



VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY  
MUSICAL.THEATRE.SINCE 1945.

FALL/WINTER 2011

MUSICAL UPDATE

*"The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life."*

~ Oscar Wilde

~ VOUCHERS ~

Be sure to get your vouchers for **White Christmas** as shows are selling fast! Contact the VOS office to get yours today!

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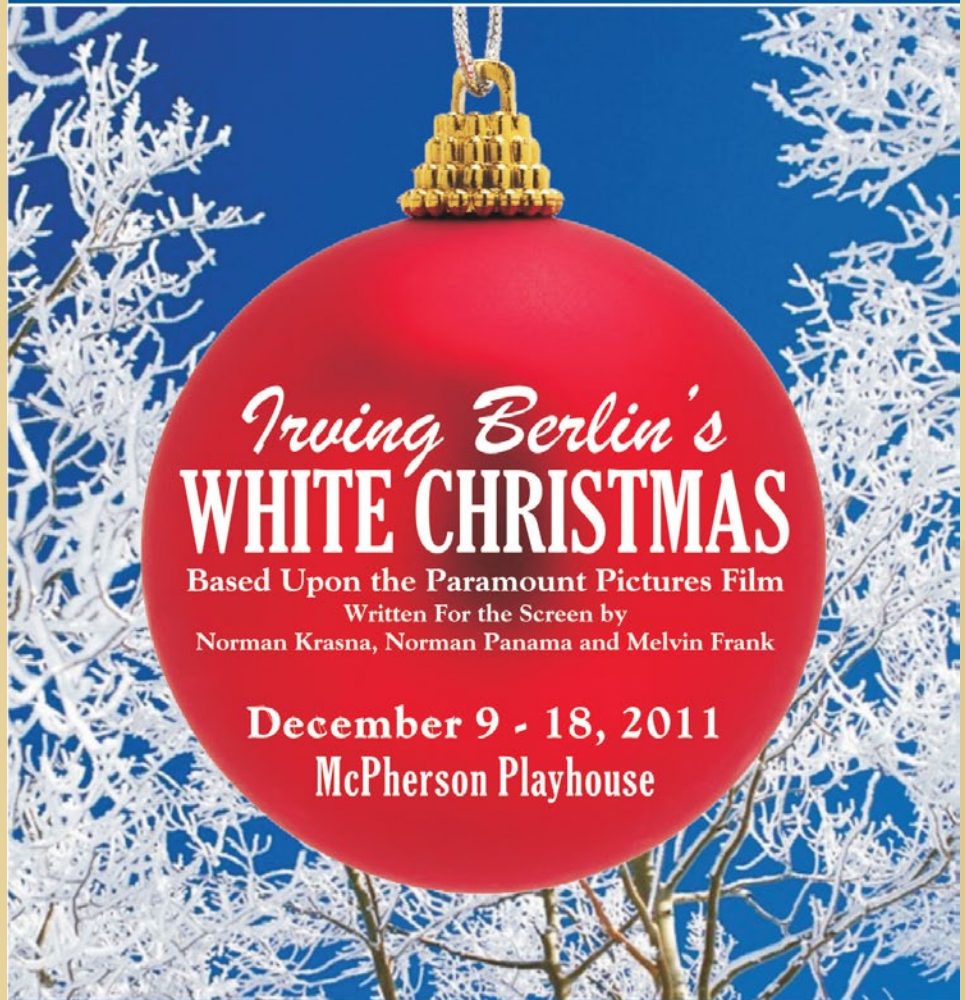
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FALL PRODUCTION ~

VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY  
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*presents*

THE MUSICAL YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING OF !



*Irving Berlin's*  
**WHITE CHRISTMAS**

Based Upon the Paramount Pictures Film  
Written For the Screen by  
Norman Krasna, Norman Panama and Melvin Frank

December 9 - 18, 2011  
McPherson Playhouse

**CHARGE  
BY PHONE:**

**250.386.6121**

**TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!**



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### A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE ~

We are pleased to welcome our new Admin Assistant, Jessi-Anne Reeves. Jessi-Anne moved to Victoria in February of this year after several years working around Canada in various areas of the music industry – mostly publicity, administration and marketing for independent Canadian artists. Following a year of schooling at the University of Saskatchewan, she decided to move to Victoria to further her dreams of not living somewhere that gets down to 40 below in the winter.

Her hobbies include cats, scrabble and breaking in new boots.

While also working part time for Con Brio Music and the Victoria Youth Musical Theatre Company, she is enjoying settling in at VOS as well. She hopes that her experience can help the society continue to run in a productive and creative way.

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Jessi-Anne Reeves  
VOS Admin. Assistant

### AUDITIONS ~



May 4 - 13, 2012

**Director/Choreographer:** Tara Britt

**Assistant to the Director:** Fran Bironti

**Music Director:** Rick Underwood

**Assistant to the Music Director:** Yoomi Kim

**Producers:** Patrick Heath & Kelley O'Connor

Thursday, January 5: 7pm – 9pm

Friday, January 6: 7pm – 9pm

Saturday, January 7: 11am – 12pm

Wednesday, January 11: Call Backs – 7pm

Thursday, January 12: Call Backs – 7pm

This is not an open audition format and everyone must book an audition time.

Audition Information, including how to book your audition, will be posted to

[www.vos.bc.ca/auditions.htm](http://www.vos.bc.ca/auditions.htm) by the end of November.

### ~ MEMBER UPDATES ~

**Marcus Stusek**, CCPA graduate and former builder, actor, and crew member, is now working for The Arts Club in Vancouver building sets.

**Colin Grewer** who played Herbie in our Fall 2009 production of **Gypsy** will be playing Captain Corcoran (Commanding Office of Pinafore) in the Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan production of H.M.S Pinafore.

For more info.:

[www.gilbertandsullivanvictoria.ca](http://www.gilbertandsullivanvictoria.ca)

**Alison Mary Roberts** was cast as Clarice in the Vancouver Opera's production of **West Side Story** which ran at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in October.

**Joe Schuebel** will be playing the Pirate King in Sooke Harbour Players production of **Pirates of Penzance**. For more info.:

[www.sookeharbourplayers.ca](http://www.sookeharbourplayers.ca)



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### ~ THANK YOU! ~

A very special thank you to Lal O'Connor & Peta MacKenzie for manning the office over the last few months. Your help was greatly appreciated.

### ~ WANTED! ~

The Producers of **Brigadoon** are looking for a Costume Designer & Props Coordinator. If interested, please contact the office at 250.381.1021

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#### ~ 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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## CHRISTMAS CAROLING ~

It's that time again! VOS will once again be delighting audiences this holiday season. Everyone is welcome to join us for one, or all of our caroling bookings.

We will have one rehearsal which will take place at the VOS hall on:  
**December 7th from 7 - 9pm**

Confirmed bookings include:

**December 3rd** - The Royal BC Museum, 6:30 - 7:30pm

**December 23rd** - High Gate Lodge, 1 - 2pm

**December 24th** - The Chateau Victoria, 3 - 4pm

If you are interested in caroling with us, please contact Heather Lewis at **250.642.6176**.



We still have a handful of tickets available for Langham Court's **The Drowsy Chaperone**, 'Friday with Cast and Crew' fundraising night on **Friday, January 20, 2012**. Not only will you be able to join fellow VOSers in a night at the theatre, you will also have the opportunity to take part in a Q&A session with the cast and crew after the performance.

Tickets are \$15 each - please email [Patrick.heath@shaw.ca](mailto:Patrick.heath@shaw.ca) and indicate how many tickets you would like.

We hope you'll join us in supporting the Langham Court Theatre and your fellow VOS members who are involved in the production.

Prosperity Thru Pizza is a program offered by Villages Pizza to groups in the community. Mention that you're a VOS member when you order a pizza on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, (for pickup only) and Villages will then, for every quarter, reconcile how much each group purchased and send VOS a cheque for 10% of their purchases. The more the groups buy, the bigger the rebate!



The Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising Program is a wonderful way to support VOS. Take your Smile Card to Thrifty Foods when you go grocery shopping. Ask the cashier to load any amount you wish onto the card before paying for your groceries. Pay for your grocery order with the Smile Card and Thrifty Foods will donate 5% of the amount loaded on the card to VOS; it's that easy! Contact the VOS office today to get your Smile Card!