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President's Message

Bronwyn Taylor

Dear Members:

Welcome to St. Luke's Players 67th season of wonderful community theatre: comedy, drama, chills and fun, brought to you by a talented collection of volunteer actors and dedicated crew. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our productions: sets, concession, front of house, sound and light operators, stage crew.... If you have experience, talent, or a burgeoning interest in learning about any of these positions, please contact me so I can put you in touch with the respective producers, **or** you can check the website for ways to get involved.

To those who have recently renewed or become members and/or season ticket holders for the 2015-16 season, Thank You! For those who haven't renewed, so are receiving this message for the last time, please consider renewing so you will continue to receive our newsletters which include information on upcoming events, auditions, what members are involved with outside SLP, an invitation to our Annual General Meeting cum BBQ party, photos of casts and crews in action, and more. It is a bargain at \$5/year and application forms can be downloaded from the website: stlukesplayers@yahoo.ca

Season Ticket Holders receive a reduced rate on our **very** reasonably priced tickets, and the privilege of reserving seats in the first few rows - the sooner you apply, the closer to the front are your seats. For the most popular dates we are already reserving seats in the 6th or 7th row, so do not delay!

If you intend to renew your Season Tickets, mail your application by Oct. 20, particularly if you want to include the Panto with your order. All Panto tickets that have not been requested by Season Ticket holders will go on sale through Ticket Rocket beginning Nov. 2, the only way to obtain Panto Tickets after Nov. 2.

The fall production is *Opening Night* - a play within a play - by Canadian playwright Norm Foster. Rehearsals are well underway under the direction of Geoffrey Davidson and assistant Max Terpstra. Like the final show of last season, this show introduces a number of new faces to our stage.

The Christmas Panto, *Mother Goose*, has been cast and we are looking for production crew to round out the show: concession & front of house volunteers, sound and light operators, stage crew, costumers, make-up.... Please contact me if you can help: taylorbronwyn@shaw.ca

If you have a play you would like to see on the St. Luke's stage in 2017-18, send your suggestion to the chair of the Play Reading/Selection Committee--phawkesfrost@gmail.com so the play reading committee can read and consider it. Directors, if you have a show you would love to direct or recommend for consideration, please submit to the same address with your reasons why you think it is appropriate for SLP, and your vision.

Bronwyn Taylor



Opening Night

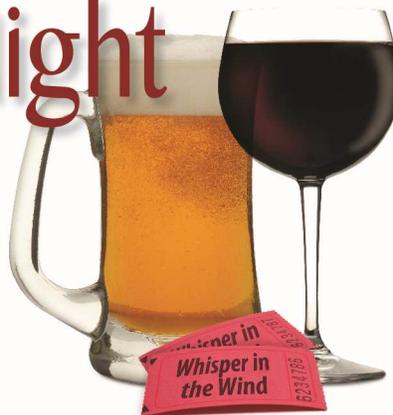
by Norm Foster

directed by Geoffrey J. Davidson

EVENING Performances at 7:30 p.m.
on October 14, 15, 16 17, 21, 22, 23 & 24

MATINEE Performances at 2:00 p.m.
on October 17, 18, 24 & 25

Opening Night is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.



We've been preparing and rehearsing for the St. Luke's Players first production of the season, *Opening Night* by Norm Foster. It's a fun look at the world of theatre that includes a mix of familiar faces as well as new.

The antics begin as Jack and Ruth Tisdale celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with an evening at the theatre. It's a dream come true for Ruth (**Catriona Black**) and an imposition for Jack (**Jeff Shultis**) who would rather be at home watching the World Series. However, after the events, both on and off the stage that fateful night, their lives and those of all involved are irreparably altered.

The cast includes the harried Director, Richard Hyde-Finch (**Michael Rodgers**) who not only has to contend with the Opening Night of his not-quite-ready play *Whisper in the Wind*, but his girlfriend Cilla (**Sarah Heyman**), whose biological clock is ticking. Cast in his play are ditzzy ingenue, Libby Husniak (**Kaylee Norn**), and the accent-challenged Clayton Fry (**David Mohr**). Also in attendance is Michael Craig (**Eric Grace**), a veteran actor who currently seems to have trouble even landing an audition, and Tom Delaney (**Peter Gatt**), a waiter and aspiring actor at the event with stars in his eyes, and who seems more interested in the show and his possible career than in his current employment. As characters meet and egos collide, the lines between the show and reality blur and no one will ever be the same again.



As usual, we have a top notch team building the set (designed by SLP regular **Cher Owen**) and a talented lighting designer, Paul Hilton, (from Langham Court and in his first production with SLP). **Bronwyn Taylor** is Stage-Managing and **Max Terpstra** is stepping out from behind his lighting board to be Assistant Director.

While production has not met with the same kind of drama as our script, everyone agrees that it has been a fun time all around.

Geoffrey Davidson

Our Members Around Town

Caroline Mackenzie de Korte is Mrs. Mushnik, the flower shop owner in *Little Shop of Horrors* with Kaleidoscope Theatre from Oct 30 - Nov 1.

Elizabeth Brimacombe, Wendy Cornock, Beverly Van Druten Blais, Mitch Barnes, Jo Barnes and **Michelle Mitchell** are acting in Langham's season opener *You Can't Take It With You* from Oct 1 - Oct 17.

Pearl Arden is involved with the following Langham show, *Doubt*.

Did we miss you?

Please contact Jane Guy at jane-guy@shaw.ca to update us on news of members around town.

Winners of tickets to Langham's *You Can't Take it With You* are
Tracy Beck
Mary Nemeth

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships expired on June 30, 2015. If you still wish to renew your membership, the form can be downloaded from the website: stlukeplayers@yahoo.ca

Mail it to St Luke's Players along with the very reasonable \$5.⁰⁰ annual membership fee. You will receive an acknowledgement letter by email which is your receipt. We are no longer sending out membership cards.

This is the last newsletter that will be sent to non-members.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER WANTED

We have an Executive member willing to produce the newsletters but a helper is needed to collect some of the content, such as what members are doing about town and comments from directors about upcoming shows, etc. If you are interested please let me know.

taylorbronwyn@shaw.ca

A new way to buy tickets with **Ticket Rocket**

- By phone at 250 590 6291
- On-line at www.ticketrocket.co
- In person at the Ticket Rocket Box Office at
2 - 1609 Blanshard Street (at Fisgard)
Tues - Fri 10 a.m to 5 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tickets also available at the door on performance night
(panto tickets subject to availability)

Tickets: \$16 [children 12 and under: \$8 for panto only]

Tickets on sale from September 1st for *Opening Night* and November 2nd for the 3 remaining plays.

Purchase your Panto tickets early as we traditionally sell out, so the likelihood of tickets at the door is very slim.

PLEASE NOTE:

SEASON TICKETS ARE NOT PURCHASED THROUGH TICKET ROCKET



St. Luke's Church Fantastic Family Fun Day

September 12, 2015



SLP volunteers in costume at the Family Fun Day: Beverly van Druten-Blais, Neville Owen, Susan Nicholl, Bronwyn Taylor, Merry Hallsor and grandson Robert, Paul Hawkes-Frost and Janine Longy.

Despite the cloudy day, Family Fun Day had a good turnout of people. Church of the Crfoss hosted a pancake breakfast and St Luke's Church hosted lunch, snacks and entertainment. Each child was given a sticker card and collected a sticker from each of the activities set up in the parking lot. While the bouncy castle was the biggest hit, there was a steady stream of children trying on costumes and having their faces painted at the St Luke's Players booth. Thanks to all the people that came out to help and especially to **Merry Hallsor** who organized the St Luke's Players contribution again this year and to our fabulous face painter, **Beverly van Druten-Blais**.

Susan Nicholl



Refer to St. Luke's Players' website for more information on upcoming plays and to look at photos of your favourite productions from the past.
www.stlukesplayers.org

I had the most enjoyable time with the children. From colourful butterflies to "The Hulk" they were all so adorable, patient and appreciative. My favourite was a gorgeous little girl with flawless skin that I hesitated to mar with paint. I used pastel colours for her butterfly adornment. When she saw herself in the mirror she gasped, "I'm so beautiful!" she whispered to me. Oh melt my heart.... I'm all misty just thinking about it.

Beverly van Druten-Blais



Mother Goose panto

By Sheila Coultish, Peggy Harris and Ian Matthews
Directed by Merry Hallsor and Dave Hitchcock

December 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and January 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Matinees: December 19, 20, 26, 27, January 1 and 2 at 2 p.m.

Tickets available via Ticket Rocket: Phone 250 590-6291 Online: www.ticketrocket.org
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