



VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY
MUSICAL.THEATRE.SINCE 1945.

SPRING 2011

MUSICAL UPDATE

~ SAVE THE DATE! ~

Vos'ers rarely need an excuse to get together to celebrate the Arts! Especially when there's food, drink, games, prizes and karaoke involved!

Join us at the
**Upper Deck Sports Lounge,
Travelodge on the Gorge,
Sunday June 12th, 2011** at
4pm to watch the Tony's on
the big screen, followed by
karaoke! If you're
interested in attending,
please RSVP to
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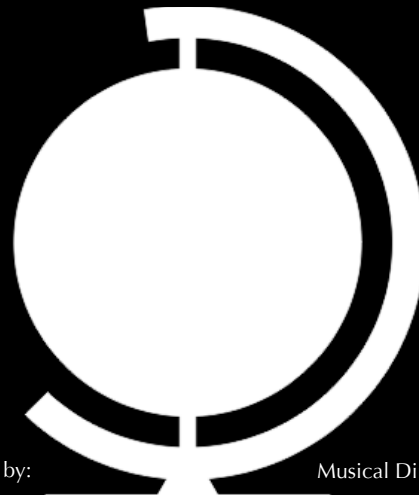
CURRENT SHOW ~

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BROADWAY:

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MAY 6 - 15, 2011



Stage Direction & Choreography by:
SYLVIA HOSIE

Musical Direction & Arrangements by:
HEATHER BURNS



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CONGRATULATIONS! ~

VOS would like to congratulate Chelsea Tucker for winning the Monday Magazine's M Award for Best Performer. Chelsea was nominated for her roles in VOS's productions of **The Wizard of Oz** (Dorothy), and **Grease** (Rizzo). We'd also like to congratulate the cast of **Grease** for their nomination for Best Musical. Be sure to catch Chelsea in VOS's Spring show **Broadway: Decades in Revue**. Congratulations Chelsea!

UPCOMING EVENTS ~



THE VICTORIA DAY PARADE!

The Victoria Day Parade is May 23rd! If you would like to walk with us, help decorate the truck or both, please contact Tara at tara_britt@hotmail.com.

This year we are representing both **White Christmas** and **Brigadoon**. We are looking for kilts to borrow for the parade and if you or someone you know is a highland dancer and would like to dance in the parade please let us know. Family and friends of all ages are welcome!

WAYS TO SUPPORT VOS ~

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 and 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! Our deadline for these benefits is quickly approaching so, make sure to load up your card before **May 7, 2011!**

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~ SUBMISSIONS ~

Submissions are currently being accepted for Director, Music Director and Choreographer for **Brigadoon**. Deadline is **May 16, 2011**.

The Executive is also seeking a producer for **White Christmas**.

Please visit our website for more information.

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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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MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE: FEATURE BIO ~



Little Known Facts About Janet Hender, Member at Large:

1. Janet sewed her own wedding dress. It was burnt orange.
2. One of Janet's high school jobs was guiding tours through the Heinz factory in Leamington, Ontario.
3. Janet does not perform on stage, but knows all the music for each of her shows and sings it so often that her family is always sick of the show before it opens. She does not sing well.
4. Music has always moved Janet to tears. Now, she has discovered that dance has the same effect.
5. Janet desperately wants one of her three grandchildren to learn to tap dance. Of course, two of them don't walk too well yet, so she may have to wait.
6. Janet is a die-hard Leafs fan and proud of it!
7. Janet likes eating asparagus for the interesting aromatic effects.
8. Janet actually enjoys stage managing, but one of her favourite jobs in past shows has been running the lighting board. One button, one finger!
9. Janet's mentor was David Glover, who was an extraordinary Stage Manager, an adjudicator for Theatre Ontario and ran his own Shakespeare company.
10. Janet has a huge appreciation and enormous respect for the traditions of the theatre.

President: Patrick Heath ~ **Vice President:** Tara Britt ~
Past President: Mary-Lynne Britt ~ **Secretary:** Kelley O' Connor
Assistant Secretary: Heather Lewis ~ **Treasurer:** David Brillinger
Assistant Treasurer: Mark Riishede

Advisory Board Members: Fran Bitonti, Dwayne Gordon, Phil Hallman,
Janet Hender, Jessica McCool, Jason Vikse

The board would like to thank all of the members who attended the
General Meeting on Sunday, April 10th, 2011.



NOMINATIONS ~

THE DAVE MILLIGAN RECOGNITION AWARD ~

Dave Milligan was a member of the VOS for many years. He was Stage Manager, Assistant Stage Manager and worked crew for many shows. When it was discovered that he could dance - and we mean dance - he was recruited to be on stage. Davey died suddenly in 2002 and VOS wanted to do something to recognize this amazing man. For those of us who knew him, he was taken from us much too soon. His daughter Kim gave us his tap shoes which we had bronzed and established this award.

The purpose of the **Dave Milligan Volunteer Recognition Award** is to recognize outstanding volunteers during the previous season (July to June). The qualities we look for are: Outstanding contribution to the Society on and/or off stage, always willing to help, positive representative of the VOS, always there when needed

Any VOS member may nominate another member, with written justification, for the board's consideration from now until **June 15, 2011**. The Executive will review all nominations and select a winner to be announced at the AGM in September. Please note, individuals cannot receive the award two years in a row.

Nominees can be submitted via email to vosadmin@vos.bc.ca, or by regular mail to: **10 - 744 Fairview Rd., Victoria BC, V9A 5T9**

VOS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS ~

Each year, VOS awards a scholarship of \$500 to a student demonstrating talent in the field of drama, musical theatre or backstage production including lighting, costume and set design, construction, make-up, stage management or other areas of stage craft. The scholarship will be awarded to an applicant of the minimum age of 17 years who resides within the Capital Regional District and is entering a post-secondary program in music, dance or theatre.

Applications must be submitted by **June 15, 2011**. The winning applications will be selected by a committee whose decision is final. Please phone **250.381.1021** for more information or an application form.

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NOMINATE OUR NEXT HONOURARY MEMBER!

The purpose of this designation is to recognize longterm service to the Society.

Nominees must exhibit outstanding contributions to the Society on and/or off stage, must have at least 10 consecutive years as a member and must have served at least one term as an Executive Member.

Any member may recommend and put forward another member's name with written justification for the Executive's consideration. Deadline is **June 15th, 2011**.

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