

The Vagabond Player

BERNIE LEGGE THEATRE, QUEENS PARK, NEW WESTMINSTER
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68TH SEASON

Next General Meeting Monday, Jan 16, 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 16th of January, 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 REBECCA

Vagabond Players presents *Rebecca*, one of the most successful romantic mysteries of all time. Daphne du Maurier's classical British thriller, *Rebecca* was written in 1938. The haunting novel was an immediate success and has remained popular to this day. Now, du Maurier's brilliant masterpiece is to be presented at the Bernie Legge Theatre.

Director, David Lloyd Austin, who is highly regarded for his international work as actor, director and writer in both stage and film, has assembled a stellar cast. Ross Friesen, who last appeared with Vagabonds in *Casting for Murder*, plays Maxim De Winter, and Mandana Namazi is Mrs. De Winter, the shy young bride who is haunted by the memory of his dazzling first wife, Rebecca. Nancy Ebert, takes the role of Mrs. Danvers, the sinister housekeeper who was so devoted to Rebecca.

The cast is rounded out by Paul Tourneur as Frank, Jacqollyne Keath as Beatrice, Gordon Roy Fairburn as Tabbs, Luke Day as Frith, Colleen Byberg as Alice, Michael Broderick as the Colonel, John Cousins as Giles, Zi Paris as Jack Favell and Marcjon Louwersheimer as Robert.

Rebecca runs March 15 – April 8, Wednesdays through Saturdays; Curtain: 8:00 pm; \$10.00 (Wed/Thurs) \$12.00 (Fri/Sat) Two for One Previews – March 15 & 16. Bernie Legge Theatre, Queens Park, New Westminster; Reservations: 604 521-0412.

Special Guests at GM



I was hoping you could put a small blurb in the January newsletter about my upcoming visit. I'll be arriving in town on Jan 15 with my baby boy Benjamin and we'll be attending the Jan 16 G.M. at the theatre so I was hoping lots of members will be at there so I'll have a chance to see them and they can all meet Ben. Thanks and see you soon,

Barbara Blom, Yellowknife NWT

Thank You's

Thank you to Brian Leonard for donating an enormous amount of costumes to the Vagabond Players. If anyone is available to assist with the sorting through & organizing it would be most appreciated. Please call Cynthia at 604 961-4739.

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From Vagabond Vice President Des Renard: I would like to thank to Kathleen Driscoll, Ken Fynn and Colleen Byberg for helping to make the **New Years Bash** such a success. I couldn't have done it without you.

Response: Thanks to Des and everyone who celebrated with us... your masks were fantastic!

Call for Help:



Do you have a burning desire to do the set design or construction for *Rebecca*? This is a festival piece which needs to be somewhat mobile. Please contact the Producer of the show, Zoe Davis 604 541-2566 or via email: actra_565@hotmail.com.

Festival of Volunteers

Vagabond Players will once again be taking part in New Westminster's Festival of Volunteers on Saturday January 28th. The Festival is held at the 6th and 6th Mall and usually runs from when the Mall opens until mid-afternoon. Tables are set out for the participants, and each group has the opportunity to give out flyers and to promote the members activities. Isabel will need volunteers to man the Vagabond's table so if you can spare a couple of hours and can help out, please call her at 604-522-6246.

TBC Zone Festival Meeting



Our next festival meeting is set for Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bernie Legge Theatre in Queens Park, New Westminster.

Anyone who'd like to help is welcome. Reps from clubs that have expressed an interest in entering will have received their entry package before the meeting, so bring your completed forms if they're ready, or your questions if they're not.

Everyone welcome! And if you know of someone else who should be invited please extend this invitation to them.

Hope to see lots of you on the 18th.

*Nancy Painter, Co-chair,
2006 Greater Vancouver Zone Festival,
Theatre BC*

NW Arts and Culture Commission

Elizabeth Elwood has agreed to serve another two year term as Vagabond Players representative on the City of New Westminster's Arts and Culture Commission. The Commission is an advisory board appointed by City Council and the members serve to advise and provide Council with information on issues relating to the Arts. Representatives are appointed from Vagabonds, Massey Theatre, the New Westminster Arts Council, the Library, Douglas College and other members are appointed from the community at large. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission at a future date should contact Elizabeth at 604-521-0829 for further information.



Birthday Wishes...

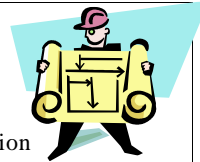
Garey Carlson.....January 2

Our birthday database has unfortunately wandered off! If you would like to be included in future newsletters, and consequently inundated by well wishers please phone Cynthia Chow at 604 961-4739 or via email to Colleen Byberg: cbyberg@shaw.ca.

A Bit of Follow Up

The Christmas Present of Christmas Past had a very good run. There were 15 shows in all (7 school matinees and 8 public performances), and between the students, teachers, parent drivers, public audiences and invited guests, close to 900 people turned out for the show. There was some delightful feedback, particularly from one school group who sent letters and pictures with the student's comments on the show. My favourite was the one that said, "You rock!" Max (the non-puppet version) is now 13, but was greatly excited at the prospect of another show, and he managed to creak out to do his bow for every performance - except for the closing matinee when we had a run on the stage and he had to beat a hasty retreat behind the curtain. A big thank-you goes to Isabel Mendenhall, who single-handedly managed front of house for all the school matinees, and to Cynthia Chow, Ken Fynn and George Kopf, along with all the other great helpers who handled front of house for the other shows and made the event so hospitable for the public. Thanks too to all the vocalists who took part, and also to Des for his invaluable help with tech, set up and strike. Great job everyone.

Building Expansion



Our building expansion continues on February 1st... Our hope is to extend the back of the building by at least 8 feet. This would allow us to expand the coffee bar and lobby size, increase the washrooms to five and extend part of the costume area. We plan to clean up the dungeon with a concrete floor and make improvements to the green room with new lighting and counters.

Stay tuned for more details...

Auditions...

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.

The Metro Theatre 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 Metro Theatre will be holding auditions for **Black Coffee** by Agatha Christie. January 29th at 1 pm with callbacks on January 31st at 7:30 pm at 1370 SW Marine Drive, Vancouver BC. Required: English and Italian accents, 9m - 30-70 yrs, 3f - 30-70 yrs, 1f, 70s (Must be able to do German accent) For Information call 604 266-7191.

The **Fraser Valley Gilbert & Sullivan Society** will be holding auditions for **The Mikado**. Auditions are booked for Tuesday January 17, 8 pm until 10 pm; Thursday January, 19 - 8 pm until 10 pm; & Sunday January 22, 2 pm until 5 pm with Callbacks on the Sunday January 22 at 7 pm at St. Cuthbert's Church located at 116th St. and 82 Ave. in North Delta BC. For Information call Mari Anne @ 604-507-0802.

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. 2f - able to play mid-thirties to mid-forties, 2m - able to play late thirties to late forties, 1m - able to play mid-to-late twenties who has rollerblades and can use them. For Information call 604 576-8451.



What's Happening Around Town?

Presentation House Theatre presents **Hay Fever** by Noel Coward. January 5 - 28, Tuesday to Saturday at 8 pm. Phone 604-990-3474.

The White Rock Players present **Murder Takes the Stage** by James Reach. January 18th, 20-21st, 24-27th at 7:30 pm. Matinee on January 22nd at 2:30 pm. Phone 604 536 7535.

Langley Players present **Silver Dagger** by David French. February 2-25, 2006. Phone 604 534-7469

Got Something to Say?

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