of any production committee. This rarely happens for an on stage appearance but could be applied for something such as a celebrity walk on. In our efforts to have our volunteers covered by our accident insurance we still want to encourage all back stage participants to become members. It has become clear that

this could result in us losing the help of volunteers who might want to come in for short term backstage jobs or set building but do not want to become members. After much discussion the Board has decided to bring in a waiver for any adult participant who is not a member and thus not covered by our insurance policy. We are seeking (hopefully pro bono) assistance from a lawyer to draw up the waiver and hope to have it available by the end of January.

SEAT NUMBERS

Does any one know where the auditorium seat number tags are? They could not be found for NunSense: The Mega-Musical. They are needed in February for Into The Woods. Please contact Tony Scott if you have any clues.

If you have any items you would like the board to discuss or if you would like to attend a board meeting please contact Judith judithscott@sympatico.ca or Meredith meredithlink@hotmail.com

NEXT BOARD MEETING Saturday February 19th 9 am Tomahawk Technologies. Contact Judith 613 253 2007 if you would like to attend.

***Into The Woods, Junior* - Doris Ohlmann, Public Relations**

The Mississippi Mudds Youth Theatre is pleased to present their production of Into the Woods, Junior February 25 at 7 pm, February 26 at 2 pm, March 4 at 7 pm and March 5 at 2 pm. Tickets from Arts Carleton Place, 132 Coleman Street, 613 257-2031; www.artscarletonplace.com \$15 (Opening night special \$10). For more information, contact producer Tony Scott at 613-253-2007 - www.mississippimudds.ca

Front of House volunteers wanted

If anyone is interested in helping out with Front of House for the Mudds Youth Into the Woods Jr performance, please contact Doris Ohlmann at 613-257-4999. Show dates are: February 25

at 7 pm, February 26 at 2 pm, March 4 at 7 pm and March 5 at 2 pm.

Halfway to Heaven - Judith Scott, Producer

We had a wonderful turn out for auditions and sign up on January 9th. The four leads have been cast and rehearsals are underway. We may have an opening or two for bass or tenor voices (call Judith at 613 253 2007 as soon as possible if you are interested) but other sections are well represented.

Working on such wonderful choral pieces as Its Magic, I'll Be There, Bohemian Rhapsody and Stairway to Heaven will brighten our Sundays through January and February. Show dates are April 29, 30, May 1, 6 and 7. Tickets go on sale March 14. Mark your calendars.

Mississippi Mudds Membership - Sandra Dunlop, Membership

Another reminder that the 2010/2011 membership fees are \$20.00. You can get the Membership Form off the web site and send it to Sandra Dunlop. If you are in the Halfway to Heaven please hand in your registration to Judith Scott, Producer.

E-Mail 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.

Letter from Bursary Recipient - Nick Grover

"I would like to thank you for your generous bursary. It is such a large amount of money that I really feel I must express my appreciation. I have enjoyed acting very much all through High School, which is why an award of this calibre is astounding for something that was really just so much fun. I am currently majoring in theatre in university and it continues to bring much joy and fulfillment. No matter what I do I'll be sure to keep the stage in my life to some degree! Nick Grover."

Social Committee

Please tell Judith Scott 613 253 2007 if you know of a member experiencing an event that we should acknowledge eg, illness, surgery, birth, marriage, bereavement. Thanks so much.

The next MuddPrints will be coming out by February 21, 2011, so if you want something included please send it to me by February 19 at pcbear@rogers.com.

Mudds Calendar (2011)

Jan. 17 (Mon)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Jan. 19 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	Leads Only
Jan. 20 (Thurs)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Jan. 23 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast
Jan. 24 (Mon)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Jan. 26 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	Leads Only
Jan. 27 (Thurs)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Jan. 30 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast

Jan. 31 (Mon)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Feb. 2 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	Leads Only
Feb. 3 (Thurs)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Feb. 6 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast
Feb. 7 (Mon)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Feb. 9 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	Leads Only
Feb 10 (Thurs)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Feb. 13 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast
Feb. 14 (Mon)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Feb. 16 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	Leads Only
Feb. 17 (Thurs)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Feb. 19 (Sat)	9:00 am	Board Meeting	Tomahawk Technologies	
Feb. 19 (Sat)	10 - 4	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	
Feb. 20 (Sun)	10 - 4	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	
Feb. 20 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast
Feb. 21 (Mon)	6:30 - 8:30	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Rehearsal
Feb. 23 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast
Feb. 25 (Fri)	7pm	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Show #1
Feb. 26 (Sat)	2pm	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Show #2
Feb. 27 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast
Mar. 2 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Waterside	All Cast
Mar. 4 (Fri)	7pm	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Show #3
Mar. 5 (Sat)	2pm	Into The Woods, Junior	Town Hall	Show #4
Mar. 6 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Blocking, Run Act 2
Mar. 9 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Blocking, Run Act 1
Mar. 20 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Full Music
Mar. 23 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Full Music
Mar. 26 (Sat)	9 - 5	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Set Build
Mar. 27 (Sun)	9 - 1	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Set Build
Mar. 27 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Run Through
Mar. 30 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Leads Only
Apr. 2 (Sat)	9 - 5	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Set Build
Apr. 3 (Sun)	9 - 1	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Set Build
Apr. 3 (Sun)	1:30 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Run Through
Apr. 6 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Run Through
Apr. 10 (Sun)	1 - 4	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Dress Rehearsal
Apr. 13 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	TBD
Apr. 17 (Sun)	10 - 5	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Tech and Dress
Apr. 20 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Run Through
Apr. 27 (Wed)	7 - 9:30	Halfway to Heaven	Town Hall	Run Through
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	Rehearsal
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