

# MUDDPRINTS

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*The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - January 2020*



**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR FROZEN Jr. Please go to the web site [ticketsplease.ca](http://ticketsplease.ca)**

## **From the Desk of the President - Jeff Lee**

Happy New Year fellow Mudds! It's unfortunate that so soon into the new year we lost a long-time and valued member. Blaine Cornell passed away suddenly on January 15th. Blaine was active on stage as well as a member of the Mudds board for several years. Blaine will be remembered for his dry and targeting humour and his smile. Blaine's contribution to The Mudds, The Town Singers and our community will be remembered.

Last year young Shelby Devine lost her battle with an aggressive cancer. There is a celebration of life planned and we have been asked if a young actress would dress up as a princess for her celebration of life on February 22, 2020 at the canoe club. We have the dress (Belle from Beauty and the Beast and possibly other options). Please contact Dalene Gallo if you would like to volunteer to honor Shelby. [d.gallo@live.com](mailto:d.gallo@live.com)

Both cast and production crew are thrilled to have started Mamma Mia rehearsals. The singing is off to a fantastic start and, by all accounts, the choreography is going to be something special. There has been buzz in our community for this show for weeks and it's on track to surpass expectations.

Frozen Jr. is in the end stages of rehearsals with the set build starting this coming weekend (Saturday and Sunday 9AM at town hall). The kids sound fantastic and the blocking and choreography are nearly complete. Tickets are going fast and the show is already over 60% sold out.

Thanks to all helping to make 2020 a great year for the Mudds.

## **Disney's FROZEN, Jr. Update - - Linda Beiglee - Co-Producer**

This enchanting modern classic from Disney is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, bringing Elsa, Anna and the magical land of Arendelle to life onstage.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters. Frozen Jr. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and laden with magic, adventure and plenty of humour, Frozen Jr. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

We have been rehearsing with this dedicated group since Sep. and are into the final rehearsals preparing the production with opening night Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Our wonderful cast is loaded with talent – singing the story through with beautiful voices and lots of amazing choreography. There are many hidden gems and along with the leads include townspeople, snow chorus, hidden folk, castle staff, summer chorus and Oaken's family. Anna and Elsa, their parents, and friends including Kristoff, Sven and Olaf will be sure to engage you in this heartwarming story.

As per Mudds usual practice, the costumes, makeup, hair, lighting, props, sound and

special effects, set design, will bring the performance to an outstanding level, led by Sandra Dunlop & Kaz Lapointe as Co-Directors and Laurel Tye as Musical Director.

Come out to see our amazing production – get your tickets soon as they are selling very quickly! See [ticketsplease.ca](http://ticketsplease.ca) for your preferred show time. You won't want to miss these young performers singing their hearts out to Let It Go! and many, many other songs.

Hope to see you there!

### **Mamma Mia!! Update** - *Joanne Samler, Producer*

Mamma Mia! Is well into rehearsals. All singing on Wednesdays and singing and dancing on Sundays - what a work out! I'm so proud of all the work this cast and crew are doing. We are aiming for a stellar show. Tickets will go on sale March 1st. See you there.

### **The Backing Singer** - *submitted by Tony Scott*

Don't pity me. You assume I have a failed solo career; that I'm singing through gritted teeth to earn a crust. But the reverse is true - I take great pleasure in being the unsung heroine. I'm not yearning to be as talented as the lead singers, because I'm usually better than them. I have incredible range and versatility, and can switch between rock, jazz and funk with ease. The leads make up for it with charisma and I admire them for it.

One singer I work with has a great voice but it's not perfect, especially when we're near the end of a tour. I can tell when those high notes are going to be a struggle for her and provide a safety net. It's satisfying to be a valuable part of a creative team. It's the interaction between the voices that produces a beautiful sound, and when we do, it's magic.

The key to being a good backing singer is your ear. Hearing the harmonies for a melody and being able to sing them without being distracted takes real skill. Even with the other backing singers there has to be real understanding and synergy, otherwise you produce a wall of noise.

Far from looking daggers at them, I feel a real affection for the lead singers. And when they're divas I understand - it's very hard being permanently centre stage. I'm happiest at the back. They say backing singers are twenty feet from stardom, but I disagree. It's pretty good where I am.

From a Guardian Weekly, the 'What I'm Really Thinking' column.

### **Mudds Social Scene** - *Christine Dever, Board of Directors*

In last month's MUDDprints I gave a fairly detailed synopsis of the survey results from the fall. To recap, many of our members are satisfied with their current level of involvement with the MUDDS, but a significant portion of those who answered the survey would like more opportunities to get together informally, between shows, and perhaps to meet people involved in shows other than the ones in which they are involved. Most people would be happy with 1, 2, or 3 "organized" social events per year, with other informal gatherings in between, as time and interest permit.

So - in terms of ideas for social activities throughout the rest of the 2019-2020 season, my hope is to organize an event sometime in the late winter/early spring – perhaps with a seasonal theme, or just a fun sing-along or karaoke event. I think the annual general meeting, in June, would be a good time to celebrate the season's shows with light refreshments and a slideshow of pictures from each of the year's productions. Hopefully this could be an opportunity for people from the various productions to meet each other and get a glimpse behind the scenes of shows they were not involved with. And then of course, there's the annual summer BBQ/picnic (weather permitting). That would give us 2 to 3 organized social events (depending on if you consider the AGM a "social event" or not).

For those who would like more opportunities to get together informally, I encourage you to take advantage of the Mississippi MUDDS private Facebook group (as opposed to our public Mississippi MUDDS Facebook page),

to suggest and organize other activities. Here is the link/address:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2332912661>

for any newcomers who may not have joined it or been made of aware it, yet. If you have trouble joining it, feel free to send me an email or private messenger message, and I will invite you to the group. Many people go to St. James' Gate after rehearsals/shows/meetings etc. so a monthly pub night, there, might be a possibility. I may also periodically use the Facebook group to suggest other outings or activities.

If you have pictures you would like to submit for the year-end slideshow, please email them to me at [christinejdever@gmail.com](mailto:christinejdever@gmail.com) (please make sure that anyone who is in the picture is ok with it being in the slideshow - and don't forget to let me know what show or event it is from!). I will put out another request closer to the time, as well.

**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 February 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 January 23 and February 22. We hope you have a lovely day :-)

I am sorry we don't have a list this month as Kaz Lapointe, who looks after the birthday list, lost her Mum and is currently in England. Please keep Kaz in your thoughts.

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 February 22. The deadline for articles is February 20.

If you wish to be removed from the Muddprints mailing list please send an email to [pcbear@rogers.com](mailto:pcbear@rogers.com) - please make sure you give me your full name in the email.

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***Mudds Calendar (2019-2020)***

Jan 23 (Thu)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 25 (Sat)	10:00am-4:00pm	FROZEN Set Build	Town Hall
Jan 26 (Sun)	10:00am-4:00pm	FROZEN Set Build	Town Hall
Jan 26 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Jan 27 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Jan 29 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:20pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS

Jan 30 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 1 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	FROZEN Set Build	Town Hall
Feb 2 (Sun)	9:00am-4:00pm	FROZEN Set Build	Town Hall
Feb 2 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb 3 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 5 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	TBA
Feb 6 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 8 (Sat)	10:00am-4:00pm	FROZEN Cue to Cue	Town Hall
Feb 9 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb 10 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 12 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb 13 (Thur)	6:30am-9:00pm	FROZEN Dress Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 16 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb 19 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb 20 (Thur)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 21 (Fri)	7:00pm	FROZEN Performance	Town Hall
Feb 22 (Sat)	2:00pm	FROZEN Performance	Town Hall
Feb 23 (Sun)	2:00pm	FROZEN Performance	Town Hall
Feb 24 (Mon)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FROZEN Rehearsal	Town Hall
Feb 26 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Feb27 (Thur)	7:00pm	FROZEN Performance	Town Hall
Feb 28 (Fri)	7:00pm	FROZEN Performance	Town Hall
Feb 29 (Sat)	2:00pm	FROZEN Performance	Town Hall
Mar 1 (Sun)	2:00pm	FROZEN Performance	Town Hall
		(includes tear down and cast party)	
Mar 1 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Mar 4 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Mar 8 (Sun)	1:30pm-4:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Mar 11 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Mar 15 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 18 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:oopm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 22 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Mar 25 (Wed)	6:30pm-9:30pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	CPHS
Mar 28 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	Mamma Mia! Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 29 (Sun)	9:00am-1:00pm	Mamma Mia! Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 29 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 1 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 4 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	Mamma Mia! Set Build	Town Hall
Apr 5 (Sun)	9:00am-1:00pm	Mamma Mia! Set Build	Town Hall
Apr 5 (Sun)	1:00pm-4:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 8 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 15 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 18 (Sat)	9:00am-4:00pm	Mamma Mia! Tech and Q2Q	Town Hall
Apr 19 (Sun)	Noon-5:00pm	Mamma Mia! Final Dress	Town Hall
Apr 22 (Wed)	7:00pm-10:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 24 (Fri)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Mamma Mia! Performance	Town Hall
Apr 25 (Sat)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Mamma Mia! Performance	Town Hall
Apr 26 (Sun)	Noon-5:00pm	Mamma Mia! Performance	Town Hall
Apr 29 (Wed)	7:00pm-9:00pm	Mamma Mia! Rehearsal	Town Hall
Apr 30 (Thu)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Mamma Mia! Performance	Town Hall
May 1 (Fri)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Mamma Mia! Performance	Town Hall
May 2 (Sat)	Noon-5:00pm	Mamma Mia! Performance	Town Hall
May 2 (Sat)	5:30pm-10:30pm	Mamma Mia! Performance	Town Hall
May 3 (Sun)	10:00am-1:00pm	Tear Down	Town Hall

