

BACKSTAGE NEWS

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“Mary’s Wedding”

Don't miss our upcoming production of Stephen Massicotte's "Mary's Wedding", **March 31 to April 16**. This award winning Canadian play, a love story set against the back drop of the first world war, is directed by Chris Stone and stars Janine Hamming and Brian Wyatt.

Season Ticket Voucher holders are reminded that vouchers must be redeemed for tickets in advance at Uniglobe.

Due to lack of entries, the Skeena Zone Festival was cancelled. Therefore, following a 9 night run at the Playhouse, "Mary's Wedding" will perform at the **Central Interior Zone Festival in Prince George, May 26 to 28**. "Best Production" of the Festival will compete at Theatre BC's Mainstage in Nanaimo, July 1-9. If you are interested in joining the production crew for Zone Fest or Mainstage, contact **Chris at 635-3334**.

NOTE: The Mainstage Early-Bird Registration Deadline is March 31. For more info, go to www.theatrebc.org or call Lisa at 250-714-0203.

Notice of Motion

An Info Meeting was held on February 25th regarding a proposal by TLT Board Member Garnett Doell to build an addition to the west side of the McColl Playhouse, containing a new stage area, warehouse space, dressing room, and costume room. Details of the proposal are enclosed / attached.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Please refer to the enclosed / attached for details on the Motion to be put forward regarding this building addition / renovation proposal at a **Special General Membership Meeting on Wednesday March 30, 7:30pm at the McColl Playhouse, 3625 Kalum Street**.



At a Glance

General Meeting	Mar 23, 7:30
Building Addition	Mar 30, 7:30
Special General Meeting—See attached/enclosed Notice of Motion	
“Mary’s Wedding”	Mar 31-Apr 16
Mainstage 2005	Mar 31
Early-Bird Registration Deadline	
05/06 Play Proposal	Apr 10
Deadline (Fall/Winter Slots only)	
General Meeting	Apr 13, 7:30
Agenda Item— 05/06 Season	
Yuk Yuks	Apr 22 & 23
Penguin Crusade III	Apr 22-24
“Cookin’ With Gus”	Apr 29, 30,
Kitimat	May 5,6

Yuk Yuks

TLT are bringing “Yuk Yuks On Tour” comedians Dave Nystrom and Brad Muise to the **Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club, 9pm, April 22nd and 23rd**. Tickets, available now at Uniglobe, are \$17 each. We expect to sell out quickly—don't be disappointed—arrange your party soon.

05/06 Season

With the expectation that we will soon be putting our focus and effort into a playhouse building addition and/or undergoing a major fiscal review, the Board of Directors intends to set the Fall/Winter slots of the 05/06 season on April 13—**deadline for proposals is April 10**. Taking into consideration our stretched financial and human resources, the Board is seeking Proposals to Direct in the following slots/venues:

Oct 14-Nov 5, Dinner Theatre, Golf Course—interactive murder mystery/comedy. Suggested script “Karaoke Killer” **OR**
Nov 17-19, Family Theatre, REM Lee—Suggested scripts: “Puss In Boots” (panto), or the “Nonsense” (female or male version) or “Johnny Guitar The Musical” **AND**
Jan 27-Feb 18, 2005 (inc Feb 14) Dinner Theatre, Golf Course. Have we done all of Norm Fosters plays yet? ;-)

A proposal to direct Jeff Goode's “**The Eight: Reindeer Monologues**” is also being considered. This irreverent, satirical social commentary with adult themes will be considered outside of our “regular season”, likely opening at Udder Fest in August 2005 followed by 2 to 4 performances at cabaret style venues in the fall/winter.

Proposals to direct at the Playhouse in March-May 2006 won't be considered until early fall, once the location and dates of the Skeena Zone Festival are set.

The decision whether to produce an Oct/Nov Dinner Theatre or a Nov REM Lee Family Show, will be heavily based upon the wishes of the membership that attend the **April 13 Meeting**. An REM Lee show not only requires musicians and actors/singers, but dedicated Costume and Set teams. **Just want to act? Show up on April 13 with a new member with musical talents or who's willing to work on costumes or set!**

To discuss a proposal, or express your interest/preference if you cannot attend the April 13 meeting, contact **Season Coordinator Annette Martindale at 635-4419 or info@mytl.ca**.

Penguin Crusade III

The Shire of Cae Mor is hosting Penguin Crusade III April 22 to 24 in Kitimat. **TLT has volunteered to assist The Shire on the 23rd** by running the ticket gate during the day, and serving at the evening feast.

Car pooling will be arranged, and shifts coordinated so that volunteers interested in participating in workshops will be able to do so. Child minding will also be available at a very reasonable rate. **Workshop topics include Rapier, Heavy Fighting, Archery and Arts & Sciences.** A Class Schedule is posted at www.mytlit.ca/library.htm.

The Shire ran Front of House for "Jack and the Beanstalk" - please volunteer and help us return the favour. Contact Annette at 635-4419 or info@mytlit.ca.

Dinner Theatre Winners

Everyone was a winner as word of mouth spread like wild fire for our dinner theatre presentation of "Maggie's Getting Married". Thank you to the staff and volunteers of the Golf Club and the cast and crew for a super show.

Thank you to all those who participated in the place-mat contest. Congratulations to **Betty Barton** who correctly answered all five of the World War One Trivia questions. And Congratulations to **Elizabeth Williamson** and her helpers for finding 119 words from the letters in "Lil's Closet". Answers to both contests are posted on our web site at www.mytlit.ca/library.htm. Both winners won tickets to our upcoming productions of "Mary's Wedding" and "Lil's Closet".

On Cue Presentation

On Cue Players is presenting "Cookin' with Gus" a comedy by Jim Brochu on **April 29, 30 & May 5, 6** at Mount Elizabeth Theatre in Kitimat. Tickets are \$15 each, available at the door.

This script was a hit with everyone present at a reading of it earlier this year at the Playhouse. Directed by Jerry Stuebing, this show promises to be an audience pleaser.

Youth Troupe

Auditions for the TLT Youth Troupe's next production, William Mastrosimone's "Bang Bang You're Dead", were held in January. Performances will be in May and June, with rehearsals required outside of the Troupe's regular Friday afternoon meetings.

Membership in the TLT Youth Troupe is ongoing. If you are between 13-19, and want to join, **contact Sandy Watson** at 638-8117 or sandywatson@tdcss.ca.

Summer Drama Days

Registration forms for **Summer Drama Days 2005 are now available** at Uniglobe Travel, and on our web site. The format for our popular drama day camp for 6-13 year olds, will remain the same as last year (two 4 week sessions, mornings or afternoons, Tues-Fri). 6 year olds must be entering Gr 2 in Sept 2006. Please encourage friends and family to register their kids in this fun and very affordable program.

Once again we will interview for Instructor Assistants (under 19) who are willing to volunteer time toward Summer Drama Days should wage subsidy funding not be approved. Application details will be made available to TLT Youth Troupe members in May or June. The Team Leader and 2 Instructor positions (19 or over) will be posted in the HRSDC Job Bank, if student employees from last summer will not be returning.

For more info, contact **Coordinator Annette Martindale** at 635-4419 or info@mytlit.ca.

Tsunami Fundraising

In response to the devastating Tsunami in South East Asia, **TLT and the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club donated over \$1400** to the Canadian Red Cross, the net proceeds from the opening night performance of "Maggie's Getting Married". Thank you to everyone who helped us support the Red Cross in their life saving work around the world.

Six members of our **TLT Youth Troupe also performed improv at the Tsunami Fundraiser** held at the REM Lee on February 20th.

Thank You...

Keeping Terrace Little Theatre up and running, doing what we do best, producing plays, takes thousands of volunteer hours each season. This month special thanks go to the following for helping us make our 2005 Dinner Theatre a huge success:

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On the Deeper Side

Thoughts On Playwriting...

"A play has two authors: The Playwright and The Actor." — *Eric Bentley*

"The only way to see the value of a play is to see it acted." — *Voltaire*

"You need three things in the theatre—the play, the actors and the audience, and each must give something." — *Kenneth Haigh*

"Don't write stage directions. If it is not apparent what the character is trying to accomplish by saying the line, telling us how the character said it or whether or not she moved to the couch isn't going to aid the case." — *David Mamet*

"A novelist may lose his readers for a few pages; a playwright never dares lose his audience for a minute." — *Terence Rattigan*

"A dramatist is one who believes that the pure event, an action involving human beings, is more arresting than any comment that can be made upon it." — *Thornton Wilder*

"A talent for drama is not a talent for writing, but is an ability to articulate human relationships." — *Gore Vidal*

"Playwriting isn't a calling so much as it is a hazing process." — *Paula Vogel*