

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - December 2017

Tickets are now on sale for The Little Mermaid. Show dates are Friday, February 23 at 7pm, Saturday, February 24 at 2pm, February 25 at 2pm, Thursday, March 1 at 7pm, Friday, March 2 at 7pm, Saturday, March 3 at 2pm and Sunday, March 4 at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 (the Thursday performance is \$5). Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 170 Bridge Street, Carleton Place or call 613-257-1976.

Thank You Kate - Jeff Lee, On Behalf of the Board

A week ago we said good bye to a friend. Kate Cooney lost her courageous battle with brain cancer surrounded by loving family and friends. Kate's first show proposal to the board was Annie Jr., although Kate obviously had education and experience working with children the board asked that she have a directorial mentor as it was her first show. The concerns of the board were quickly allayed as Kate and her mentor became fast friends and partners in crime. Thus started a perennial of youth Winter shows for the next five years.

Kate directed in following years Willy Wonka, Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin. Each show was considered the best. She helped give the Mudds youth program a life of its own and led dozens of children into stunning performances and lifelong friendships. Kate's ability to connect with others with her smile, laughter and positive attitude created an all-inclusive family atmosphere.

Kate was always willing to step up. She was present at a majority of set builds and helped with costumes, props, makeup and backstage. She even ran the lighting board for a show. Kate also served twice on the Mudds board of directors and was instrumental in running our business.

Kate would often show up to rehearsals slightly late with a meal in hand and it was obvious she arrived straight from work. With a career that she dedicated just as much time and spirit to and a family of five, she found time to dedicate to the Mudds, our community and our youth.

A Lorne Cassidy where Kate worked as an Early Childhood Educator flew their flags half mast for the remainder of that week in Kate's honor. Kate's generosity of time and spirit left an indelible mark on hundreds of children.

Our hearts go out to the Cooney and Kelly families and the countless lives that Kate affected for such a loss. Kate was a mother, wife, sister, daughter, teacher, mentor, BFF, friend, director, painter, grunt and a wonderful person who lives in the difference she made in the lives she touched.

Disney Junior's Little Mermaid: A Tribute to Kate Cooney - Karen (Kaz) Lapointe, Co-Director

I start this update with sadness - kind of like when Ariel realizes she cannot tell the Prince that it was her voice he heard at sea; the universal action is to hold your throat to indicate "no words" and her devastation when her dream is taken away. I felt the same way with the news I heard last

Tuesday, January 9th, that our beautiful Kate Cooney had passed away. When Kate was diagnosed the first thing I did was approach the Board to ask if they would consider me to co-direct with Molly, the only person who could showcase her mom's vision. It was always in my heart that we would have Kate sitting in the audience, smiling her beautiful smile and giving us the thumbs up - this is, after all, her favourite show and we both wanted to make her proud. I wanted this show to be my tribute to Kate for all the work she has done, for all the generosity of her spirit, her kindness to everyone she met and all the inspiration she gave me when I co-directed Aladdin with her last year. It was devastating to lose that race against time and fate.

At the service on Saturday at St. Mary's, some of our wonderful Mudds youth and alumni gathered as the choir and led by Linda, our amazing producer and close friend of Kate, sang the hymns throughout and at the end sang Kate's favourite song, "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond. There were tears, but there was also laughter too as Molly gave her eulogy; funny, poignant and so unwaveringly delivered it made my heart soar with love for her and the family and helped give me the courage to continue this journey in honour of her name. At rehearsal on Monday, our first time in the Town Hall and so very close to going live, we gathered together around some lit candles in the shape of a heart and the cast and crew recounted little memories or statements of what Kate meant to them; even some of our new members who had never met Kate had some lovely things to say; one young member stating "I did not know Kate, but listening to everyone saying these lovely things, I wish I did." At the end, Colm, who had been quiet, piped up with "Now stop snivelling and let's get on with it," repeating his sister Molly's last words of her eulogy and something that Kate herself would have said. We now have the courage to stand and get back to work, feeling that Kate is ever present, urging us on, smiling that beautiful smile and laughing her infectious laugh.

This journey has taught me a lot - Molly has taught me a lot more; this really is Kate Cooney's show under Molly's direction and so through her, both the cast and myself are still learning from Kate; even in this sadness, there is laughter, even in this loss there is new

growth. The cast are back to work with renewed vigour and together with the rest of the production team who have been so supportive of Molly, myself and each other, we are forging ahead, turning Kate's dream into reality. In the words of my favourite group and probably Kate's words too - The Show Must Go On!

Tickets are available from The Chamber of Commerce, Bridge Street, Carleton Place and show dates are February 23 - 25th and March 1 - 4th. We will see you there....

Guys and Dolls - Adam Pelletier, Director

Hello all,
So after a successful turnout at auditions, Guys and Dolls has a cast. A lot of great talent came out to show off their skills, with a lot of new and familiar faces. The panel and I are pleased with the results. Our first rehearsal took place at CPHS Wednesday evening, Jan 17th. A cold reading took place so the cast who weren't familiar with the show could get a feel for it and I'm happy to say they were pleased. The energy was incredible and the positivity from the cast was very uplifting. I'm very glad at the results of our early meeting and I very much look forward to the future of this show!

CAST:

Sky Masterson	Mike McCormick
Miss Adelaide	Julie Hunter
Sarah Brown	Tracy Ahern
Nathan Detroit	Calvin Beaulieu
Arvide Abernathy	Andy Simpson
Benny Southstreet	Robert Horne
Nice-Nicely Johnson	Jesse Gibson
Angie The Ox/Announcer	Doug Campbell
Harry The Horse	Stevie Silver
Big Jule (<i>pronounced JULIE</i>)	Julia Martin
Rusty Charlie/ Hot Box Girl Mimi	Kat Szucs
Gen. Cartwright	Helen Gillis
Lt. Brannigan	Andrew Hunter
Crapshooter #1 (Liver Lips Louie)/Drunk	Ben Bourne
Crapshooter #2	Sam Bowers
Hot Box Girl #2	Yolande Hardy
Hot Box Girl #3	Kara Parisien
Hot Box Girl #4	Tori Bourne

Hot Box Girl #5
Mission Band
Leader Agatha
Mission Band #1
Mission Band #2
Mission Band #3

Sydney Osborne
Molly Cooney
Claire Campbell
Deanna Schutz
Stephanie
Stephens

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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

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 February 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 January 22 and February 22.: We hope you have a lovely day :-)

Andy Simpson	Jan-23
Sarah Parent	Jan-25
Brianna Dever	Jan-25
Doris Ohlmann	Jan-26
Shelley Sammon	Jan-28
Hayley Fortier	Jan-29
Brian McManus	Feb-01
Tara Robinson	Feb-01
Rosita Kruz-Doyle	Feb-02
Connor Lyon	Feb-06
Kirra Martin	Feb-06
Mika Wilson	Feb-07
Julia Martin	Feb-08
Kaleb McCarty	Feb-09
Laura Bains	Feb-10
Levi Albert	Feb-12
Xander Sonnenburg	Feb-12
Izzy Hart	Feb-14
Robert Horne	Feb-15
Amber Humby	Feb-15
Natalya Lunan-George	Feb-16
Brooklyn Kentfield	Feb-17
Mark Piper	Feb-19
Clifford Glas	Feb-19
Kris Riendeau	Feb-19
Kristine McClaren	Feb-22
Reese Sonnenburg	Feb-22

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

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

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Mudds Calendar (2018)

Jan 22 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 24 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Jan 25 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 27 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Set Build	Town Hall
Jan 28 (Sun)	9:00am-4:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Set Build	Town Hall
Jan 28 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Jan 29 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 31 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Feb 1 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 3 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Set Build	Town Hall
Feb 4 (Sun)	9:00am-4:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Set Build	Town Hall
Feb 4 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Feb 5 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 7 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Feb 8 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 10 (Sat)	10:00am-4:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Cue to Cue	Town Hall
		Cast needed 12:00pm-4:00pm	
Feb 11 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Feb 12 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 15 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Dress Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 18 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Feb 21 (Wed)	7:00pm-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Feb 22 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 23 (Fri)	5:00pm-9:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Show	Town Hall
Feb 24 (Sat)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Show	Town Hall
Feb 25 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
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Feb 28 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Mar 1 (Thur)	5:00pm-9:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Show	Town Hall
Mar 2 (Fri)	5:00pm-9:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Show	Town Hall
Mar 3 (Sat)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Show	Town Hall
Mar 4 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Mar 4 (Sun)	12:00pm-7:00pm	Little Mermaid Jr. Show, Tear Down and Cast Party	Town Hall
Mar 7 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	St. James
Mar 11 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 14 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 18 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 21 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 24 (Sat)	9:00am-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 25 (Sun)	9:00am-12noon	Guys and Dolls Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 25 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 28 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 4 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 7 (Sat)	9:00am-3:00am	Guys and Dolls Set Build	Town Hall
Apr 8 (Sun)	9:00am-12noon	Guys and Dolls Set Build	Town Hall
Apr 8 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 11 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30am	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall

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Apr 22 (Sun)	12noon-4:00pm	Guys and Dolls Cue to Cue	Town Hall
Apr 25 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 29 (Sun)	12noon-3:00pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
May 2 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
May 6 (Sun)	11:00am-4:00pm	Guys and Dolls Full Dress	Town Hall
May 9 (Wed)	5:00pm-10:30pm	Guys and Dolls Full Dress	Town Hall
May 11 (Fri)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Guys and Dolls Show	Town Hall
May 12 (Sat)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Guys and Dolls Show	Town Hall
May 13 (Sun)	12noon-5:00pm	Guys and Dolls Show	Town Hall
May 16 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	Guys and Dolls Rehearsal	Town Hall
May 18 (Fri)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Guys and Dolls Show	Town Hall
May 19 (Sat)	5:30pm-Midnight	Guys and Dolls Show/Party	Town Hall
May 20 (Sun)	9:00am-11:00am	Guys and Dolls Teardown	Town Hall