

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - February 2019

It's opening night in Carleton Place. Lion King, Jr. will take the stage tonight. Show performances continue February 23, February 24, March 2 and March 3 at 2:00pm. February 28 (special price) and March 1 at 7:00pm. You can still get tickets for Lion King, Jr. at www.ticketsplease.ca

From the President's Desk - Stu West

We're past the halfway point of our season and are gearing up for our final two shows for this season. 'Lion King, Jr.' opens tonight (Fri. Feb 22) and you can expect to see a show with wonderful music, great sets, a cast of enthusiastic young people, all telling a well-known story. I'm fully expecting most of these shows to sell out, so be sure to get your tickets early from "Tickets, Please"!

Our last show for this season will be "**We Will Rock You**" and it will run from Friday, April 26 to Saturday, May 4. Be sure to check our web-site for exact dates and times. The cast has been rehearsing for some time and this show promises to entertain you with great music and a variety of dance numbers. Again, be sure to get your tickets early so that you won't be disappointed.

Special thanks to a number of our Mudds Members who performed at the recent Annual Fund Raiser for the Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum. Jan Ferguson worked with the Museum and some Mudds members to present a retrospective program of memories of Carleton Place from the last 200 years. Your volunteer time and effort are much appreciated.

The Board for the Mississippi Mudds met on Tuesday and discussed a number of items. We have officially designated a 'Wardrobe Manager' who will be responsible to the Board. For the remainder of this year, Judith Scott will hold this position. We are all very appreciative of the work and hours that Judith and her team of assistants put in providing us with stunning costumes for our productions.

Another topic that was discussed was that of reviving a Mudds Summer Camp for Kids. Unfortunately, we were **not** able to have adequate plans in place to be able to offer it this summer, but have every hope that we will start planning earlier next year and be able to offer it in the summer of 2020.

We approved our first show for the 2019-2020 season at this Board meeting. I am pleased to announce that "**Frozen**", a modern classic from Disney, will be our youth production for next year. It will be co-produced by Linda Beiglee and Sherrie Seward and co-directed by Sandra Dunlop and Kaz Lapointe. We are very excited about this show and look forward to seeing it come to production next spring.

While mentioning our first approved show for next year, please note that there are three other traditional slots for next year that have

NOT yet been filled. If you are a veteran producer or director, or a first timer who has an idea for a show, please approach Jeff Lee, our Show Development Director and he will help you develop your idea so that you can bring a show proposal to the Board in time for next year's program. We need you, and we need shows!

The last item we discussed at the Board meeting was the need for some new spotlights. During the rehearsals for 'Lion King, Jr.', we have had some technical difficulties with our aging spotlights, and feel it is time to look into replacing them with some newer, more reliable units, especially with one more show still to go. The need for these has been evident for a number of years, and Jeff Lee and Mark Tye will be looking to see what is available, suitable for the Mudds needs, and for the Mudds budget.

I hope to see some of you at Town Hall for the remaining two shows. I think they're going to be a blast!

MUDDS Remakes Museum Memories - Jan Ferguson

Our Museum asked the Mudds to provide entertainment based on the Mudds 1985 production of "Rhythms of the River", a history of Carleton Place as told by the Mississippi River. The special gala was the annual fund raising dinner for the Carleton Place & Beckwith Historical Society, aptly named "In Rhythm with Our Roots", 2019 Heritage Dinner, celebrating the town's 200th Anniversary.

And that is just what we did ! And in fine style ! Singers Blaine Cornell, Chris Jones, Pat Grainger, Louise Link, Elaine Grimsey, Jude Moffatt, Cheryl Hooghiem and Bob Stacey with accompanist, Maureen Young took their audience on a rhythmic journey through time with the 'river's ' memories.

It wasn't without it's challenges ! The original date , Feb 13, was cancelled due to storms and was rescheduled for Feb. 20 . My 'muddslingers' had to adjust their lives , which they did, to the thrill of their audience in our historic town hall !

They were wonderful ambassadors for the Mudds and I couldn't be prouder of what they accomplished in such a short time.

With my thanks and gratitude

We Will Rock You (WWRY) - Karen Lapointe, Director

First and foremost the cast and crew of WWRY would like to send our warmest wishes and hugs to the cast and crew of Disney's LION KING Jr. Break a Leg everyone! I am really looking forward to seeing the show; it's my favourite Disney movie of all time and I know you guys are going to smash it! ????

From King to Queen - We Will Rock You has just completed 6 weeks of rehearsals. We still have a bit of Choreography to do, mainly because of the awful weather we've had that stopped us in our tracks for a rehearsal or 3, but nevertheless, the cast are moving forward at a great pace under the tutelage of Colleen Taylor and helped this week by Jim and Kathy Wells, parents of Kara Parisien, with some cool jive moves for one of the numbers. For those who might remember, they also helped out in Guys N Dolls, so they are starting to become a valuable asset for the Mudds. Yay team!

To say that so far, everyone and everything has way surpassed my expectations for this show is no exaggeration. Everyone is working hard - I know this is true for all Mudds shows, but this is my baby and I am a bag of excitement every Wednesday and Sunday (Rockuday) to watch the next bit slot into place. Perhaps I will calm down a little when we get to the blocking.... but probably not ;-)

I also would like to welcome in his new capacity as Set Design, Jeff Lee (who is also our stage manager and lead set build!). Dude, you must be crazy, but I thank you for being there for us as you are for nearly every single show that the Mudds puts on.

We had a great production meeting on Sunday Feb 17th; all departments are busy

working on their projects and are in great spirits and super-creative in everything they are doing. We are on track to truly Rock Carleton Place. A huge thank you to everyone.

"Now My Dream is Slowly Coming True..."

Can You Help Us Continue Our Tradition of Providing Volunteer Servers for This Year's Hunger Stop Dinner? - Mark Piper

As many of you will know, the Mudds have in the past helped out with the Lanark County Food Bank's - that is, the Hunger Stop's - annual Community BOGO Dinner. At this BOGO (Buy One, Give One) event, every ticket bought buys dinner for the person attending, and a dinner for a Food Bank client. It's their main fundraiser for the summer months.

Last year, at St. James Anglican Church, the Mudds provided a whole crew of costumed waiters and waitresses - and a splendid time was had by all. (In fact, I have it on good authority that some people had TOO much fun!)

This year, the event will be held on Sunday, **May 26**, upstairs at the Arena in Carleton Place.

Although the details are still being finalized, servers will likely be asked to be at the arena, in costume and ready to go, for 3:30. Dinner will

probably run till about 8:00. (Volunteers will get a meal at the end.) The theme this year is an English Garden Party - so I'm guessing that the creative people in the Mudds will have lots of ideas about costumes and characters.

Here's the thing, though. The Town Singers are performing at exactly the same time - so anybody in the Town Singers won't be able to help out this year.

But I'm sure there are a few non-Town-Singers types who'd still love to lend a hand (and show off their Thespian skills, as well). If those people could get back to me (kmm.mdp@gmail.com) within the next week or so - say, by **March 1** - we could let the Hunger Stop know how many Mudds will be along for the ride, to help out.

Thanks in advance.

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 March 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 February 22 and March 21. We hope you have a lovely day :-)

Kris Riendeau	Feb-22
Reese Sonnenburg	Feb-22
Patrick Kelly	Feb-26
Emily Burns	Feb-28
Noah Purdy	Mar-03
Kathleen Fernandes	Mar-04
Emma Andrigo	Mar-05
Jessa Jones	Mar-06
Paul Montsion	Mar-06
Jenn Hughes	Mar-06
Bella Rossetti	Mar-07
Don Lee	Mar-09
Justin Yanosik	Mar-11
Holden Anderson	Mar-12
David Vavasour	Mar-12
Sydney Carson	Mar-14
Tony Stuart	Mar-15
Wendy Jewell	Mar-16
Molly Cooney	Mar-17
Emma Ritchie	Mar-17
Mike McCormick	Mar-19
Peter Brown	Mar-21
Amelia Scott	Mar-21
Liz Szucs	Mar-22

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

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

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Mudds Calendar (2019)

Feb 22 (Fri)	5:00pm-9:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Feb 23 (Sat)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Feb 24 (Sun)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Feb 24 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb 27 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb 28 (Thur)	5:00pm-9:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Mar 1 (Fri)	5:00pm-9:00-m	Lion King Performance	Town Hall
Mar 2 (Sat)	12:00pm-4:00pm	Lion King Performance	Town Hall

Mar 3 (Sun)	12:00pm-7:00pm	Lion King Performance, Tear Down and Party	Town Hall
Mar 3 (Sun)	11:30am-1:30pm	WWRY Make Up Trials	CPHS
Mar 3 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Mar 6 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:30pm	WWRY Rehearsal	CPHS
Mar 10 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 13 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 16 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	WWRY Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 17 (Sun)	9:00am-1:00pm	WWRY Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 17 (Sun)	11:00am-4:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal/Costumes/Make Up	Town Hall
Mar 20 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 23 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	WWRY Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 24 (Sun)	9:00am-12:00pm	WWRY Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 24 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 27 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 30 (Sat)	12:00noon-4:00pm	WWRY Q2Q	Town Hall
Mar 31 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 3 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 7 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	WWRY Dress Rehearsal (no makeup)	Town Hall
Apr 10 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 14 (Sun)	11:30am-5:30pm	WWRY Full Dress Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 17 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 24 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	WWRY Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 26 (Fri)	5:30pm-10:30pm	WWRY Performance	Town Hall
Apr 27 (Sat)	5:30pm-10:30pm	WWRY Performance	Town Hall
Apr 28 (Sun)	11:30am-5:30pm	WWRY Performance	Town Hall
May 1 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:00pm	WWRY Get Together/Rehearsal	Town Hall
May 3 (Fri)	5:30pm-10:30pm	WWRY Performance	Town Hall
May 4 (Sat)	5:30pm-10:30pm	WWRY Performance/Party	Town Hall
May 5 (Sun)	10:00am-12 noon	WWRY Tear Down	Town Hall