

The Vagabond Player

BERNIE LEGGE THEATRE, QUEENS PARK, NEW WESTMINSTER
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69TH SEASON



Message from the President

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to

the 2006/07 season. I have the honor of being the new president of Vagabond Players. I wish to thank Isabel Mendenhall for her hard work and time she devoted to our theatre as president over the many years she held the position before me.

We have a great season planned...

We have a new board this year full of enthusiasm and good ideas.

We have renovations going on that will make our theatre more user friendly, and more attractive to our patrons.

My goal this year is to get live theatre known in and around our community. We have listened to our patrons and adjusted our performances so that seniors and people with commitments in the evenings can attend matinees on Sundays. I hope to get high schools drama departments interested in attending our shows. I would like to see courses presented through Vagabonds to educate and to encourage participation.

We must never forget that community theatre thrives or dies on the amount of time members are prepared to volunteer. For the most part, we love to be on stage, but there is so much more involved in bringing a production to life. Don't be afraid to try something new or different, it can be very rewarding.

We are in the position of being one

Next General Meeting is Monday, September 18th 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 on Monday the 18th of September, please join us at the theatre! Meetings are the third Monday of each month, so mark your calendar today.

of the only theatres active in the New Westminister area. We must get the word out to the public.

We must get bums in seats. We need your ideas. Vagabond Players is a gem waiting to be discovered.

With your help and support we can have a successful season.

Ken Fynn

Vagabond Players President

New Executive

At the Annual General Meeting held on June 19th, 2006 the following members were elected for the 2006-2007 Season. Congratulations and sincere thanks to the following for their dedication and leadership:

President:

Ken Fynn

Vice President:

Greg Warkentin

Treasurer:

George Kopf

Recording Secretary:

Colleen Byberg

Corresponding Secretary:

Dwayne Campbell

Past President:

Isabel Mendenhall

Directors at Large:

Cynthia Chow, Holly Reta Fynn,
Alex Muir & Des Renard

New Vagabond Players Website



Vagabond Players Vice President

Greg Warkentin spent a good part of his summer designing the Vagabond Players shiny new website. It's still being updated but our little home on the web has something for everyone - the season at a glance, audition information, directions, theatre and club history as well as a photo gallery of past productions.

If you have any scanned photos of past productions please email them to gworkentin@vagabondplayers.ca.

This project is no small undertaking and to add insult to injury he's had to put up with two women in particular (who shall go unnamed, but one might be the newsletter publisher and one might be a very red-headed director at large) who have nagged and nit-picked him to death!

(Insert sympathetic "Aaaww" here.)

Seriously, big huge thanks to Greg - for all the work he's done & all the work still to come. And the next time you are online be sure to surf on over to www.vagabondplayers.ca and tell us what you think!



Vagabond's Season 2006-2007

Who Saw Him Die?

A thriller by Tudor Gates
Directed by Dale Kelly
October 26 - November 18, 2006

Aladdin

The Elwoodettes Marionettes
December 15 - 30, 2006

Night of the Foolish Moon

A romantic comedy by Luigi Jannuzzi
Directed by George Kopf
March 1 - 24, 2007

Moon Over Buffalo

A comedy by Ken Ludwig
Directed by David Lloyd Austin
May 17 - June 9, 2007

Mark your calendar today!

New CTC Rep

Special thanks to Jason Harris for being our Community Theatre Coalition (CTC) representative for the past two years.

Our new CTC Rep is Vagabond member Shawn Sorenson who was recently profiled by local papers for combining his work as an early childhood educator and his love of theatre into a new theatre program for kids at Masabo Music and Dance Studio in New Westminster.

The theatre course is for children who are interested in learning basic skills or refreshing some of the things they already know. It will cover topics such as theatre etiquette, monologues and physicality, ending with a group performance. To read the full article online go to: <http://www.royalcityrecord.com/issues06/084206/community/084206co1.html>.

For information on Masabo Music & Dance Studio: <http://masabo.com>.

Congratulations Shawn!

What's Happening Around Town?



Metro Theatre presents Norm Foster's
Maggies Getting Married
now playing until September 23rd and...
Home at Seven by R.C. Sheriff
September 30-October 28
604 266.7191 for reservations.

It's time for Auditions!



APPLAUSE! Musicals In Concert presents
Babes In Arms at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts - Studio Theatre (Burnaby). Sunday, September 17th at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts (Burnaby) For detailed information visit www.applausemusicals.com.

The Metro Theatre will be holding auditions for **Cinderella Meets the Hot Dog Demon (Pantomime)** on Sunday, September 17th 1-4 pm and Monday, September 18th 7-9 pm at 1370 SW Marine Drive, Vancouver BC. Requires: *Leads, Dancers, and Singers* are all required for a total cast of 25 people! For further information, call the theatre at 604-266-7191 or the director, Johnny Duncan at 604-733-7555. you can email Johnny directly at theatremanager@metrotheatre.com.

Royal City Musical Theatre will be holding auditions for **42nd Street** on Sunday, September 24 and Sunday October 1 at Douglas College 700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster. For audition details see www.royalcitymusicaltheatre.com/auditions.htm.

White Rock Players Club will be holding auditions for **The Emperor's New Clothes (Pantomime)** on Sunday Sept. 17 4:30 - 9:00 pm & Monday Sept. 18 7:00 - 9:30 pm at the Coast Capitol Playhouse, 1532 Johnston Road, White Rock. more info you can give Marlet a call 604-612-9848 or email marletm@specialty.ca.

Welcome New Members...

Alex McGuire
Karryn L. Ransom
Peter Naugler

Being a member of Vagabond Players is something we can all be very proud of. Our little neighborhood company has been a part of New Westminster's community since 1919 when a "Young People's Society" was created by members of St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church. This society formed a drama group, "The Unity Club" which developed into the Vagabond Players.

Today we are the oldest continually running theatre company in British Columbia. Not even the hardships of World War II could bring our curtain down.

The continued success of Vagabond Players reflect the support of the city, many local businesses and of course the dedication, drive and countless volunteer hours donated by members.

Your membership entitles you to be as active as you choose within the theatre - whether you wish to act, work backstage, learn technical skills, or get involved socially - we offer something for everyone. So spread the word, join in and have fun! All are welcome.

Call for Help

The Fraser Valley Gilbert & Sullivan Society is looking for a stage manager for **Hansel & Gretel** that will be in the Surrey Art's Centre Nov 25 - Dec 10. Anyone who might be interested can be set up with a mentor to assist. Please contact Producer Mari Anne Hussen at mhussen@telus.net.

Condolences...

To Barbara Blom and Tim Amey on the recent passing of her mother.