

Musical Update

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February NEWS

Evita!

The auditions are over, the cast is set and rehearsals have begun. Performance dates are April 28, 29, May 4, 5, 6 at 8 pm with a 2 pm matinee on Sunday, May 7.

If you're interested in selling vouchers for the show, please contact Holly at the office, 381-1021, or see our Voucher Vixen, Lindy van Alstine at rehearsals.

Set construction for the show has begun. Anybody interested in helping out, please contact John Britt at 472-0907 or johnpbritt@telus.net. Work sessions are Tuesday evenings from 7 pm and Saturday mornings from 9 am.

Director: Chris Moss
Music Director: Rob Cooper
Choreographer: Leah Walker
Producers: Mary-Lynne Britt & Diane Murton
Asst. to Producer: Joy Broomfield
Stage Manager: Julie Moss
Asst. Stage Manager: Rosemary Pugh
Set Design: Rick Thomas
Costume Design: Heather Senkler
Lighting Design: Adam Wilkinson
Sound: Simon Bergink
Props: Shelley & Gillian Henusat
Make-Up: Vivian Billingham

Hair Stylist: Lal O'Conner with Debbie Crawford

Eva: Tara Britt
Peron: Gary Moss
Che: Chris Newstead
Mistress: Michelle Boone
Magaldi: Dwayne Gordon

Women's Chorus:

Jessica Brown, Emily Butler, Jocelyn Connelly, Merissa Cox, Maia Cullen, Jane Hancock, Kira Kenny, Ashley King, Cindy Lewis, Tahra Maze, Jessica Renee Natale, Teresa Sims, Shera Skinner, Emily Smith

Men's Chorus:

Derek Adams, Robert Barton, Joshua Campbell, Philip Frias, Griffin Lea, Cam Northover, Steve Portlock, John Roebuck, Marcus Stusek, Charles Vanderwilt

Production Team Submissions

The VOS Board is inviting individual submissions from people who wish to be part of a production team for the 2006/2007 season. A submission form must be filled out and sent to the VOS office. A copy of the form is available on the VOS website and submissions will be accepted until February 15, 2006. The URL is <http://www.vos.bc.ca/submissions.html> and a link is on the website home page. For more

information, please contact the VOS office.

NEXT SEASON

Performance dates for the 2006/2007 Season are set! ***Disney's Beauty and the Beast*** will be the Fall show with performances on November 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, December 1, 2, 3. Please note there are 2 extra shows including an extra matinee to accommodate the throngs of children that will want to see this great production! The Spring show will be ***The Music Man*** with a run May 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 & matinee on May 13th, 2007.

Technology Upgrade

The VOS office is going high speed – internet that is!!! We've installed a Shaw Cable internet connection in the office and we'll soon be up and running. The VOS website URL will remain the same - www.vos.bc.ca - but there will be new email addresses to use – more info once it's active.

The Four NEAT Guys

VOSers Dwayne Gordon, Chris Newstead, Tim Kyle and Stan Davis take to the stage for the premiere of their original new show, **The Four Neat Guys**, opening on January 20th at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel Dinner

Theatre. It runs on Friday and Saturday evenings through to March 25th. The musical director is Heather Burns and the choreography is by Gina Brown (Joseph).

SCENE IN PASSING

Congratulations to Kim Milligan (Dave's daughter) on her Christmas Day engagement to Dean Wiese, who works at the orthotics company a couple of doors down from VOS in our complex.

Diane Murton and Mary Lynne Britt taking over production duties for Evita as Peta had to step down due to work constraints. Thanks, Ladies!

Ann Gadd and her daughter Adrienne relaxing in the sun, sand and surf of the Mayan Riviera over Christmas.

Oklahoma choreographer Elise Hoepfner and her husband Brent expecting their first child in July. Congratulations!!!

Pam Miller packing her bags in preparation for back to back cruises through the eastern and western Caribbean. Have fun!!!

Numerous VOSers in rehearsals for the Victoria Broadway Chorus presentation of "Broadway Memories". Performances are March 31, April 1 and 9.

Kelley O'Connor landing the role of Diamond Tooth Gertie in the Yukon. Congratulations Kelley!!!

On The Mend!

Eileen Langstaff is back at home after a lengthy stay in the hospital.

Deepest Sympathy

Condolences to David Brillinger and family on the recent loss of his Grandmother.

Cowichan Musical Society

Come up to the Cowichan Theatre (Mark Trueman's workplace) and see Cowichan Musical Society's production of Gilbert & Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore. It stars Betty Allison of Joseph fame and is directed by Drew Kemp. February 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 8 pm and Feb 5 matinee at 2 pm. Adults \$30 call (250) 748-7529 or \$5 off from CMS members...ask Holly.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

It was a very successful caroling season, including a standing "O" at the Chateau Victoria on December 24th. Special thanks to Janet Leffeck, our accompanist for all our performances. Only 11 months until we can do it again!!!

The Gondoliers

The Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society Presents THE GONDOLIERS, Directed by Chris Moss, Music Direction by Tom Mitchell, Choreography by Heather-Elayne Day and numerous VOS members in the cast.

Performance Dates:

Mary Winspear Theatre:
March 11 & 18 @ 8pm
March 12 & 19 @ 2pm
McPherson Playhouse:
March 25 @ 1pm & 8pm

Vouchers are available from
Joy @ 384-6707

'VOS History' for 600 Alex!

The history of the VOS may never be a topic on Jeopardy, but we would like to keep it organized for our own benefit. We haven't had someone keeping up with the task for a number of years (and our memories are going as fast as the years are passing). If you would like to volunteer as the VOS Historian, please contact Mary-Lynne at 472-0907

If you currently receive your newsletter by the postal service, have an email ID and would rather receive an electronic copy (and save a tree and some postage for the Society at the same time), please call the office or drop us an email. We'd be happy to update our member database with your information.

Do you keep in touch with former VOS members? If you have news about what they're doing, please let us know. Please send us NEWS for the Newsletter! Phone Holly at 381-1021 or [vosadmin@pacificcoast.net](mailto:voadmin@pacificcoast.net)

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