

The Vagabond Player

BERNIE LEGGE THEATRE, QUEENS PARK, NEW WESTMINSTER
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RESERVATIONS: 604-521-0412

68TH SEASON

Next General Meeting Monday, Dec 19, 7:30 pm at The Bernie Legge Theatre

It's always nice to see the faces of our members, so if you aren't doing anything special on Monday the 19th of December, join us at the theatre! We'll have goodies and coffee for everyone. Meetings are the third Monday of each month. **Minutes from the last general meeting are attached for your information.**

Vagabond Players Present

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF CHRISTMAS PAST

A Magical Marionette Musical with the Elwoodettes Marionettes

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF CHRISTMAS PAST is the eighth Christmas production combining the Elwoodettes puppets and the voices of the Vagabond Players, and like the previous shows, it promises to be a delightful family treat for the holiday season. The show is a lively musical that takes Max, the Ho Hum Husky, Santa Claus and friends back to ancient Rome where, in the spirit of George Bernard Shaw's *Androcles and the Lion*, Max rescues the Empress Messalina's cat and acquires the title, 'Friend of Felines' - an honour that becomes very useful when he and his friends end up in the Colosseum. During their visit to the past, Max and company work a miracle or two, change history for the better, and come back to the present time for the best Christmas ever. *The Christmas Present of Christmas Past* is 66 minutes long and suitable for school-aged children to adults. Don't miss this enchanting musical specially designed for the Christmas Season.

We have a record number of club members doing voiceovers: Elizabeth Elwood, Dwayne Campbell, Lynn Radbourne, Deborah Tom, Yvonne Arnason, Luke Day, Paul Tournier, Mike Scannel, Isabel Mendenhall, Mandana Namazi, Jacqollyne Keath, Chelsea McPeake, Claire Lindsay, Andrew Leonard, Brian Leonard, Roy Fairburn.

The **Gala and Club Christmas Party** will be on Friday, December 16th following the show, and the show is free to club members that evening.

December 16 & 22: 7:00 pm
December 17, 18, 21, 26, 27 & 28: 2:00 pm
BERNIE LEGGE THEATRE, Queens Park, New Westminister
\$9/\$6
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You are Invited to a New Year's Eve Evening Wear Masque



to be held at 9 pm at the **Bernie Legge Theatre**, Queens Park, New Westminister.

Tickets are only five dollars or free if you bring a potluck item!

Prize for best mask!

Wear your dancing shoes and feel free to bring your favourite music!

Please RSVP via email to vagabondtd@shaw.ca or via phone to Des Renard 604 992-5772 or Colleen Byberg 604 520-0848

All are welcome!

Congratulations

Vagabond member and playwright, **Brian Cox**, had a busy pre-Christmas season as his play, *We Love You Mrs. Brown*, was produced at Century House in December by the Golden Age Theatre Group. The play was well-attended and well-received. Brian not only wrote the play, but also appeared in a cameo role. Congratulations, Brian!

Happy Holidays

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Vagabond Players. From all of us to all of you and yours, our special wishes for a very festive season!





Thank you...

A big thank you to Vagabond Players for hosting my book launch. It was a delightful evening and a major success, and I really appreciate the support and encouragement the club has given me.

Elizabeth Elwood, Burnaby BC

Vagabond Improv's Inaugural Gathering January 11, 7:30-9:30 pm



If you have always wanted to try improv, if you have taken a class and would like to continue growing your skills or if you simply want to enjoy a couple of hours of fun and laughter with like-minded people, join us twice a month.

For information contact Shawn Sorensen, 604 522-9237, or via email: adianride@hotmail.com.

Producer Wanted

We are looking for a Producer for the Vagabond Players Production of "Rebecca" by Daphne Du Maurier. Auditions are on January 7th & 8th, (2 - 4 pm). Run dates are March 15, 2005 to April 8, 2005. This show will be our festival entry in the Theatre BC Greater Vancouver Zone Festival April 23-29th, 2005. If you are interested please call Des Renard at 604 992-5772 or email: vagabondtd@shaw.ca.



Birthday Wishes...

Holly Fynn.....December 22
Cynthia Chow (belated!)....November 2

Theatrical Logic

IN IS DOWN, DOWN IS FRONT
OUT IS UP, UP IS BACK
OFF IS OUT, ON IS IN
AND OF COURSE- LEFT IS RIGHT
AND RIGHT IS LEFT
A DROP SHOULDN'T AND A
BLOCK AND FALL DOES NEITHER
A PROP DOESN'T AND
A COVE HAS NO WATER
TRIPPING IS OK
A RUNNING CREW RARELY GETS ANYWHERE
A PURCHASE LINE BUYS YOU NOTHING
A TRAP WILL NOT CATCH ANYTHING
A GRIDIRON HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FOOTBALL
STRIKE IS WORK (IN FACT A LOT OF WORK)
AND A GREEN ROOM, THANK GOD, USUALLY ISN'T
NOW THAT YOU'RE FULLY VERSED IN THEATRICAL
TERMS,
BREAK A LEG.
BUT NOT REALLY.

Auditions...

The **Vagabond Players** will be holding auditions for **Rebecca**, Daphne DuMaurier's classic romantic mystery. Directed by David Lloyd Austin. March 15 - April 18, 2006. Audition dates: January 7th & 8th, (2-4 pm). For Information call 604 521-0412.

The **Langley Players** will be holding auditions for **Footprints On The Moon** by Maureen Hunter. January 29th, & 30th & February 5th & 6th (7 pm) at the Langley Playhouse, 4307 - 200th Street, Langley BC. 3f/2m. For Information call 604 534-7469.

Surrey Little Theatre will be holding auditions for **Anniversary** by Carol Shields and Dave Williamson. February 5th & 6th. (7 pm) at 7027 - 184th Street, Surrey BC. Two Women - able to play mid-thirties to mid-forties, Two Men - able to play late thirties to late forties, One Man - able to play mid-to-late twenties who has rollerblades and can use them. For Information call 604 576-8451.

The Metropolitan Cooperative Theatre Society will be holding auditions for **Promises, Promises** with the book by Neil Simon and the musical score by Burt Bacharach. January 15th (11 am - 5 pm) and 16th (7 pm - 10 pm) at 1370 SW Marine Drive, Vancouver BC. Required: Many characters of different ages, along with a chorus. For Information call 604 266-7191.

The **Emerald Pig Theatrical Society** will be holding auditions for **13 Hands** by Carol Shields. Audition dates: December 10-11 at the Maple Ridge Library - Fraser Room - by appointment only - please call Sharon at 604 476-1984 (home) or 604 785-1405 (cell) for more information. 4 Mature Female Characters - all play various roles, singing required.



What's Happening Around Town?



Metro Theatre presents the Pantomime **Mother Goose**.
Dec 16 - Jan 7, 2006. Phone 604 266-7191.

Gateway Theatre presents **Brigadoon**
Dec 8 - Jan 1, 2006. Phone 604 270-1812.

Got Something to Say?

Please send letters for inclusion in the newsletter to Colleen Byberg: cbyberg@shaw.ca