



VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY
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FALL 2012

MUSICAL UPDATE

~ GIFT GIVING ~

In order to bring you the professional quality productions to which you have become accustomed, and in order to continue to train aspiring artists on and off stage, we welcome your generous donations. Your contribution is extremely important to us and greatly valued. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Donations can be made by phone, fax, or stock transfer. Please call the office for complete details.

We are a registered charity and are able to provide a tax receipt for all donations.

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THE HILLS WILL COME ALIVE, FALL 2012 ~

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
RODGERS and HAMMERSTEIN'S
December 7 - 16, 2012

Don't miss our Fall Production of *'The Sound of Music'*
Directed by Jaymes D. Goodman, **Music Directed by** Robert Cooper, &
Choreographed by Stephanie Geehan

Get your vouchers today by calling the office at **250.381.1021**.
Vouchers can now be exchanged for tickets at the McPherson Box Office.

YOUR 2012/2013 EXECUTIVE ~

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on September 10th, 2012.
We are pleased to announce your 2012/2013 Executive:

President ~ Mary-Lynne Britt, **Past President** ~ Patrick Heath
Vice President ~ Fran Bitonti, **Secretary** ~ Jennifer Lefler
Assistant Secretary ~ Heather Lewis, **Treasurer** ~ Janet Hender
Assistant Treasurer ~ David Brillinger

~ Members-at-Large ~

Stu Adam, Margaret Bowes, Guy Chester, Megan Johns,
Colleen Sullivan Mares, Kelley O'Connor

The Executive would like to thank Dwayne Gordon for his many years as our IT and Future Shows Committee member, Tara Britt for her work as Secretary, Vice-President, Parade Coordinator and Future Shows Committee Member, Mark Riishede for taking on the Society's Marketing and Promotions, as well as acting as our Assistant Treasurer, and Jessica McCool for designing and executing the Society's newsletter, as well as establishing and maintaining all Social Media Promotions.

The Executive also extends a warm welcome to our new members, Stu Adam, Jennifer Lefler, Colleen Sullivan Mares, and Megan Johns. We are confident that Stu, Jennifer, Colleen, and Megan will make valuable contributions to the Committee and will ensure that the Society maintains its status in the community as a semi-professional musical theatre company. Changes to our Executive By-laws were also voted on at the meeting, and were approved. Thank you to Lal O'Connor for formatting the By-Laws for us - they look wonderful! Thank you also to all those who let their names stand for elections.

IN RECOGNITION ~

HONORARY MEMBER ~

Our latest very deserving recipient is Patrick Heath. Patrick joined VOS in 1993 as a member of the cast of *'South Pacific'*, and in one aspect or another, has been part of every production since. He's been on the Executive for seven years as a Member at Large; Vice President, President, and now Past President. He's produced a number of our shows; has donated the use of his truck for many of our parade appearances; volunteered his time to be in our *'From Burlesque to Broadway'* Fundraiser; bakes for all of our events, and is always one of the first to say he will do whatever is asked. He is always cheerful and a delight to work with. Congratulations Patrick – very well deserved.

THE DAVID MILLIGAN VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD ~

This award was established to recognize outstanding volunteers throughout the previous season. This year we have two recipients, Fran Bitonti and Mark Riishede.

This past year, Fran acted as the Chair of our Future Shows Committee, performed in *'White Christmas'*, was Assistant to the Director for *'Brigadoon'*, painted sets for both productions; did make-up for each (even when she was in the show); walked the Buccaneer Day Parade, and is always positive and welcoming to our new members.

Mark performed in both *'White Christmas'* and *'Brigadoon'* and while doing that volunteered to man the office when our Administrative Assistant left, he also handled all the marketing and advertising for both shows and the Society.

Congratulations to both, and thank you so much for your dedication!

SPRING 2013 ~



Director :: David Walcer

Music Director :: Hilary Coupland

Choreographer :: Heidi Fox Lange

We are currently seeking a Producer for this production. If you, or if you know of someone who would be interested, please call the office.

May 3 - 12, 2013

Auditions will take place in January 2013. Be sure to stay tuned for all the details!

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Patrick Heath,
2012 Honorary Member



Fran Bitonti and Mark Riishede,
2012 David Milligan Volunteer
Recognition Award recipients

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For the latest news, updates, audition, ticket & show info., please 'like us' on Facebook. Your support is greatly appreciated!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING ~

Every year, VOS volunteers to Christmas carol at various venues throughout Victoria. This year, besides the Chateau Victoria on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, we have been asked by the Oak Bay Beach Hotel to perform on **December 22nd, 23rd and 24th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm**. We are very excited and honored to be returning to the Oak Bay Beach Hotel again, as we did this for many years before it closed.

We'd like to sincerely thank Heather Lewis who has been organizing this every year, and to Lal O'Connor who will take on the rehearsals and organization while Heather is away this season.

If you'd like to join us on any or all of these dates, please call the office.

HALLOWEEN

is just around the corner and our Costume Loft may have just what you need to create, or complete that perfect get-up!

Costume Loft hours are:
Wednesday & Saturday mornings from 9am - noon.



A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE ~



We're pleased to welcome our new Administrative Assistant Mark Riishede. Mark has been involved with every VOS production in some capacity or other since his first appearance on stage in 1998 *'Hello Dolly'*. He's been the recipient of the Denny Award for Supporting Role in *'Guys and Dolls'*, the Murtie Award for props in *'The Wizard of Oz'*, and most recently the Dave Milligan Volunteer Recognition Award. Up until resigning from the Executive Committee this August, to become an employee of the society, he had held the positions of Member-at-Large and Assistant Treasurer.

Mark has also performed for local audiences with Gotta Getta Gimmick, Higher Altitude, Urban Arts Productions, and the Victoria Theatre Guild. He has a post-secondary degree in commerce, and is now very happy to be working in the field of arts administration. You can see Mark as Franz in our fall production of *'The Sound of Music'*. Feel free to stop by the office to say hello!

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