

Musical Update

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September News

Annual General Meeting

A big **Thank You** to all who attended the Annual General Meeting on September 11, especially those who put their names forward to fill the vacant Executive Committee positions.

The constitution change to allow email as a valid form of notification of future general meetings was passed.

Election results are as follows:

Vice President: Patrick Heath
Secretary: Rosemary Pugh
Assistant Treasurer: Margaret Bowes
Member at Large (2 year term): Fran Bitonti, Diane Murton, Dwayne Gordon
Member at Large (1 year term): Jennifer Lefler, Phil Longstaff

These elected individuals join the current positions in running your Society:

President: Mary-Lynne Britt
Past President: Jim Goodman
Treasurer: David Brillinger
Assistant Secretary: Heather Lewis
Member at Large: Harry Abrams

So Long, Farewell, Auf Weidesehen Good-bye ...

After 8 years as our Administrator, Holly has resigned from the position. **Thank You** for all your hard work and dedication to the society, and All the Best in your future endeavors!!!

Welcome to our New Administrator!



Tammy Simon joins us as our new Office Administrator this month. Originally from Toronto, Ontario, Tammy, along with her husband Alex and their 2 cats, moved here this summer in search of a better climate; she didn't realize that moving to this little bit of Paradise also meant landing her dream job. Tammy has an extensive and varied business background that includes professional stage

management, advertising, marketing, publishing and office administration. In her spare time, Tammy writes for EAT Magazine and enjoys cooking, wine, reading, photography and the incredible beauty of her new home that is Victoria. Tammy thanks everyone at the Victoria Operatic Society for their warm welcome.

VOS History Project

If anyone has any photos, articles, etc. from previous shows or events you would like to contribute to the VOS archives, please contact Tara Britt at 382-8432 or Peta McKenzie at 385-9919. They will be working on updating and organizing the scrapbooks and photo albums over the next few months.

Auditions

The Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society is holding auditions for their March 2007 production of "IOLANTHE" on Oct 14 & 15, 1:00-5:00pm. For more info and to book an audition time please phone Joy at 384-6707. A Set Designer, Builder and Assistant Stage Manager are also needed.

Beauty and the Beast

Rehearsals are in full gear, and the stable of David Hardwick's amazing costumes keeps growing each week. If you're interested in selling vouchers for the show, please contact the VOS office at 381-1021. Any volunteers interested in helping with set construction, John Britt will be at the hall with hammer in hand Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 am, and Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.

Here is the updated cast list:

Principals

Dwayne Gordon (BEAST)
Kira Tozer (BELLE)
Stan Davis (GASTON)
Isad Etemadi (LEFOU)
Garry Preston (MAURICE)
Craig Wilson (LUMIERE)
Jim Goodman (COGSWORTH)
Debbie Robinson (MRS POTTS)
Elizabeth Duncan & Hunter Watson (CHIP)
Jessica Natale (BABETTE)
Pamela Miller (MADAME DE LA GRAND BOUCHE)
Chris Moss (MONSIEUR D'ARQUE/NARRATOR)

Ensemble

Brittany Cairns, Tara Britt, Emily Story (SILLY GIRLS)
Barry Shaw (BOOKSELLER)
Luke Witt (SHEPHERD BOY)
Michelle Dzbik (SAUSAGE-CURL GIRL)

Aubrey Antonson, Noelle Antonson, Rob Barton, Fran Bitonti, Guy Chester, Merissa Cox, Jarod de Boer, Patrick Heath, Winston Lanyon, Debora Lohr, Victor Pasta, Alison Roberts, Michael Romano, Owen Searle, Jesse Setka, Lynn Spargo, Airlie Sturrock, Keeley Teuber, Paul Winkelmans, Kezia Yates

Music Man

The Production Team for 'The Music Man', our Spring 2007 show has been set.

Director: Jeanette Dagger

Musical Director: George Corwin

Choreographer: Tracy Houser

Producer: Mary-Lynne Britt

Assistant Producer: Patrick Heath

Construction Zone

If you haven't been by the VOS Hall lately, you may be in for a surprise. John Britt and John Laing have been busy all summer with their hammers and paint brushes. Some of the renos include:

- New tile and paint in the hallway.
- New cupboards in the boardroom.
- New sink, fridge, microwave and cupboards in the Green Room.
- An elevated storage shelf in the Rehearsal Hall to hold all the B&B costumes.

Well done John and John!!!

SCENE IN PASSING

What a treat to see Pat Blair, Pat Girvin and Eileen Langstaff at the Annual General Meeting. All are doing very well after their recent illnesses.

John Roebuck as writer and director of the first show of the season for Four Seasons Musical Theatre, a new musical adaptation of "The Emperor's New Clothes". Performances are October 14 & 15 at Isabel Reader Theatre in Langford,

October 21 & 22 at Charlie White Theatre in Sidney and October 28 & 29 at St. Ann's Academy. All shows are at 2:00 pm.

Mark Trueman won first prize in a Golf Skills Competition in Duncan after qualifying out of 45 golfers for the semi finals, then the top 5 in the finals which were held September 23. Mark and Holly will be enjoying their prize next spring as they take a 3 day, all expenses paid trip to Las Vegas! Well done, Mark!

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 the office at 381-1021 or vosadmin@vos.bc.ca

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