

# BACKSTAGE NEWS

McColl Playhouse, 3625 Kalum St.  
Terrace BC, V8G 2P4

www.mytlit.ca  
info@mytlit.ca

## Ravenscroft

**W**hat better way to spend a crisp fall evening than to curl up with a good mystery. The TLT offers a tantalizing and humorous foray into a world of mysterious hijinx with Don Nigro's "**Ravenscroft**".

Patrick Roarke is **dead**. The victim of a *rather large* staircase (and perhaps a couple ghosts) the same way as his master, Mr. Ravenscroft, only 4 months before. It's the job of Inspector Ruffing to figure out what is happening at the Ravenscroft house. The problem is the five women living in the household are not cooperating. They're hiding something and Ruffing is determined to find out what.

Ravenscroft continues November **14, 15, 16, 21, 22** and **23** Rated: Mature

**Season's Passes** are still available and are an exceptional saving.

Look for the trunks decorated by **Lynne Christiansen** and **Candace Weller** on display in the lobby of the McColl during the run of Ravenscroft. These trunks will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

## Next Meeting

**O**ur next meeting is Wednesday **November 13th, 7:30 PM** at the McColl Playhouse. Please note that every meeting is a general meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Topics for discussion include:**  
Proposal for the March Production.  
Update on Christmas production of the **Grinch**.  
Status of Bingo licensing appeal.

**Committee Updates include:**  
The New Building, Fundraising, Publicity, Warehousing, Technical, Skeena Zone and Costuming. See you there!



## At a Glance

Ravenscroft	14, 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23
Auditions "Vagina Monologues"	Nov 13
Auditions Spring Production	Nov 18 & 19
Play Reading "The Oldest Profession"	Nov 26
How the Grinch stole Christmas	Dec 6, 7 & 8
Auditions "Speaking in Tongues"	Dec 9 & 10
Christmas Dinner And a Show	Dec 13 & 14

## Auditions

**G**et ready for something special! **Daniel Barnswell** is auditioning for the Spring Production of a **Kico Gonzalez-Risso** farce.

Bound to be a roller coaster ride, Daniel is looking for Actors of all shapes and sizes.

Auditions will be held on **November 18th** and **19th** at the **McColl Playhouse** at **7 pm**. Call **Daniel** at **635-5170** for more info.

## Vagina Monologues

**K**san Society is hosting a presentation of the **Vagina Monologues** as a fundraiser for their new transition house.

Auditions will be held **Wednesday Nov 13th** in **room 206** at Northwest Community College, Terrace Campus.

Women of all ages, all backgrounds and all experience levels are welcome. No previous acting experience necessary. For more information please call **Marianne** at **635-2942**.

## Congratulations

**A**round of applause please to those three lucky winners of pairs of tickets to **Ravenscroft**, drawn on the closing night of *Desdemona*. **Congratulations!**



## Play Readings

November 26th "**The Oldest Profession**"

December 17th "**Bathroom Humour**"

**P**lease 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.

All readings are at **7:00pm** in the Merry Hall-sor Room at McColl Playhouse. For more info call **Nancy** at **635-1329**.

Anyone who has a play that they would like added to the play reading schedule please call Nancy.

## Season's Pass

It's not too late to buy a **Seasons Pass!** Remember that with the purchase of a **Seasons Pass** the regular vouchers can be used in any number for any show. That means that all four vouchers can be redeemed for any production at the McColl playhouse!

Yearly \$5.00 membership fees are due now. It is important to note that our total **paid** memberships is often a determining factor in our eligibility and/or entitlement for many grants.

Consider buying a **Season's Pass** and receiving a complimentary membership that way!

Stuck for a gift idea. Why not purchase a pair of **vouchers** to an upcoming TLT show. The vouchers may be redeemed to suit the bearer's schedule.

## Festival Show

**A**uditions will be held for this year's festival entry, **Andrew Bovell's "Speaking in Tongues"**, on **December 9th** and **10th** at 7 pm at the McColl Playhouse.

Director **Patrick McIntyre** will either cast this dramatic piece as a challenging **4-actor set piece**, with each actor taking on 2 or more roles; or as a **9 actor ensemble**. This play deals intimately with our connections to those we care about and to those we may not even know. Due to the nature of the piece (and to keep the rehearsal schedule reasonable), often 2 rehearsals will be done at the same time, with **Diana Braathen** acting as Senior Stage Manger/Assistant Director. 2 or more ASMs will be required to assist both directors. For the technically inclined, there will be advanced use of light, music and sound, as the set will probably be minimal."

The right and wrong of emotional conduct is at the basis of Andrew Bovell's award-winning drama. "A complex mystery of infidelity and deceit unfold through an unusual set of circumstances that draws strangers together and yet creates yawning chasms in existing relationships." The play begins with two couples and their chance encounters with characters that appear later. These people appear to be involved in murder, suicide, and betrayal; and it requires the intervention of a character from the first act to reveal the truth. *Speaking in Tongues* has been called "...the best new Australian play seen this year" by The Australian in 1996.

"Speaking in Tongues" will run **May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9** and **10 2003**.

## Grinch

**T**It presents a reader's theatre adaptation of the Dr Seuss classic "**How The Grinch Stole Christmas**" With an emphasis on delightful fun this presentation is a family event geared to younger patrons. Starring **Patrick McIntyre** as the Grinch and featuring some of our Drama Days alumnae as the whos. Tickets are **\$5** each and all proceeds will go to the **Food Bank**.

Anyone interested in helping out in any way please contact **Marianne** at **635-2942** or [mbrorup@telus.net](mailto:mbrorup@telus.net)

Performance dates:

**Friday December 6 at 7 PM**  
**Saturday December 7th at 2 PM and 7 PM**  
**Sunday December 8th at 2 PM**

## BC Seniors Games

**C**alling all seasoned, experienced and even inexperienced golden actors, to take part in a one act play that could compete at the provincial Seniors Games in August of 2003.

Included in the annual Seniors competition is a one act play competition. All actors must be 55 or older. A director may be younger but is then ineligible for any awards.

Anyone interested in this project please call **Nancy** at **635-1329**.

## Dinner Theatre

**A**ffections of May' is busy in rehearsal for their February opening. New cast members Phil Bialobzyski and Robert Dugdale join Debbie Haynes and Paul Sametz in this Norm Foster classic.

Tickets to TLT's sell out dinner theatre would make a great gift for anyone!

Performances February 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21, & 22 at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club.

"The Affections of May" is looking for a small wood kitchen table with low back wood chairs (4) and a smallish hutch, all matching would be nice. Anyone able to help out please call **Kim** at **615-7286**.

## Dinner & A Show

**F**or the first time this year the TLT will be hosting a **Christmas Business Dinner on December 13th** and **14th**. Businesses or groups of individuals may book tables for their Christmas Parties in the Elks Hall. There they will dine courtesy of the Elks and be entertained by a **Yuk Yuks** show. Tickets are going fast so book yours now.

Anyone interested in working on the committee, or needing more information please contact **Mavis** at **638-1215** or **Gordon** at **638-0996**

## Who Dunit

**A**nyone interested in performing in or helping out with an improvisation evening's interactive Murder Mystery please call **Nancy** at **635-1329**.

## On the Lighter Side

**A**stage hand, a sound technician and an electrician go to a party in Mexico. They get drunk and wake up in jail. They found out that they are to be executed for their crimes but none of them can remember what they have done.

The stage hand is strapped in the electric chair and is asked if he has any last words. He says, "I am just a humble stage hand, but I believe in the almighty power of God to intervene on behalf of the innocent."

They throw the switch and nothing happens. They figure God must not want this guy to die, so they let him go.

The sound tech is strapped in and gives his last words. "I am just a humble sound technician, but I believe in the Law and the eternal power of Justice to intervene on the part of the innocent."

The switch is thrown and again nothing happens. They figure that the law is on this guy's side, so they let him go.

The sparkie is strapped in and says, "Well, I'm a theatre electrician, and I'll tell you right now you'll never electrocute anybody if you don't connect those two wires."

God rest his soul.