



# Muddprints

Official Newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds



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Fall is upon us, and the Mudds are as busy as ever. This newsletter has been developed to keep you, our members, up to date on our activities.

We hope you are enjoying the change of colours, and are finding ways to keep warm.

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## Mudds Briefs

### Wedding from Hell

Wedding from Hell was a great success at the Carleton Heritage Inn. Such a success a 3rd show has been added for New Year's Eve. Stay tuned for more information! And congratulations to the cast & crew.

### Tap Class

Starting November 3rd. The cost will be \$30 and classes will be held on Saturday mornings. Anyone wanting more information can contact Sandra Dunlop at 613-599-7221 or [pcbear@rogers.com](mailto:pcbear@rogers.com). Come for the exercise or come for the practice!

### Singers Reminder

Please return your music folders!

### Membership

Please ensure your 2007/2008 membership is paid. Please contact Bette Lemaistre or download the form from the Notice Board at [www.mississippimudds.ca](http://www.mississippimudds.ca) and mail to the address on the form.

## Mudds in Detail

**Christmas Love Train:** Christmas Love Train is gathering speed on its journey. Kristine is making great progress with the chorus music and it is beginning to sound very polished already. Directors Tony and Francine are looking forward to moving in to the blocking phase of rehearsals around the middle of October. But they want to remind people to continue working at home on their music. Sometimes there is a temporary regression from polished perfection to mild musical chaos when people are asked to move around, emote, smile and sing at the same time! Home practice can help minimise this.

By the time this letter goes out tickets will be getting in to the Remembrance Gift Shop. Remember you can phone in orders and pay by credit card if you cannot get to the store.

Budget is very tight so we are trying something a little new with publicity. Posters are ready but we have a very limited number. They are all earmarked for putting up around town. If you would like one for your self or maybe 2 so you can put one up at work, would you be willing to pay for it? \$1 per poster will help a lot with costs. Let Judith know how many you would like to buy.



**Muddsingers:** The Muddsingers committee is moving ahead with long and short term plans. We have 8 members currently. Alina is our rep to the board and Judith is chair and secretary. Others on the committee are Blaine Cornell, Sandra Dunlop, Jack Link, Winston Hooper, Trish Smith and Angela Sotiropoulos. Our committee's mandate is to look after the needs of those who are in the Mudds primarily to sing.

We are working on a 12 month plan to submit to the board that would see fairly regular rehearsals. We are talking about many related issues such as marketing ourselves, setting a reasonable fee to recoup expenses and put a little money back in the bank, looking at a new group "look" to get away from black and white etc.

We begin with singing though, and with plans to replace most of the gospel repertoire. Since all agreed it is time to retire the numbers we have used in the last 18 months or so, Winston and Blaine are looking for new gospel music. Do you have a favourite that you would like to suggest? Contact Blaine or Winston.

Do you want to be a part of an on going Muddsingers choral group? Would you be able to commit to 2 rehearsals a month on average? We have picked Monday evenings as probably the best overall. Winston has agreed to direct us and Peter is on board for accompanist. But we need you, minimum 3 voices from each section.

Our first rehearsal dates are set for Monday Nov 5th, Monday Nov 19th and Monday Dec 10th, with location to be decided. We will look at scheduling 2 Mondays a month from January through June. We already have an invitation from McPhail Baptist church in Ottawa for a return engagement at some time in the Spring or early summer. Gospel seems to be the perennial favourite for such invitations and we

anticipate that we would be able to line up probably 2 more late spring or early summer concerts in other churches.

We would also like to work on other non gospel repertoire in readiness for community invitations such as Sounds Of Downtown or the Annual Twinning Committee Harvest Ball. Both these events were very successful for us in September. Thanks to all who participated and gave the public a taste of what the Muddsingers can do. We hope we will be invited back to these or similar events in 2008.

So: contact us to tell us if you want to be in the Muddsingers choral group for 2007/2008 and also to tell us if you have suggestions for repertoire, gospel or other. Most importantly we want you to let us know if we are on the right tracks. We want to properly represent your wishes and needs as much as we can. Email [judithscott@sympatico.ca](mailto:judithscott@sympatico.ca) or call 613 253 2007

**Mudds Players:** The Players Committee will have it's first play reading evening on Friday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Richards, 1043 St. Fillan's Road (off Cemetery Side Road).

The following Canadian short plays will be read:

**Bittergirl** – by Annabel Griffiths, Alison Lawrence & Mary Francis Moore An irrepressibly upbeat comic exploration of abandonment and resilience. It introduces three women, A,B and C whose somewhat generic man, D, sets the piece in motion by announcing in the first scene that the relationship is over and he is leaving. The women go from shock to grief to anger to relief to vengeance.

**Suffering Fools** – by Herman Goodden In the aftermath of a failed suicide attempt, Rodney's unfailing loyal friend, Bob, has decided to exorcise some of Rodney's demons, and to enlighten some of his past and present tormentors, by turning Rodney's life into a memory play, performed by the actual figures from his life story.

Following each reading, the play will be discussed and critiqued as to whether or not it could be mounted by the Mudds Players. If you would like to take part in this evening of entertainment and camaraderie please contact Sandy Richards ([richkinn@xplornet.com](mailto:richkinn@xplornet.com)).

## **Audition Notices**

### **Anything Goes**

- Friday, October 26, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, October 27, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Carleton Place Town Hall

Individual Auditions for Principles - call for audition time

Small Group Auditions for Chorus (SATB) - call for audition time

Group Dance Auditions (tap) - Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Call 613-599-7221 for scheduling

### **Les Belles Soeurs**

Auditions for the Valley Player's production of Michel Tremblay's, 'Les Belles Soeurs' will take place Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 and again on Sunday, October 28th at 1:00 at the Almonte Town Hall in the Multi-purpose room on the second floor. Show dates to announced.

There are 15 all-female roles. Two are specifically teens (17-19) and the rest vary in age from 30 to 90. This is a very challenging and exciting piece of theatre. We are looking for committed people interested in taking risks, learning new skills and working in a supportive ensemble environment. No preparation is necessary for the audition.

Please contact Cathy Clarke for more information.

Christmas Love Train

November 30, Dec 1, 7 & 8

On sale now!

Mark your calendar...

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