

# MUDDPRINTS

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**The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - March 2015**

Tickets for *Once Upon a Mattress* are now on sale at Reads Book Shop, 135 Bridge Street, 613-257-7323. The shows are April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm with a matinee on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

## ***News from the Board* - Sandra Dunlop, Secretary**

The show proposal deadline is Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Proposals should be sent to Jan Ferguson. The Board will hear proposals for upcoming shows on Thursday, April 16.

A new keyboard has been purchased as the old keyboard was beyond repair.

The next board meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

## ***Once Upon a Mattress - Making the Transition* - Erica Danells**

I first heard about the Mississippi mudds through my next-door neighbour. She sat there for twenty minutes raving about amazing shows, and these wonderful people. I sat there entranced and just knew I had to be a part of the Mudds. I sat by myself on audition day, I was just too insecure about my abilities. However, they seemed to like me. When they told me I had made it into the cast, I was ecstatic. I called all of my grandparents, my cousins and even distant relatives, just to brag about making becoming a member of the Mississippi Mudds.

The first few practices weren't the best, I didn't have anyone to sit with, so I was actually thinking about pulling out. The main reason I

had become a mudd was to make friends, so I was doubtful that was going to happen. One Monday I was sitting by myself, when a girl walked in with a gorgeous jacket, and in a typical maritime fashion I complimented her and asked her where she had bought it. Her name was Lydia, and she became my best friend. After that, I started interacting with more of the kids my age, and going to practices became the highlight of my week. It was the only time I didn't feel alone.

There was only one downside to the children's productions - the actual children. Most of them were sweet, and I even had a little buddy that I adored. All the same, there was always one kid that would go crazy at rehearsal, who just played on your last nerve that would tick you off. So when the opportunity arose to join the adult production, I jumped at the opportunity.

The fact that I made it into the production was a miracle enough, but the fact that I would be doing it with some of the most amazing people was a bonus. Things were far more strict in this play than the children's play, but I liked the order, and the structure to everything, and it made me feel like I was in a professional production. Karen Lapointe was our stage manager for *Once upon a mattress*, and she kept everything in check, but was so kind to me after I lost my dog, and was always there whenever I needed a ride home. Our director Sandra Dunlop is one of those people that just makes you want to do better around her, she made me want to succeed. Laurel is



our music director, and I knew her from the kid's play, so she was refreshing to see amongst all the new faces.

I can never say how amazing this experience was for me. Going from the children's play to the adult's was a hard transition, but definitely worth it. It gave me the structure I needed and a whole new group of friends. I personally want to thank my friends Kyle, Jen, Kiera, Leslie, and Justin for being there for me. I also want to thank the whole Mudds community (or anyone else I forgot to mention!) for making me feel like a star, even if I'm just playing a lady in waiting. I just always remember, there are no small parts, only small actors. (Yes Justin, I'm looking at you!)

**Once Upon a Mattress - Sandra Dunlop, Director**

Once Upon a Mattress is a fractured, grown-up version of "The Princess and the Pea" fairy tale.

Rehearsals are well underway for the final show of the season. The cast and crew are working hard to present a family-friendly, fun production.

The next issue of Muddprints will be published on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline for articles is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**Mudds Calendar (2015)**

Mar 25 (Wed)	7pm-10pm	Once Upon a Mattress	Town Hall
Mar 28 (Sat)	9am-4pm	Once Upon a Mattress Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 29 (Sun)	9am-1pm	Once Upon a Mattress Set Build	Town Hall
Mar 29 (Sun)	1pm-4pm	Once Upon a Mattress	Town Hall
Apr 1 (Wed)	7pm-10pm	Once Upon a Mattress	Town Hall
Apr 4 (Sat)	9am-4pm	Once Upon a Mattress Set Build	Town Hall
Apr 7 (Tue)		Deadline for Show Proposals	
Apr 8 (Wed)	7pm-10pm	Once Upon a Mattress	Town Hall
Apr 11 (Sat)	11am-4pm	Once Upon a Mattress Cue to Cue	Town Hall
Apr 12 (Sun)	1pm-4pm	Once Upon a Mattress Dress	Town Hall

The set build is well under way as are the colourful costumes.

Please come and meet Queen Aggravain, King Sextimus, Prince Dauntless, Princess Winnifred, Lady Larken, Sir Harry, the Minstrel, the Jester, the Wizard and the Ladies-in-Waiting and the Knights.

We look forward to sharing our show with you.

**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 April 20<sup>th</sup>. I would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to long, just of interest to Mudds members and fans.

Apr 13 (Mon)	7pm	Show Proposal Meeting	Tomahawk
Apr 15 (Wed)	7pm-10pm	Once Upon a Mattress	Town Hall
Apr 16 (Thu)	7pm	Show Proposal Meeting	Tomahawk
Apr 18 (Sat)	10am	Board Meeting	Tomahawk
Apr 19 (Sun)	12pm-5pm	Once Upon a Mattress Full Dress	Town Hall
Apr 22 (Wed)	7pm-10pm	Once Upon a Mattress	Town Hall
Apr 24 (Fri)	5pm-10:30pm	Once Upon a Mattress Show	Town Hall
Apr 25 (Sat)	5pm-10:30pm	Once Upon a Mattress Show	Town Hall
Apr 26 (Sun)	12pm-5pm	Once Upon a Mattress Show	Town Hall
Apr 29 (Wed)	7pm-10pm	Once Upon a Mattress	Town Hall
Apr 30 (Thu)	5pm-10:30pm	Once Upon a Mattress Show	Town Hall
May 1 (Fri)	5pm-10:30pm	Once Upon a Mattress Show	Town Hall
May 2 (Sat)	5pm-10:30pm	Once Upon a Mattress Show	Town Hall
May 3 (Sun)	10am-1pm	Once Upon a Mattress Tear Down	Town Hall