

Thistle Theatre

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WODL (Western Ontario Drama League) recognizes Oliver!

Once again, Thistle Theatre has achieved much recognition for the fine work they do. This time it's all thanks to the efforts of the cast and crew of Oliver!

Owen Sound Little Theatre is hosting the WODL Festival 2010. Five performances will be shown during March break with a banquet and awards night on Saturday. Congratulations to the following nominees and award winners.

Nominated:

"Best Visual Co-ordinated Costumes of a Non-Rental Nature"

- the many hard-working costume people
(too numerous to mention)

"Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Major Role"

- Debbie Prentice as Nancy

"Outstanding Direction"

- Sue Garner

Awards:

"Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role"

- Chris Cockle as Fagin

"Outstanding Performance by a Juvenile"

- Jacob Paquette as Dodger

For a more detailed list of nominations and awards please go to www.wodl.on.ca

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Area Productions

Theatre Woodstock
The Drawer Boy
by Michael Healey
April 9 - 17, 2010

London Community Players
Nine (a musical)
by Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston
March 18-27, 2010

ITOPA
Museum
by Tina Howe
February 19-28, 2010

St. Mary's Community Players
Perfect Wedding
by Robin Hawdon
April 23 - May 2, 2010

Area Auditions



ITOPA: for "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon

Directed by Barry Tepperman.

Saturday March 27th 2:00pm
Sunday March 28th 2:00pm

Cast requirements:

1 man, aged 45 to 55
3 women, aged 25 to 55

Actors should come prepared to present a monologue (approximately 1 minute) from a contemporary American play. A monologue from one of Neil Simon's plays other than "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" would be appreciated.

What are they doing?!

This is a new segment of the newsletter that we would like to dedicate to you, our Thistle Theatre members.

There are so many community theatres and productions going on in our area that we know some of you are participating in. We're proud of the fact!
(but come on... admit it... you have the most fun with us don't you!)

Still, we appreciate your support to our theatre company so we want to support you right back. Let us know what you're doing with theatre these days and we'll post it here. Send the info to: joanveldman@gmail.com

Let your friends enjoy your achievements!

Come and have a laugh!
at
Thistle Theatre's



Improv Night

Friday, April 9th, 2010

7:30pm

Embro Town Hall

Free admission for Thistle Theatre members!

Not a member? Just \$10 will get you an evening of entertainment... and we'll throw in a membership!



Ever watch "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

This Improv Night will feature many of the same games played on that show, but this time you'll be able to witness your favourite Embro and area residents trying to come up with scenes on the spur of the moment!

Don't miss it!

****Please note the change of date from the previous newsletter****

You've got to see this - Chris Cockle is BESIDE himself with anticipation!

Workshops

Theatre Tillsonburg is proud to announce our 2010 Stagecraft seminar series.

Theatre Tillsonburg opens their Stagecraft Seminar Series on April 11, 2010 with an exciting seminar for all ages.

That Ol' Song and Dance is for all actors who are interested in auditioning for musical theatre. The first half of this exciting seminar focuses on the actor that "thinks he can't dance." The second half focuses on vocal preparation. This fun, laid back, yet challenging, intro to theatre song and dance is for all actors who would like more confidence auditioning for musicals.

They continue their seminar series with an ***Introduction to Lighting*** on May 22, 2010. This seminar will cover the basics of lighting, including fixture types and applications, LED and automated lighting, and the basics of lighting a stage. Lighting safety and proper handling and operation of various fixtures will also be covered.

Future Seminars:

Create a World On The Stage (2 Sessions)

Learn how to design a set for an upcoming Theatre Tillsonburg show. 1st Session: September 11, 2010 at 1pm. The first evening of this exciting seminar will be spent learning the basic needs in any design; discussion of the specific needs from a script and director; learning the 'how to' aspect of design, measuring the stage, checking out the various items the theatre has that you can incorporate into the design: flats, turntables, backdrops, etc. Please bring paper, pencils, measuring tape, imagination. Participants will then have a month with script to use their imagination and design. Advice and assistance will be given on an individual basis at this time.

2nd Session: Oct 10, 2010 at 1pm. The seminar will continue as participants will go over the various designs and discuss their feasibility. (from session 1) The best design or a conglomerate of ideas will be 'cleaned up' and presented for the directors choice. Everyone will be able to participate in the execution of the design for the actual production.

The Emperor's New Clothes August 14, 2010 at 1pm. "I said I'd do costumes for the play - what now?" This seminar is a primer for all costume staff or those that wish to be. What needs to be done and how best to organize a large cast with many costumes. This introduction will also discuss the basics such as the effects of lighting on costumes, a "How to" guide for period costumes and the use of color to set the mood.

Each of these seminars are free for all Theatre Tillsonburg Members. Non-members will be charged a nominal fee of \$10.00 for each seminar, payable upon arrival the day of the event. All seminars will take place at the Otter Valley Playhouse in Tillsonburg. Register by calling: 519-404-6830 or by going to the website: www.theatretillsonburg.com .

ALSO - Theatre Tillsonburg is looking for someone who would be willing to do a make up workshop. They have people who can do this but are looking for someone new. If you are interested please contact: Shawn Reilly at reilly95@rogers.com

Theatre Ontario

London Community Players, Western Ontario Drama League and Theatre Ontario are pleased to be co-hosting
Theatre Ontario Festival 2010
at the Palace Theatre in London
May 19 to 23, 2010.

Four of the Ontario regions - ACT-CO (*Association of Community Theatres - Central Ontario*), EODL (*Eastern Ontario Drama League*), QUONTA (*Northern Ontario Drama Region*) and WODL (*Western Ontario Drama League*) will each send their winning production to this Festival - **four plays in four days**.

These "best of the best" plays will never be closer, so take advantage!

Stage Managers

Two stage managers were discussing the likelihood of there being some form of theatrical endeavor in the hereafter. The first consulted a friendly medium. This is what he reported:

SM1: "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there is a wonderful theatre in heaven -- well equipped, spacious, plenty of wing space. In fact, there's a show opening tomorrow night."

SM2: "That's wonderful! So what's the bad news?"

SM1: "You're calling the show."



Thistle Theatre Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate
which year you are
paying for:

Current year

Next year

Other _____

**use back of form if necessary

****Please note: Membership runs from Jan.-Dec. and is due by the Annual Meeting in February.
Mail payment of \$10 per membership to: Box 333, Embro, ON N0J 1J0
or give to any Thistle Theatre board member. Application form must accompany payment.**

More...



You know you work in Community Theatre if:

1. you've ever appeared on stage in an English drawing room murder mystery and half the cast speaks with southern accents.
2. you've ever appeared in a show where an actor leaned out through a window without opening it first.
3. you've ever had to haul a sofa off stage between scenes wearing a dinner gown and high heels.
4. you've ever had to haul a sofa off stage between scenes wearing a dinner gown and high heels... and you're a guy.
5. you've ever seriously considered not "doing in" the murder victim because the gunshot might wake up the audience.
6. you've ever appeared in a show featuring a flushing toilet sound effect.
7. you've ever appeared in a show where the cast outnumbered the audience.
8. you name your son Samuel and tell him that his middle name is in honour of the French side of the family.
9. you've ever played the father of someone your father's age.
10. you've ever menaced anyone with a gun held together with electrical tape.

AND

You know you work in community theatre if - you have a Frequent Shopper Card at Good Will, Value Village or the Salvation Army.