

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - April 2020



Thinking of all our FRONT LINE WORKERS - Thank You

From the Desk of the President - Jeff Lee

Hello fellow Mudds, I hope that you and your families are all well and adjusting to the isolation we're all experiencing. We continue to monitor the numbers for Ontario and Canada but there is not yet a concrete picture of when restrictions will be lifted nor to what degree. Indications right now are that we're at the peak in Ontario but that can change pretty quickly.

I have to apologize to the cast of Mamma Mia for getting news from a surprise source rather than the board or production team. I have been working with the production team for possible postponement dates for the show and we came up with tentative dates. Tickets please asked for the possible dates because inquiries were coming in. I had thought the information would be for direct inquiries and not for a mass mailing to all patrons. Those dates are still tentative and we hope to solidify them in the coming weeks.

Elf has been put on hold partially because the rights company has shut down and of course because of the uncertainty right now. We will be examining the possibility of putting it on next Christmas. The board has been discussing possibilities for a show in the Christmas time frame should we be able to have gatherings of that kind.

The board has met only informally on-line since the pandemic isolation began. We are planning to meet again on May 13, a meeting that we hope will be in person but are also planning an on-line meeting if necessary. The main focus of this meeting will be to review the constitution

and practices, something we're required to do every four years. Changes or amendments will be put to a vote at the next AGM. The AGM date has not been set yet and it may be necessary to delay it from its usual date range but we have another month or so to make that decision.

Please stay safe, things are going to get better soon and we'll resume our MUsic Drama and Dancing on Stage as soon as it is safe.

Mamma Mia! Update - Joanne Samler - Producer

This is a very tough week for the cast and crew of Mamma Mia! We should have been opening this weekend. It was not to be. We are still on hold waiting for this pandemic to be beaten and life get back to "normal".

A great thing that has come from this delay is how the cast and crew have been able to talk daily. Yes, DAILY. We have a question of the day, as prepared by Melanie Perry, one of our terrific singer/dancers, and most people have been participating. It is a wonderful way to find out about each other – from as crazy as "what is a food combination you love that others might think strange" to as simple as "cats/dogs". Just about every question sparks a discussion. We have been able to connect on so many levels forming a very close group.

We also have a trivia night on Tuesdays, hosted by Jodi Samler, another exceptional

singer/dancer, via Zoom. Started with a general quiz, then a movie quiz and voting is in place for future ones.

We continue to be hopeful we will be able to put Mamma Mia! on stage by the fall, but we wait and see.

Stay safe everyone, and when we have a date you will all know.

Mudds Trivia - Laurel Tye

1. What was the title of the first Mudds show?
2. Who is Mother Mudd?
3. In what show(s) was (were) there a real animal?
4. In what venues have Mudds shows been performed, other than the town hall.
5. Name a show where a cast member wore roller skates.
6. Name all the Mudds members who have played the Dame in Pantos.
7. What was the title of the first Mudds Jr show?
8. Name three Mudds presidents.
9. What award(s) have been given to the Mudds?
10. Name one play the Mudds have performed.
11. Name one Murder Mystery the Mudds have performed.
12. Name three writers of original Mudds shows.
13. Name the show performed by Mudds Underground.
14. Who wore a clothes line as part of his/her costume?
15. What was the name of the Cole Porter show?

16. In what show were angels part of the cast?

17. Who played Walter Cronkite in The Ed Sullivan Show?

18. In what show was there a wand that bended on command.

19. Which Mudds show was the longest?

20. Who played the character of the Phantom?

Answers in the next edition.

Live Theatre - Judith Scott

Getting bored with Netflix and Amazon offerings while in lockdown? Now you can watch world class theatrical productions at home. There may be other theatres doing this but these are two that caught my eye.

Our very own Stratford Festival and the National Theatre in the UK.
Read on.

<https://nowtoronto.com/culture/theatre/stratford-festival-shakespeare-film-festival>
The Stratford Festival was supposed to open in May, with Richard III (starring Colm Feore) launching the newly designed and reopened Tom Patterson Theatre. But since the festival's four theatres will be dark because of the coronavirus pandemic until at least June, and likely beyond, they've decided to present a Shakespeare On Film festival, beginning on the playwright's birthday, April 23. The series starts with Stratford artistic director Antoni Cimolino's production of King Lear, which also stars Feore and is fitting because of the circumstances in which Shakespeare wrote it.

Much has been made recently of the suggestion that when Shakespeare wrote King Lear, in 1606, he was in quarantine because of the plague," says Cimolino, in a press release. "In looking at the play, we see that it documents not only the breakdown of an old king and the destruction of two

families but also the disruption of an entire country. It seems almost prophetic. Three weeks ago the National Theatre launched its At Home service. You can find it here.
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>

The first offering was the masterpiece farce One Man two Guvnors with James Corden starring. It ran for one week and was followed by a brilliant staging of Jane Eyre. This week until May 2nd you can catch Treasure Island. On April 23rd they will start to stream Twelfth Night. Watch them on You tube.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes go to members past and present who are celebrating their birthdays between April 23 and May 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! :-)

Kayla Mills	Apr-24
Amber Hall	Apr-27
Cameron Hunter	Apr-26
Colleen Taylor-Meyer	Apr-29
Sophie & Emma Hans	Apr-30
Mary Lou Carroll	May-01
Deanna Schutz	May-01
Lisa Sonnenburg	May-02
Jessa Jones	May-06
Andrew Hunter	May-09
Keegan Carr	May-09
Noah Emberg	May-10
Danette Hanneman	May-10
Gillian Wynn-Lawson	May-15
Kara Parisien	May-17
Leigh Gibson	May-17
Bethany Olszewski	May-17
David Andrew	May-18
Karen Lapointe	May-19
Camryn Livesey	May-20
Angele Girouard	May-21
Lilian Gray	May-21
Amy Scott	May-21
Joanne Samler	May-22
Jon Lockhart	May-22
Kali Latham	May-22

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

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

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Mudds Calendar (2020)

ALL DATES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD