



VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY
MUSICAL THEATRE SINCE 1945.

FALL 2011

MUSICAL UPDATE

~ NEEDED! ~

The production team for **White Christmas** is still looking for a props person(s), as well as three or four male singers, and three males who can tap. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please contact Mary-Lynne Britt at johnpbritt@telus.net or 250.472.0907

~ VOUCHERS ~

Vouchers for **White Christmas** are now available! The box office opens to voucher holders **Monday, September 19th** so be sure to get yours today!

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PRESENTING THE CAST OF WHITE CHRISTMAS ~

Irving Berlin's
White Christmas

Phil ~ Chris Newstead, **Bob** ~ Jeff Stephen, **Betty** ~ Marena Hunter
Judy ~ Jacquie Martin, **Martha** ~ Francesca Bitonti
General Waverly ~ Rob Cruse **Susan** ~ Erin Story

Chorus

Amber Crouch, Cathleen Evans, David Brillinger,
Darren Rathgaber, Ella Moore, Emily Hiebert, Guy Chester,
Mark Koslowski Heather Lewis, Des Lynch, Kelley O'Connor,
Mark Riishede, Matthew Mathiason, Megan Johns, Molly Speagle,
Patrick Heath, Pauline Price, Sadie Evans, Stephanie Geehan,
Stephanie Sartore, Suzanne Starkiewicz

December 9 - 18, 2011

Director: Don Keith

Music Director: Hilary Coupland

Choreographer: Jessica Hickman

Producer: Mary-Lynne Britt & Margaret Bowes

YOUR 2011/2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ~

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. We are pleased to announce your 2011/2012 Executive Committee:

President ~ Mary-Lynne Britt
Vice President ~ Tara Britt
Past President ~ Patrick Heath
Secretary ~ Kelley O'Connor
Assistant Secretary ~ Heather Lewis
Treasurer ~ Janet Hender
Assistant Treasurer ~ Mark Riishede

~ Advisory Board ~

Fran Bitonti, Margaret Bowes, David Brillinger, Guy Chester, Dwayne Gordon, Jessica McCool

The Executive would like to thank David Brillinger for his years as Treasurer, as well as Phil Hallman and Jason Vikse for their dedication and hard work during their tenure on the Executive Committee. We wish Jason and Krista all the best in their adventures "down under".

The Executive also extends a warm welcome to our new member, Guy Chester. Guy has appeared on stage in several productions and has spent countless volunteer hours building sets. We are confident that Guy will make valuable contributions to the Committee. We would also like to welcome Margaret Bowes back to the board! Thank you to all those who let their names stand for elections.



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IN RECOGNITION ~

THE DAVID MILLIGAN VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

Lal O'Connor

Lal (aka, the Hair Lady) is passionate about the VOS. She has been helping actors take their character to the next level in a fast, calming way for many years. Lal spends countless hours working on hair pieces, researching the shows/characters and making private appointments with the leads to perfect her art. Lal also volunteered in the office upon the departure of our Administrative Assistant. Always respectful, and a proud member, she sells vouchers, assists with costumes, and never gets in anybody's way. Perhaps her best attribute is that she never seeks praise or accolades - she is just happy that she can help. VOS is fortunate to have Lal as a member. We can't imagine what we would do without her skill.

Peta MacKenzie

Peta has been a member of VOS for 40 years. This past year, Peta Co-produced **The Wizard of Oz**. When our Administrator left, she volunteered in the office, and assisted the costume designer for **Broadway: Decades in Revue** by opening the costume loft at Langham Court to pull costumes, then picked them all up from the theatre when the show was done, took them to be cleaned and then returned them all. Peta also has been working on the VOS Archives during the year.

We are so pleased to announce these two, very deserving recipients, both who contribute so much to our society.

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Lal O'Connor & Peta MacKenzie, 2011 David Milligan Volunteer Recognition Award recipients

Honorary Member Tea

On Sunday August, 20, 2011, our Honourary Members joined the Executive Committee for Afternoon Tea at the VOS hall.

We were so pleased to have so many Honourary Members present: (Front Row, left to right) Fern Brawn, Gwen Glew, Lorraine Travis, Pat Blair, Diane Murton (Back Row, left to right) Holly McGimpsey, John Britt, David Brillinger, Doug Ericksen, Mary-Lynne Britt



May 4 - 13, 2012

Director/Choreographer: Tara Britt
Assistant to the Director: Fran Bitonti
Music Director: Rick Underwood
Assistant to the Music Director: Yoomi Kim
Producers: Patrick Heath & Kelley O'Connor

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS ~

NARNIA: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Presented by Four Seasons Musical Theatre The Isabelle Reader Theatre (Spencer School)
Friday October 28 at 7:30 pm, Saturday October 29 at 2pm and 7:30pm, Friday November 4 at 7:30pm and Saturday November 5 at 2pm and 7:30 pm
www.fourseasonsmusicaltheatre.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Heather Cassels, the winner of the VOS Student Scholarship. Heather was the Assistant Stage Manager for **The Wizard of Oz** and is now attending Sheridan College in Oakville, Ontario studying Technical Production for theatre. We wish her all the best!

We are proud to announce the launch of our newly designed website! Be sure to visit us at:
www.vos.bc.ca



Halloween is just around the corner and our Costume Loft may have just what you need! Costume Loft hours are Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9am to noon.

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!