

MUDDPRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - March 2020



Thinking of all our members and followers - please stay safe

From the Desk of the President - Jeff Lee

We are all aware of what an extraordinary time this is. We will need to postpone Mamma Mia until a safe date for gatherings exists. Right now that date cannot be predicted due to the uncertainty of the progress of COVID-19. We have watched updates on Mudds friends and family trying to return to Canada from vacations and business trips. Mamma Mia has moved to on-line rehearsals using meeting software. This innovative necessity will allow the cast to stay fresh and move forward to be ready when we can stage. The addition of video conference calls to augment rehearsals could prove useful to future productions. We are in contact with Ticketsplease.ca so that ticket exchanges can be made when a date is chosen.

The board will continue to monitor the situation and updates will be posted to the Mudds public page on Facebook as well as to the website.

Nevada shifts are cancelled until further notice.

Stay healthy everyone and observe physical distancing please.

For information and guidelines in this time of emergency:

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit:
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

Ontario Ministry of Health:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Canadian Ministry of Health: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Outbreak update - Canada.ca

Mamma Mia!! Update - Joanne Samler - Producer

Mamma Mia! Here we go again ... what a roller coaster!! In case you had not heard, we had a complete sell out of our shows in just over 48 hours. A huge boost to the cast and crew. Unprecedented in the world of the MUDDS!! We knew people were travelling from coast to coast - Halifax to Vancouver- and coming to see us. And then, the rug was pulled out from beneath us. Covid-19 strikes.

The Mamma Mia! cast is continuing to rehearse, albeit in very unorthodox ways. We have tried to rehearse on-line with varying degrees of success. We are running lines, submitting dance videos, staying very connected on our cast/crew facebook page. Staying connected in whatever way we can without being in the same room.

We know everyone's question is "When will the show be" and the answer, right now, is – we don't know. We do know the show must go on and we will be honouring all tickets sold, hopefully on a straight date exchange, once we know what that date is. If the particular date assigned does not work, we will be working with our audience and ticketsplease.ca to come up with the best solutions possible.

We continue to work with Town Hall and MTI (where we got our rights to perform the show) and once there is a sense of normalcy in the world, we may have dates for you. Please have patience with us. There is a very large group of cast and crew who are very disappointed they will not be on stage at the end of April to show off everything that has been accomplished. We will get there, we just don't know when.

Stay safe and stay home.

Introducing Mudds Apparel - Stephanie Stephens - Board of Directors

The sense of pride we feel to be a part of 'Ottawa's Favourite Theatre Group' is immeasurable, and now we can show it off! The Mississippi Mudds is excited to introduce a Mudds clothing line available through locally owned and operated Level 1 Custom Gear. Hoodies, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and even tuques are available.

Currently featured are some hilarious two-sided t-shirt designs by our own Jenny Pfitzer, such as 'I'm not yelling – I'm projecting!' and 'Here comes Treble!'.

Proudly wear your Mudds fashions to your next Nevada shift, or when you work front of house for our next show, or even just walking down Bridge Street, and watch as heads turn!

The merchandise is available to purchase online at <https://level1customgear.ca/collections/mississippi-mudds>, and more styles and options will be available throughout the year. Customize your hoodie with your name embroidered on the sleeve and pick the colour combinations you prefer! There is no deadline for purchase.

Looking for Input - Karen Lapointe, Show Development

Just a reminder to submit any show proposals to me as soon as you can. I know we are experiencing some difficult times at the moment, but we will get back to normal eventually and it would be great to have a few shows ready to go. We are especially looking for Murder mysteries and a youth show for this coming season but any idea for future MUDDS productions are welcome.

Please talk to me if you have an idea or submit your proposal to me if you already have one.

Keep this "essential" person from getting bored in the evenings and weekends :-)

Kaz Lapointe
Show Development Officer, MUDDS Board.
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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 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 March 22 and April 22.. We hope you have a lovely day :-)

To all our members past and present who are celebrating a birthday between March 22nd and April 22nd, we would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday and we hope you have a wonderful day.

Angela Rogers	Mar-23
Lydia Charron	Mar-23
Cait Morton	Mar-29
Jon Forbes	Mar-29
Tanner Flinn	Mar-29
Catherine Hutton	Mar-30
Madeleine Jordan	Mar-31
Chloe Maxwell	Apr-02
Helen Gillis	Apr-03
Bronwyn Rusk	Apr-06
Katie Irvine	Apr-09
Evelyn Jones	Apr-10
Emilea Kavanagh	Apr-12
Abby Cooke	Apr-12
Annie Rickert	Apr-16
Brittany Blair	Apr-17
Louise Link	Apr-19
Trish Smith	Apr-21

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

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

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

Mudds Calendar (2020)

ALL DATES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD