

BACKSTAGE NEWS

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Hold On Tight!

Get ready for a wild ride: Opening night of "Art Attack" is almost upon us.

The 'Happy Hall of Art' quickly turns to bedlam upon the arrival of Art Critic Arthur Hurtz at Marcy Pupil's 'Retreat for Troubled Artists'. This hilarious farce, written by the versatile Vancouver playwright **Kico Gonzalez-Risso**, is guaranteed to have the audience exhausted with laughter under the direction of **Daniel Barnswell**.

Performance dates are **March 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, April 5, 6 and 7**. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets in advance at Uniglobe in the Lazelle Mini-Mall.

Play Readings

Over the next few months, if time permits, we intend to hold readings of all plays being proposed or talked about as potentials for next season. In April, we have the following scheduled:

April 2 Norm Foster's "Affections of May"

April 16 Andrew Bovell's "Speaking in Tongues"

Please join us - and bring a friend. This is a great way to introduce new members to our group. Take a turn reading or sit back and listen.

Both readings are at **7:30pm** in the Merry Hallsor Room at McColl Playhouse. For more info call **Nancy at 635-1329**.

Voices Wanted

The **Mix 590** is building up a pool of interesting voices for radio. What better place to look than a theatre group?

Think you've got what it takes? Contact **Bruce** at bmartindale@bc.tri.ca or **635-6316** for more info.



At a Glance

Opening Night "Art Attack"	March 21
Instructor Tour Open Session	March 23
Skeena River Players Open House 4720A Lazelle Ave	March 30 3-5 pm
Play Reading "Affections of May"	April 2
Next General Meeting	April 10
Play Reading "Speaking in Tongues"	April 16
Yuk Yuk's	Apr 19 & 20
Guest Playwright Drew Hayden Taylor	April 30
Skeena Zone Fest	May 8 to 11
2002/2003 Season Proposal Deadline	May 15
Opening Night "Traffic"	May 16
Golf Tournament	June 8
AGM	June 19

TBC Instructor

The Skeena Zone is once again sponsoring a **Theatre BC Instructor Tour** of the northwest.

Instructor **Peter Hall** is well-known throughout BC. He has instructed with the Playhouse Theatre School, Caravan Farm Theatre, Kaleidoscope Theatre, and Sen'Klip Native Theatre.

TLT has arranged for 2 sessions with Peter for our upcoming production of "Traffic" on **Saturday March 23**. The **2:00 to 5:00pm** open session is **free** of charge for all TLT members. For more info, contact **Nancy 635-1329** or info@mytlit.ca

Check it Out!

Our website www.mytlit.ca has a new look. We've revamped our menu bar, and added 'Library' 'Sponsors', 'Links' and 'About Us'. Thank you to **Stuart Homer of Mighty Web** for assistance with this, and Nancy Stone Archer for 'About Us' content.

Please make a point of checking out our **Online Script Library**, the product of hours and hours of data entry by Marianne Brorup Weston and Ann Compton, and a very smart database design by **Patrick McIntyre of Web North**. Thanks also to Cindy Oates for the Access program that started the ball rolling three years ago.

The Script Library doubles as an **archive** of past productions. Please visit the library even if you don't intend on borrowing scripts. We are most certainly missing entries of past TLT productions and need your assistance in filling in the blanks.

We **invite all Skeena Zone Clubs** and individual members to list their script titles and help build up this resource of over **400 titles and counting**.

We are always looking for ways to improve www.mytlit.ca. Please pass on your suggestions to our Web Site Coordinator **Annette** at info@mytlit.ca or **635-4419**.

Yuk Yuk's

Headliner **Daryl Makk** and warm-up act **Tony Binns** will be here for two evenings of cabaret style shows at the Best Western Terrace Inn, **April 19th and 20th.**

What better way to spring out of winter than an evening of laughter with 'Yuk Yuk's On Tour'? A pair of tickets makes a unique gift for any occasion - birthdays, even Easter!

These shows are almost always a sell-out so it is best to pick up your tickets in advance at Uniglobe.

Guest Playwright

Playwrights Canada author **Drew Hayden Taylor** will present a Public Reading from his works on Tuesday, **April 30th** at 7:30 pm at **McColl Playhouse.**

Mr. Taylor is a **renowned First Nations author and playwright** whose works have been produced across North America. He grew up on the Curve Lake Reserve in Ontario and calls himself a 'special occasion' as he is half Aboriginal and half Caucasian.

This reading is **free of charge** and made possible by the Canada Council for the Arts, Theatre Alive, Skeena River Players and Terrace Little Theatre. There will be refreshments available in the Green Room afterward. For information, please call **Marianne at 635-8873.**

Deadline for Proposals

A reminder to everyone thinking of directing next year, the **deadline** for proposal submissions is **May 15th.**

Please contact one of our Season Planning Committee Members (**Annette 635-4419 Nancy 635-1329 or Marianne 635-2942**)

to discuss your ideas, find out more about what to include in your proposal, and/or to get script ideas if you don't have a specific one in mind yet.

The Board will approve the 2002/2003 line-up at our **Season's Planning Meeting June 12th**, and will announce the details at our Annual General Meeting June 19.

Zone Festival

Our annual Skeena Zone Festival is hosted this year by Kitimat's On-Cue Players. Performances will be held **May 8 to 11**, at Mount Elizabeth High School. The playbill is:

Wednesday May 8
"Sinners"
 On Cue Players

Thursday May 9
"Someday"
 Skeena River Players

Friday May 10
"Traffic"
 Terrace Little Theatre

Saturday May 11
"What the Butler Saw"
 Harbour Theatre Society

The winner of the Festival will have the opportunity to perform at Theatre BC's Mainstage in Nanaimo the first week of July. For anyone interested in learning more about theatre, Zone Festival is the place to start, with a professional adjudicator leading 'coffee critiques' the morning following each performance.

To find out how to register or get tickets for individual shows, contact the Festival Chair **Jerry Stuebing at 632-5843** or **g.stuebing@telus.net**

Also go to **www.theatrebc.org** for more information on Theatre BC, Zone and Mainstage Festivals across the province.

TLT Entry

Terrace Little Theatre's entry into this year's Skeena Zone Festival is **Lary Parsons' "Traffic"**, directed by **Jason Marshall.**

Kim Hewgill, Michelle Eisner, Kieran Leach, and Joe Zucchiatti Jr. make up the cast of twenty-something's in a play written by Canadian Playwright Larry Parsons who is based in Saskatoon.

Following Festival, **"Traffic"** will run 9 nights at McColl Playhouse on **May 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and June 1.**

Anyone interested in assisting with the show in any way, please give **Jason** a call at **638-5799.**

Golf Tourney

June 8, 2002 is the confirmed date for our 4th Annual **Bank of Montreal Charity Golf Tournament.**

Plans are underway for more games at various holes to add to the excitement. **Volunteers are needed** to oversee each hole. For more info, please call **Gordon Oates at 638-0996.**

New Members!

Congratulations to **Sandy Watson and Wally Faetz** on the birth of their daughter **Olivia Jean** on February 16th. She arrived 4 weeks or so earlier than expected, following an ambulance ride to Smithers to board the medi-vac to Vancouver.

Sandy says Olivia is very much like mom - when she wants something, she does not wait around for it! She is open to chatting about her joyful ordeal. Give her a call at **615-3173.**

Congratulations also to **Connie and Dale deCaire** who had a baby boy on Sunday, March 10th. His name is **Simon Anthony**, 7 lbs 6 oz.

In her other life, **Connie Silveira** won **Best Supporting Actress SKZ awards** for her roles in "Curse of the Starving Class" and "Room 44". Motherhood does strange things...perhaps she will grace the stage for us again soon?

On the Lighter Side

Top 5 Signs You've Been in Theatre Too Long:

1. You insist on spelling "theatre" with an "re" not an "er".
2. You start wondering what it feels like to be a prop.
3. "Practical" and "flat" are nouns.
4. If someone asks you what time it is, you respond with something like, "Half hour 'til half hour."
5. You tell more stories of what went wrong on shows you've worked, rather than what went smoothly.