



# VOS

VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY  
MUSICAL THEATRE SINCE 1945.

MUSICAL UPDATE AUGUST 2014

## A Christmas Story, the Musical

McPherson Playhouse, December 5-14, 2014

**Patrick Rundell**, *Director*;

**Tara Britt**, *Choreographer*;

**Brad L'Écuyer**, *Music Director*

We are still looking for men for the following: **Adult Male Ensemble:** Ages 18+ to play age range 24-60 (Chorus/Ensemble) seeking interesting, off-beat, singer/dancer/actors with bright contemporary voices to play a multitude of roles and some to play featured roles. Roles in ensemble: fathers, neighbors, delivery people and elves, etc. Seeking warm and interesting types. Must move/dance well. Vocal ranges include tenors to high A. High Baritones to F#.

If interested in auditioning please call 250-381-1021 or email [vosadmin@vos.bc.ca](mailto:vosadmin@vos.bc.ca)



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### The Cast

This classic holiday tale centres on a mischievous, bespectacled boy, Ralphie, played by **Carson Hunter**, who dreams of getting a BB-gun for Christmas.

Ralphie's Mother, played by **Keeley Teuber**; his Father (the Old Man), portrayed by **Gary Moss**; and his teacher, Miss Shields, played by **Jennifer Sanders**, warn him "You'll shoot your eye out!"

Other cast members include: **Chris Moss** as Jean Shepherd, the Narrator; **Daniel Yaxley** as Randy; and **David Brillinger** as Santa.

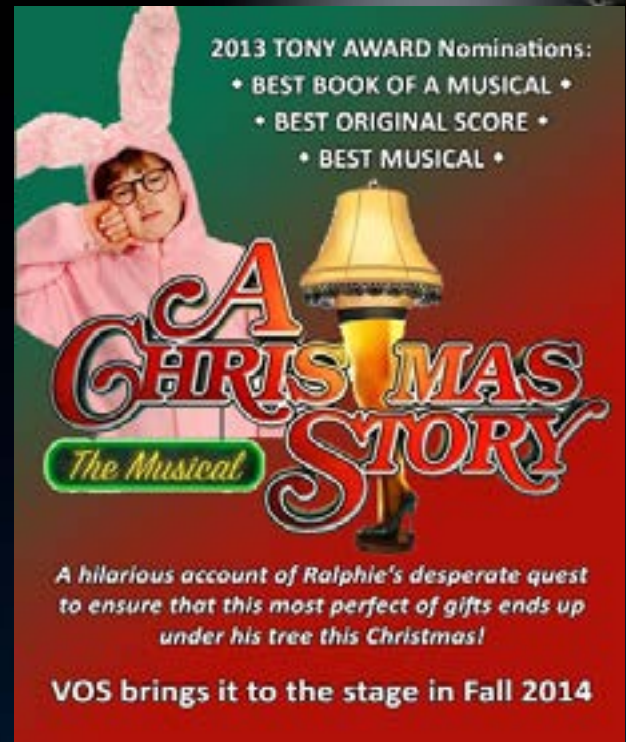
Chorus members include: **Veronique Beaudet, Brody Bergen, Christian Bergen, Neil Croswell, Sadie Evans, Nate Harris, Emily Heayn, Demi Koutougos, Katelyn MacKellen, Zoe Maloughney, Casey Mares, Jordan McDonald, Mariah McDonald, Sophie McGrath, Cody Miller, Jeff Norton, Mark Riishede, Debbie Robinson, Amanda Russell, Somaya Said, Airlie Sturrock Longpre.**

A Christmas Story, The Musical is the hilarious account of Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure that this most perfect of gifts ends up under his tree this Christmas.

In the weeks before the big holiday, Ralphie, his friends and his family get into all kinds of situations — including run-ins with a bully with "yellow eyes," a tongue stuck to a flag pole, a bar of soap in the mouth, a garish leg lamp, a major award and a Chinese Christmas dinner.

VOUCHERS are now on sale at the VOS office. Call 250-381-1021 to save some money!

Season subscriptions can be purchased at the McPherson Playhouse Box Office. Tickets go on sale to the public on October 13, 2014.





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## Set Building



Are you looking for something fun, challenging, and creative to do with a group of great people?

Why not come out and join the set building crew for 'A Christmas Story, the Musical'?!

The crew meets Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 pm - 10 pm and Saturdays from 9 am - noon. Come as often as you can - learn a few tricks of the trade, or sharpen your current set of skills!

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the office at 250-381-1021.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

## CANADA'S LAW ON SPAM

Canada's new anti-spam law is in force as of July 1, 2014. One of its main purposes is to prohibit the sending of commercial electronic messages without the recipient's consent (permission), including messages to email addresses and social networking accounts, and text messages sent to a cell phone.

To comply VOS sent out a message to our membership re the new legislation. We hope you received it. If at any time you wish to discontinue receiving email messages from VOS, please email us at [vosadmin@vos.bc.ca](mailto:vosadmin@vos.bc.ca) with the subject line: REMOVE.

We hate to lose you as a valued member of our organization but we totally understand.

Thank you, Mary-Lynne Britt, *President*



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**VOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**  
**4.30 PM IN THE VOS HALL**  
**#10 - 744 FAIRVIEW ROAD, VICTORIA, BC**

Have you ever wondered how two huge Broadway productions come to life at the McPherson each year? If you want to be involved in this process, then consider running for the VOS board. Positions up for nomination are: Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Member-at-Large (3 positions).

The Member-at-Large positions take on the following portfolios:

- Marketing/Fundraising,
- Future Shows,
- Long Term Planning,
- Wardrobe and Properties Management,
- Information and Technology,
- Governance.

Although there are only three Member-at-Large positions available this year – the other three come up for re-election next year – all portfolios can be handed to different members each year.

If you are interested in running for the Board or want more information, please call Patrick Heath at 250-652-8849.

All VOS members are invited to attend this important meeting. We hope to see you there!







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## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

To the cast and crew of:  
**Annie, Thoroughly Modern Millie and  
Broadway: Decades in Revue**  
for making last season so successful!

And a big thank you to those who helped with the  
**Buccaneer Days Parade:**  
John Britt for decorating the car,  
Al MacKenzie for installing the speakers for the music,  
Jane Milliken, Heather Lewis and Mary-Lynne Britt  
for walking the route.

And as always, thank you very much to all our volunteers  
who help make VOS the success it is!



**By shopping at Thrifty Foods  
you can help support VOS!**

If you don't already have a Smile Card, please call the VOS office to order one. Take the Smile Card to Thrifty Foods and ask the cashier to load any amount you wish onto the card before paying for your groceries. Use the Smile Card and Thrifty Foods will donate 5% of the amount loaded onto your Smile Card to VOS.



## VOS FESTIVAL AWARD RECIPIENT

# Zöe Maloughney

Zöe is 12 years old and just finished grade 6 at Arbutus Middle School. Zöe has always loved music. She enjoys playing the piano, but singing is her passion. Her first experience with musical theatre was with VOS, shyly walking into her first audition for a part in *The Sound of Music* — that was it, she was hooked!

This was Zöe's first year in the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, participating in musical theatre as well as classical voice. For musical theatre, Zöe performed "Gee, I'm Glad I'm No One Else But Me" from *Anne of Green Gables* and "Quiet" from *Matilda*, both choreographed by Tara Britt. She was thrilled to receive the VOS award for Outstanding Junior Musical Theatre Performance.

Zöe was the junior representative at the provincial festival and also performed "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" from the movie *Frozen*. It was an amazing experience and Zöe went to all of the musical theatre sections she could and was inspired by the talented participants from around the province.

Zöe would like to thank VOS for the opportunity to discover musical theatre and become part of such an amazing community, and for VOS's generous encouragement of young performers through its award.





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## VOS Is Seeking An Office Administrator

Do theatre productions interest you? Are you aware that not all flies have wings and some wings don't help you fly? If so, read on!

The Victoria Operatic Society is seeking an Office Administrator. If you:

- Are personable
- Have prior experience as an office administrator
- Are an outstanding communicator
- Have good time management skills
- Are competent with computers and Microsoft Office software
- Have experience with graphic design and marketing

we'd like to hear from you.

The position is  $\frac{3}{4}$  time (6 hours per day, 5 days per week) from September to June. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Please forward your resume via email to [vosadmin@vos.bc.ca](mailto:vosadmin@vos.bc.ca) or by mail to:

Victoria Operatic Society  
#10 – 744 Fairview Road  
Victoria, BC V9A 5T9

Deadline for applications: Friday, August 15.  
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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## VOS EXECUTIVE:

President — Mary-Lynne Britt

Past President — Patrick Heath

Vice President — Fran Bitonti

Secretary — Jennifer McClintick

Assistant Secretary — Jane Milliken

Treasurer — Janet Hender

Assistant Treasurer — David Brillinger

Members-at-Large —

Margaret Bowes, Doug Crockett,  
Megan Johns, Colleen Sullivan Mares,  
Kelley O'Connor, Ken O'Connor



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MUSICAL THEATRE?**

**DANCING, SINGING OR MAYBE**

**JUST BEING A BEHIND-THE-SCENES VOLUNTEER?**

**DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? HELP BUILD SETS? DESIGN WIGS?**

**BE PART OF A STAGE PRODUCTION?**

**CONTACT US AT 250-381-1021**





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## AUDITION NOTICE

**Who: Bēma Productions —  
Victoria's Newest Theatre Company!**

**When: August 17th, 2014  
& September, TBA.**

**Where: Congregation Emanu-El,  
1461 Blanshard St, Victoria, BC.**

**Needed: 3 female, 2 male (ages 20-60),  
non-union.**

**Requirements: Up-to-date headshot and resume along with  
2 prepared monologues, 2-3 minutes in length;  
one contemporary dramatic and one contemporary comedy.**

**To Book Audition Time: [zoe.seigel1@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.seigel1@gmail.com)**

**Other Inquiries:  
(250) 881-2094**

*bēma*  
productions

St. Luke's Players will be holding auditions for their Christmas pantomime

# SNOW WHITE



## AND THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN DWARFS

Written by Damian Trasler, David Lovesy and Steve Clark • Directed by Allan Haynes  
Runs December 20 – January 03, 2014 (excluding December 24, 25, 31)  
Rehearsals are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays commencing September 23

Based on the traditional story of "Snow White" but with a "western" theme, the show includes all the usual pantomime action – heroes, villains, music, dancing, audience participation and lots of humour.

There will be a large cast with roles for young people (minimum age 9) as well as experienced actors and actresses. Some roles will involve singing and dancing. If you wish to audition for a singing role, please come to the audition prepared to sing a piece of your choice. If possible, bring musical accompaniment on CD, USB or phone with an adapter. Dancers will be taught a short sequence that they will then perform as a group.

#### CHARACTERS:

Snow White – female, the heroine  
Sheriff – male or female, the "principal boy"  
Nanny – male, the "dame", older  
Silly Billy – male or female, Snow White's friend  
Tornado – male or female, the pantomime horse, non-speaking role  
Widow Blackheart – female, the wicked stepmother  
One-Eyed Slim – male, a bounty hunter  
Seven Dwarfs – male and female  
Chorus of singers and dancers – male and female

#### AUDITION DETAILS

Located at St. Luke's Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road  
**Friday, September 05 (6:30 – 9:30 p.m.)**  
**Saturday, September 06 (12:30 – 3:30 p.m.)**  
**Friday, September 12 (6:30 – 9:30 p.m.)**  
**Callbacks (if required) will be Tuesday, September 16 (7:30 – 10 p.m.)**

As we will be booking auditions in groups, please contact Allan Haynes at [cvbm@telus.com](mailto:cvbm@telus.com) for an audition slot. Electronic copies of the script are available from the director on request.

 **ST. LUKE'S PLAYERS**

Website: [www.stlukesplayers.org](http://www.stlukesplayers.org)  
Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/stlukesplayers](http://www.Facebook.com/stlukesplayers)  
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They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky. Everyone's favourite family comes to spooky and spectacular life in an all new story, based on the bizarre and beloved characters created by Charles Addams. Featuring all of your favourite ghouls – Gomez (**Roderick Glanville**), Morticia (**Francesca Bitonti**), Uncle Fester (**Darren Rathgaber**), Grandma (**Gouda Gabor**), Wednesday (**Rachel Paxton**), Pugsley, and, of course, Lurch. Wednesday Addams has fallen for the wrong type — he's sweet, smart and from a respectable "warm-blooded" family. Nothing changes a family more — more hilariously, more musically or more enjoyably — than a daughter in love. The magnificently macabre Addams are put to the test, hurling them into a night that will change their lives forever. Directed by **Pat Rundell** (Kaleidoscope's Singin' in the Rain, Snow White) with choreography by **Tara Britt** and musical direction by TBA. The Addams Family is a devilish delight for all ages. Come meet the family. We'll leave the lights off for you.



FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST – 8:00 PM  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST – 8:00 PM  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND – 2:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MCPHERSON BOX OFFICE

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