

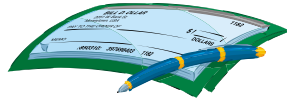


# Musical Update

NEWS from the VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY  
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## Gifts & Donations

On Sept. 3/06, Beatrice Sutton, a patron who attended many of our shows and VOS Member, passed away here in Victoria. We have now just learned that she has left us, as well as several other Arts' organizations, a bequest in her Will. We are very grateful to Miss Sutton for her generosity. We pass our condolences along to her family and friends.



During this year's United Way campaign you can make donations to VOS thru payroll deductions, credit card donations or a lump sum donation. For our charity number, please contact Tammy at the office at

381-1021. Please note all donations are eligible for income tax receipts.

### Music Man

**Performance Dates: May 4-13, 2007**

#### **Auditions**

Tuesday December 5th 7 – 10 p.m.: Men only

Friday, December 8th

5 – 6 p.m.: Children who cannot make it on the 9th only

6 – 10 p.m.: Women only

Saturday, December 9th

2 – 4 p.m.: Children

4 – 6 p.m.: Women only

Monday, December 11th 7 – 10 p.m.: Callbacks

Wednesday, December 13th 7 – 10 p.m. Possible callback

**CALL TAMMY AT 381-1021 TO SCHEDULE YOUR AUDITION!**



Please prepare a song from a Broadway Musical that shows off your range and your ability, preferably something from the era of the Music Man production (i.e. Brigadoon or Carousel).

Come prepared for a dance audition by wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

If you are trying out for a lead, you must prepare a one minute monologue.

For the children's leads, you must either have a monologue or a short 1 minute story to tell.

Rehearsals begin Thursday, January 4th and will continue every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evening 7 – 10 p.m.

Do not audition if you cannot make rehearsals. By direction of the Production Team, if you miss three rehearsals you will be asked to leave the show.

**See Page 2 for Cast List and Character Descriptions**

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## Cast List and Character Descriptions

**Harold Hill** 25-35 yrs. of age: baritone range, must have excellent sense of rhythm  
Very confident conman with a gift of the gab, flamboyant, charming, engaging, but lonely

**Marian Paroo-** 25-30 yrs of age: strong soprano voice with solid high range  
Confident but guarded and a bit tight-laced, has a softer, feminine side but not easily approached or persuaded, definitely starving for love and affection

**Mrs. Paroo** late 50's - late 60's, character voice, speak-sing more than sing  
A very warm-hearted, clever mother who understands life fully and who tolerates with love.

**Winthrop** 8 -10 yrs of age: must have strong singing voice and be able to lisp  
Brooding, independent but moves from shy to outspoken as he begins to gain confidence

**Amaryllis** 10 -12 yrs of age: must be able to sing and play the piano (not together)  
Confident, gregarious, warm but sometimes insensitive

**Mayor Shinn** 40 -55 yrs of age: pompous, self-important, easily distracted, also easily manipulated or tricked

**Eulalie Shinn** 40 - 55 yrs of age: Gushy, easily charmed, almost a phony southern grace about her, likes to be in control, definitely controls her husband

**Charlie Cowell** mid 30's - 40 yrs of age: sleezy salesman, the dark, sinister type who is determined to destroy Harold Hill

**Zaneeta Shinn** 16 -18 yrs of age: typical, somewhat spoiled teenage girl with an adventurous side that frustrates her father

**Gracie Shinn** 12 -15 yrs of age: sweet girl, just eager to grow up and be more like her sister but not able to get away with much

**Tommy Djilas** 16 -18 yrs of age: a rebel and prankster because he has had a tough up-bringing but is essentially good and decent. He craves respect and trust and blossoms under Harold's encouragement

**Ethel Toffelmire** 30 - 40 yrs of age: flirty, curvaceous, the town organ player

**Marcellus Washburn** 30 - 40 yrs of age: a bit bumbling, round, sweats, works in the livery stable and is happy in his more stable life after traveling on the sales routes. Knows Harold from his former career and likes him now.



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Brian Lenton on Friday, October 27, 2006 due to complications arising from cancer. Brian's one passion was the theatre, from Shakespeare to English farce, in UK and Victoria. He is best known by friends of VOS for his role in the 1994 production of *Camelot* as Pellinore, the Director of *Kiss Me Kate* in 1992, Henry Higgins in the 1990 production of *My Fair Lady*, as The King in the 1986 production of *The King And I* and for his portrayal of Von Trapp in the 1984 run of *The Sound of Music*. Brian will be missed by all of us at the Victoria Operatic Society and we pass our condolences to his family. Condolences to: [thelentonfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:thelentonfamily@hotmail.com)

# SCENE IN PASSING



**Allison Cole Charlton** (Brigadoon etc.) and **Gail Neuman** (West Side Story) with their new performing arts centre, Dansko Studios (formerly Excalibre). Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Don Mitchell** (Evita #1) on his engagement. Don's wedding will take place this spring in Ontario.

**Paul Terry** (Me and My Girl), appearing in The Belfry's production of the Tony-award winning "Urinetown: the Musical", November 7 to December 10.

**Hilary Coupland** and daughters **Riva** and **Claire** had a six show blitz in London after the Coast to Coast Walk. They saw for the second time Billy Elliot, Les Miz and The Producers, and for the first time, Blood Brothers, The Rat Pack, and Mary Poppins. Riva lives in London and is now a resident and a college student.

Claire is home after two years in Europe, most recently on the beaches of Crete, tagging giant nesting turtles. The girls will all be home Christmas time to sing carols with mom and the VOS.

*Announcing our  
2007/2008 Season*

Fall Show

**WEST SIDE STORY**

Spring Show

**FIELD  
DOLLS**

*Details to follow!*

BINGO					
6	22	34	53	72	
11	27	38	56	71	
4	●	●	52	69	
13	21	42	●	67	
14	24	32	59	68	



## Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for Bingo Helpers at Bingo Bingo! on Sundays from 8 - 10pm - upcoming dates include: **Nov. 12th, Dec. 10th, Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th Mar. 11th & Apr. 8th.**

Volunteers are also needed for the upcoming production of the Music Man.

Please contact Tammy at the office at 381-1021 if you are interested And available to help out.

**Thanks!!**



Those interested in carolling with VOS this holiday season, please contact Heather Lewis at 642-6176 or feel free to email her at [seaskip2@telus.net](mailto:seaskip2@telus.net)

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# Audition Notices



**The Victoria Silver Threads** is looking for talent. On the first and third Thursday of the month, they host a dinner for seniors - good food and entertainment. This non-profit organization needs talented people to provide the entertainment. Entertainment can be music, a short play, etc. If you know of someone or a group that would be interested in volunteering for one night or more, please let me know. Thanks. The Director, Jennifer at **388-4268** or [JenniferOakes@Silverthreads.ca](mailto:JenniferOakes@Silverthreads.ca)



The GardenWorks store on Blenkinsop Road is looking for a group of singers to sing Christmas carols in Dickens-like costumes for our open house on **Nov. 16** from **6 PM-9 PM**. You would need to supply your own costumes. If you or a group of you is interested, please contact our store manager, Paula Masyk at [pmasyk@gardenworks.ca](mailto:pmasyk@gardenworks.ca) or phone the store at 721-2140 and mention what sort of pay rate you would expect.

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communications

Shine\*ola Communications is currently seeking event assistants for the Christmas event season on a casual, on-call basis.

Shine\*ola produces unique, creative and memorable special events of all sizes - from 20,000 people at Luminara Victoria to intimate private parties, and everything in between. We provide all aspects of event management, from event design to decor and service through to strike.

We are seeking a few hard working, detail-oriented folks to join our existing team to work within a fast-paced, fun, creative environment. Previous special event or service experience is required. Events often involve lifting, carrying, stair-climbing, ladder work and long hours, so applicants must be energetic and physically able. Ability to take direction and work well with a minimum of supervision is a must. Other assets include:

Serving It Right certificate (for bartending)

Foodsafe Certificate - basic level (for food service)

Creative flair (for event decor)

Theatre background (for set/lighting)








Outgoing nature, performance experience (for interactive performers and/or costumed servers)

If you are interested: please send us an email and let us know you'd like to join our team this season. If we have not worked together in the past, please attach a resume and any other relevant material you feel would be helpful to let us know why you'd be a good match.

Alice Bacon, Creative Director, Shine\*ola Communications & Events  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>November</b>			1	2 Ad in Times Colonist	3	4 Ad in Times Colonist
5 Ad in Times Colonist	6 The Ocean 98.5 Events Calendar runs til Nov. 12th Web site VIP pg til Nov. 19th Contest give-away til Nov. 10th	7	8 Ad in Times Colonist	9 Ad in Times Colonist	10	11 Ad in Times Colonist
12	13 The Ocean 98.5 "Check it Out" begins, runs til Nov. 17th	14 Ad in Times Colonist	15	16 Ad in Times Colonist	17 TV Commercial begins, runs til Nov. 30th TV Listings Channel Ad in Times Colonist	18
19 Ad in Times Colonist	20	21 Ad in Times Colonist	22 Ad in Times Colonist	23  Student Preview	24  Opening Night Ad in Times Colonist	25  8pm Ad in Times Colonist
26  2pm	27 Douglas St. Banner up til Dec. 4th Ad in Times Colonist	28	29  8pm Ad in Times Colonist	30  8pm		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>December</b>					1  8pm Ad in Times Colonist	2  8pm
3  2pm - Closing	4  Carolling Rehearsal	5  Auditions	6	7	8  Auditions	9  Auditions
10	11  Callbacks	12	13  Possible Callbacks	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30