

MUDD PRINTS

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The official newsletter of the Mississippi Mudds - May 2022

The Mississippi Mudds Mission Statement: *To provide a safe, accepting and inclusive environment for all people to explore and participate in theatrical endeavours while providing quality entertainment within our community.*

From the Desk of the President - **Sandra Dunlop**

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Mississippi Mudds will take place on **June 25th** at 10am. This will be held on Zoom and all current members will be sent the link to join the meeting. If you are not a current member and would like to attend the meeting please contact me pcbear@rogers.com and I will send you the link. Also, please consider letting your name stand for the Board of Directors. There are four members leaving the Board so we need you. You will hear from the Nominating Committee shortly.

Mudds to Bring Colour and Fun, June 4th Garden Party - **Judith Scott**

Come to a special Platinum Jubilee Garden Party On June 4th at the Carleton Place Heritage Museum from 1 until 4. There will be speeches and cake. There will be a band. And there will be a jolly troupe of Mudds players wandering the garden disguised as various Historic or Fictional royals or their entourage. We were invited by Jennifer Irwin to participate. She wanted to add some colour and fun to the occasion. Well, Mudds know how to do that.

You will see 6 Queens, 1 King 1 Princess and 2 Guards.

Visiting from the Frozen world of Arundel we have King Agnar, Queen Iduna and Princess Elsa.

From Wonderland we have the Queen of

Hearts and her 2 Guards, The Jack of hearts and the Jack of Clubs

From the Hampton Court we have two of Henry 8th's wives Ann Boleyn and Catherine Howard

Queen Elizabeth 1st will visit from Richmond Place, and from Windsor Castle Queen Victoria will attend.

Queen Elizabeth 2nd will be celebrating from her home in Buckingham Palace on June 4th but given the time difference she plans to pop over to the Carleton Place Heritage Museum to greet us in person.

Thanks to Asher, Bobby, Cathy, Dot, Eddy, Jan, Jenny, Madi, Patti, Reese, and Xander for agreeing to represent the Mudds this way. And thanks to Ann, David and Stefan for helping to bring the special costume touches to life. Thanks to the rest of the Mudds 50th Season committee Katie, Laurel and Molly for all your help.

Judith.

NB. This has been posted to Facebook by the CP Heritage Museum

Due to great interest in our upcoming Garden Party, we're asking that you reserve tickets using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/335552375187>

The event is free to all attending, but in reserving a ticket you will help us determine the number of guests to expect in the garden on June 4th!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/335552377187>



Reminders

Show Proposals will be accepted anytime during the year. Contact Show Development Officer Karen Lapointe at kazli63@gmail.com

Elf The Musical auditions will be held on June 18th at Carleton Place High School. See last months Muddprints for detailed information.

Mudds in Your Eye - Stephanie is looking for volunteers to get some fresh perspective and new ideas. It would be wonderful to have some volunteers help with conducting the interviews and coming up with new questions.

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

Mudds in Your Eye #23 May 2022 (coordinated by Stephanie Stephens)



Here is another in the series which profiles members of the Mississippi Mudds, written especially for the readers of the Muddprints!

This month the spotlight is on Xander Sonnenburg. Xander is a member of our Mudds Youth. He is a dynamic young actor, demonstrating fearlessness when it comes to character-building and thinking fast on his feet! He had his fellow youth members giggling pretty hard with the scenarios he created on the fly during MUDDS CLUBBS last year. Xander was also part of an improv team with his high school that earned several titles, including a second-place finish in the Ottawa Regionals in 2019 and 2020, and a Top 10 finish in the Canadian Nationals in 2019. Xander often shares his expertise with his fellow Mudds youth, leading warm-up games during rehearsals! All that theatre and drama talent aside, he's a pretty fantastic young man. We're lucky to have someone so kind and fun to work with in the Mudds!

Interview by Bobby Martin.

1. What was your first show?

The first show I did with the Mudds was The Little Mermaid as Sebastian. It's hard to forget my first time on stage with them - they shoved pillows up my chest and then had me dance. Surely a time to remember!

2. How have you changed in the time from your first show to your latest?

I definitely have felt changes since joining. It was a major confidence booster. The constant time on stage made me better in front of crowds and in front of my peers.

3. What has it been like working with members of the Mudds?

Working with the other members of the Mississippi Mudds has truly been a magical experience. There are so many people I can truly say I've bonded with during my time in the organization. Through both success and misery, the community that makes up the Mudds has been nothing but supportive to me. It's truly an amazingly talented group of individuals.

4. Do you think you would continue to pursue a career in acting?

I will be pursuing a career (in theatre) and acting going forward, and the Mudds has been a major contributor to this decision. The amazing community of like-minded individuals, the skills and experience I've amassed, and the pure joy I find on stage, all remind me why I love **theatre**.



5. What show would you like to be put on?

Oh, there are so many shows that would be delightful to be a part of. I think the show I would be the most ecstatic to be a part of is The Madalorian because I've been a massive Star Wars fan ever since my father took me to see The Phantom Menace in theatres for my 8th birthday.

6. If you could go back, would you change how you did anything in any show you've been in?

I don't think, if given the option, I would want anything about my past performances changed. There is so much value I've taken in the growth from then to where I am now and that feels indispensable to me.

7. Do you feel you have made meaningful connections in the Mudds community?

I think I've made many life long friends through the Mudds, specifically in the youth theatre organization. From sitting in our corner backstage, or grabbing shawarma, to belting our hearts out singing Disney show tunes outside of town hall. It is those moments with those I have come to see as true friends that make me remember the Mudds so fondly

8. What is the best memory you have of being in the Mudds?

My best memory is a tough one (so many great experiences). The one that sticks out to me the most is the dress rehearsal for Frozen, Mark, the show's technician (and the MVP of making sure everything runs smoothly) had put on music for the group before rehearsals. Me and some others, being massive Queen fans, wanted to see if we could cause a revolution of sorts. This prompted us to stand on stage, clapping and stomping to the beat of We Will Rock You, and sure enough once enough people had joined our uprising, the song was played for all to hear.

9. Other than theatre skills, what else do you feel being a member of the Mudds has brought to your life?

Aside from theatre skills, the Mississippi Mudds has brought a sense of community into my life. There are many wonderful and talented individuals who have truly helped make me into the person I am.

10. **What would you say to someone who wants to try out for the Mudds?**

I would suggest they give it a try. The only thing they have to lose is lack of confidence.

Celebrating 50 Years, Mudds History Featured as Special Exhibit. - Judith Scott

Work is proceeding well towards the opening of a very special exhibit. It aims to tell the story of the Mudds from its birth in 1973 up to now as we start into our 50th Season.

Thanks so much to Jennifer Irwin for offering to do this and for Molly and Katie for putting in the hours to help make it happen. It will be open by the end of the month and can be viewed Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 4 until September 3rd.

Throughout the summer we hope to have a presence at different locations as opportunities arise. We have flyers to hand out and hopefully volunteers will offer to get in costume or just wear their best smiles to participate. Let Judith know if you have ideas for venues and especially if you are willing to give an hour or two of your time to help raise awareness of who we are and how people can get involved. gjudithscott@gmail.com

Thanks to Stephanie for designing this eye-catching flyer. If you can take some to do mailbox drops in your neighbourhood let Judith know. gjudithscott@gmail.com



Handy with power tools, sewing machine, makeup brush or tech equipment? Contact us now!
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"About us"

Visit the exhibit "Spotlight On the Mudds" 50 Seasons and counting. May 21st to September 3rd, 2022
cpbheritagemuseum.com

Award Winning Theatre
EODL Best Actress,
Best Actor,
Best Director '92 & '95.
Ottawa Capital Critics Circle
Best Set design 2012.
Ottawa Valley Readers
Choice Award 2022.

Elf the Musical
opens Nov 25th, 2022
ticketsplease.ca
mississippimudds.ca
for all upcoming shows.

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Carleton PLACE
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes go to members past and present who are celebrating their birthdays between May 23 and June 22.

Kali Latham	May-23
Justin Beiglee	May-24
Kate Osborne	May-25
Cathy Boynton	May-26
Kelly Young	May-28
Jessica Kinnari	May-28
Douglas Campbell	May-28
Bobby Martin	May-28
Kenny Martin	May-28
Daniel MacDonald	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
Sherrie Humby	Jun-11
Scott Lee	Jun-15
Meredith Millman	Jun-16
Abigail Terry Shaver	Jun-16
Perry Santry	Jun-17
Nora Ziai	Jun-17
Olivia Scott	Jun-17
Ronald Whyte	Jun-17
Aiden Letemplier	Jun-18
Pat Sargent	Jun-18
Wendy Giles	Jun-19
William Moore-Crispin	Jun-20
Kathy Cosham	Jun-20
Amy Bourne	Jun-21
Matthew Abele	Jun-21
Daisy Bright-McKee	Jun-22

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

Calendar - 2022/2023

Saturday, June 4	Museum Garden Party
Saturday, June 18	Auditions for Elf
Saturday, June 25	Annual General Meeting

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

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