

# MUDDPRINTS

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## The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - May 2018

To all current members: The Mississippi Mudds will be holding their **Annual General Meeting on Monday 11 June @ 7pm**. It will be held at the **Carleton Place Town Hall**, 175 Bridge Street in the upstairs auditorium. There will also be the election to our 2018/ 19 Board of Directors. Hope to see you all there. Kate Martin

### **From the Desk of the President - *Stu West***

The Mississippi Mudds' Season officially comes to a close on June 30<sup>th</sup>. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the cast and crew of "Guys and Dolls" for finishing off our season with another outstanding production. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done!

Along with the end of our fiscal year comes one more important job. And that is to review our past season's successes and prepare for a new season by electing our Board of Directors for 2018-2019 at our Annual General Meeting. The AGM for 2017-2018 will be held in the **Town Hall Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11**. You have probably received notice of this from Tony Scott, as Tony is the Chairperson of our Nominating Committee, and has sent out letters to members outlining what the Board positions are, and asking anyone who has an interest in helping out in a different way (other than on stage or backstage) to kindly get in touch with him. Tony will then bring the slate of potential Board Members to the AGM and those in attendance will elect (if an election is warranted) your Board Members for the 2018-2019 season. Please give the idea of serving on the Board some consideration as the Mudds organization needs an effective Board to keep putting on the high quality of shows our community has come to know and expect.

I would like to thank all of the members on this year's Board for their help and support throughout this past year. As in the putting

together of any show, having an effective team makes everyone's job a little easier, and this team certainly made my job a little easier. Thank you all. See you at the AGM!

### **Merchant of Venice Audition Notice - *Mark Piper, Director***

The Mudds Youth, the region's premier youth theatre company, will be attacking Shakespeare yet again this fall, with Merchant of Venice.

The play is a complex one, combining elements of a romantic comedy - three different suitors seek the hand of the beautiful heiress Portia - with a dramatic examination of the nature of humanity. It is best known for Shylock and the famous "Hath not a Jew eyes?" and Portia's speech about "the quality of mercy".

Directed by Mark Piper (who has directed eight Youth Shakespeare productions in the past for the Mudds) the company will hold rehearsals twice weekly throughout July, August, and September (with allowance for short absences during summer vacation) and production, in the round (Stratfordian style), in the Carleton Place Town Hall on the second and third weekends in October.

Ten (or more) actors, 13 to 17 years of age (with some parts possible for younger or

slightly older performers), are needed, for the following roles:

Antonio	a prominent merchant of Venice in a melancholic mood
Shylock	a Jewish moneylender; father of Jessica
Portia	a rich heiress of Belmont
Bassanio	Antonio's younger friend and Portia's suitor
Nerissa	Portia's waiting maid
Gratiano	Bassanio's (and to a lesser extent, Antonio's) loud-mouth friend
Jessica	Shylock's daughter, and later, Lorenzo's wife
Lorenzo	another young friend of Antonio, later Jessica's husband
Gobbo	manservant, first to Shylock, and later to Bassanio
Duke of	ruler of Venice, presiding at Antonio and Shylock's trial
Tubal	a Jewish moneylender; friend of Shylock
Prince of Morocco	Portia's suitor
Prince of Aragon	Portia's suitor

(Some doubling may be done for smaller parts.)

Auditions will be held on Saturday, June 23, between 11 am and 3 pm, at St. James Anglican Church, 225 Edmund St. (corner of Bell St.), Carleton Place. If you can't make that time, a special audition time can be arranged.

Please send an email to the general Mudds contact email address via the Mudds website at <http://www.mississippimudds.ca/index.php/about-us/contact-us>

or to Mark Piper at [kmm.mdp@gmail.com](mailto:kmm.mdp@gmail.com) for more details.

### **Arsenic and Old Lace Audition Notice – Jesse Gibson, Director**

Auditions for “*Arsenic And Old Lace*”, a classic dark farce (a straight play, **not** a musical) about sweet old ladies murdering lonely old gentlemen with arsenic-spiked wine, will be held

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the CP Arena, lower level from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

We are looking for adult actors to play the following roles:

- Martha Brewster, 50's/60's, female, lead
- Teddy Brewster, 40's/50's, male, lead
- Elaine Harper, 20's, female, supporting
- Officer Klein, 20's – 40's, male, supporting
- Officer Brophy, 30's – 60's, male, supporting
- The Rev. Dr. Harper/Lt. Rooney, 40's/50's, male, supporting
- Mr. Gibbs/Mr. Witherspoon, 50's/60's, male, supporting.

The show will be presented at the Town Hall on Friday, September 21, Saturday, September 22, Friday, September 28, Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, at 8 pm and Sunday, September 23 and September 30, 2018 at 2 pm.

Rehearsals will run through July and August and into September, two hours per rehearsal, two rehearsals a week.

Auditionees will be asked to give a reading (or two) from the script.

If you're interested in auditioning, contact either

Robert Horne (Producer)  
[Robert.horne@sympatico.ca](mailto:Robert.horne@sympatico.ca)

or

Adam Pelletier (Co-Producer)  
[adampelletier17@gmail.com](mailto:adampelletier17@gmail.com)

for the date and time.

### **Murder, Medium Rare Audition Notice - Tony Scott, Director**

This dinner murder mystery will take place November 2 and 3 at the Grand Hotel in Carleton Place. Tickets are \$60 each and include a gourmet 3-course Italian inspired

meal. If you haven't already, please mark the dates in your planners. Auditions will be held on the morning of June 30, 9:00am at St. James Church. Phone me if you want to book a place!  
Tony Scott (Director) 613 253-2007

### **Election of a New Board of Directors - Tony Scott, Chair of Nominating Committee**

At the Annual General Meeting in June, elections will take place for the Board for the coming year. I have been appointed by the present Board to run those elections and to poll the membership for interest in running for the positions. These positions are:

President; Secretary; Treasurer; Show Development; and 3 or 4 Directors without portfolio. Descriptions of the Board's duties can be found on the Mudds website in the constitution. If you are interested in giving back to the Mudds in this way, please let me know.

Tony Scott (Chair of the Nominating Committee) 613 253-2007

Thank you

### **Annual Summer BBQ - Kaz Lapointe**

*Save-The-Date:* July 14, 2018

Now that the warmer weather is here, it is time to announce The MUDDS annual summer BBQ to be held at the home of Kaz and Rej Lapointe. "This year celebrates 45 years of The MUDDS, so we are very proud to once again host the get-together. For our newest members, we have a great deal of fun; Rej, as usual, will be busy manning the boat, taking anyone who wishes on a boat ride or a tube ride, while everyone else relaxes and catches up with their MUDDS family." More details will be announced a little nearer the date. We hope to see you there!

### **News from the Back of the Wardrobe - Judith Scott, Wardrobe Mistress**

This has been a very busy year in the costume department again with 4 productions requiring such very diverse costumes. In addition to

costuming our own shows there have been several requests from other groups and organisations to borrow from our collection. Most recently we have loaned many costumes to Renfrew Based Two Rivers Musical Productions <http://www.tworiversmusicals.ca> for their Mary Poppins opening in early June. In addition we were able to dip into our quite vast collection of Medieval costumes to help out PACE, a home schooling collective putting on a production of The Prince and the Pauper. By the time you read this their production will be over as it runs mid May.

And we have once again been able to assist in costuming Mudds volunteers in retro style for the BOGO dinner coming up in late May. <http://www.hometownnews.ca/food-bank-bog-o/> Here we see some familiar faces from last years event. For that occasion we found lots of costumes from our 2 Aladdin productions.

We have accepted quite a few donations of hats, and fabric over the season too. Nice that people think of us before throwing out or donating elsewhere.

Active workers in Mudds wardrobe storage this season have been: Jan Hopkins, Julie Hunter, Karen Lapointe, Louise Link, Ann Price and Judith Scott. Over the summer we will be going through everything to sort and possibly cull and get in good shape for the new season. If anyone feels like they would enjoy or be willing to assist with this then do not hesitate let us know.

### **Guys and Dolls – Adam Pelletier**

Well, after our final show Saturday, there is a bit of melancholy after such a long run. The show was very well received by audiences that came out and the cast and crew have become a very tight nit group outside the show as well as during it. For me as Director, I'd call that a success.

The list of people to thank goes on a mile long, but to my production team and cast, thank you all so much for an amazing run! I count myself lucky to be able to have had this experience to direct my first show in the MUDDS with such a talented and generally

good group of people. For a lot of our new members that joined on for this show, welcome, and to our returning members after a long hiatus, welcome back!

See you all on the next adventure!

**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](mailto: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 June 20. I would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be long, just of interest to Mudds members and fans.

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**Happy Birthday** wishes go to members past and present who are celebrating their birthdays between May 23 to June 22.: We hope you have a lovely day :-)

Justin Beiglee	May-24
Kate Osborne	May-25
Cathy Boynton	May-26
Kelly Young	May-28
Jessica Kinnari	May-28
Audrey Statham	May-28
Douglas Campbell	May-28
Bobby Martin	May-28
Lesley Moll	May-30
Katherine Dever	May-30
Kyle Booth	Jun-01
Frank Martens	Jun-02
Julia Harvie	Jun-02
Maleeka Thaker	Jun-02
Lise Corbett	Jun-04
Jacob Jones	Jun-04
Michele Eno	Jun-05
Elizabeth Brumm	Jun-06
Esme Purdy	Jun-08
Jack Lockhart	Jun-11
Meredith Millman	Jun-16
Abigail Terry Shaver	Jun-16
Perry Santry	Jun-17
Nora Ziai	Jun-17
Olivia Scott	Jun-17
Aiden Letemplier	Jun-18
Wendy Giles	Jun-19
William Moore-Crispin	Jun-20
Amy Bourne	Jun-21

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

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

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### ***Mudds Calendar (2018)***

June 6	7:00pm	Post Production Meeting (Guys & Dolls)	TBA
June 11	7:00pm	Mudds General Meeting	Town Hall
June 23	11:00am-3:00pm	Auditions - Merchant of Venice	St. James Church
June 24	1:00pm-4:00pm	Auditions - Arsenic and Old Lace	CP Arena
June 30	9:00am	Auditions - Murder, Medium Rare	St. James Church
July 14		Annual Summer BBQ	Lapointe's
September 21	8:00pm	Arsenic and Old Lace	Town Hall
September 22	8:00pm	Arsenic and Old Lace	Town Hall
September 23	2:00pm	Arsenic and Old Lace	Town Hall
September 28	8:00pm	Arsenic and Old Lace	Town Hall
September 29	8:00pm	Arsenic and Old Lace	Town Hall
September 30	2:00pm	Arsenic and Old Lace	Town Hall
November 2		Murder, Medium Rare	Grand Hotel
November 3		Murder, Medium Rare	Grand Hotel