



VICTORIA OPERATIC SOCIETY  
MUSICAL.THEATRE.SINCE 1945.

## WINTER 2011

MUSICAL UPDATE

### NEEDED!

The producers of **Broadway: Decades in Revue** are in need of a props person for the show. Please note, this is not a prop heavy production. If interested, please contact Mary-Lynne Britt at 250.472.0907

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## SPRING 2011 ~



May 6 - 15, 2011

Direction & Choreography by ~ Sylvia Hosie  
Music Direction by ~ Heather Burns  
Produced by ~ Mary-Lynne Britt, Laurie Carr-Hall

Join us for a musical journey that takes a fast-paced glimpse at some of the best loved songs to ever grace the Broadway stage. **Broadway: Decades in Revue** will feature some of your favourite songs and some you may not be so familiar with. This timeless adventure will capture your heart with songs from various decades throughout the 1900's all the way up to present day. Don't miss this musical extravaganza!



### ~ Ensemble ~

Maggie Bacharach, Fran Bitonti, Tara Britt, Brian Christensen, Drew Coleman, Devan Coward, James Green, Megan Johns, Colleen Mares, Mark LaBelle, Pam Miller, Rachel Mitten, Kelley O'Connor, Victor Pasta, John Pugh, Mark Riishede, Joe Scheubel, Tea Siskin, Brandon Steeves, Quinn Stevens, Keeley Teuber, Chelsea Tucker, Sue Wilkey, Craig Wilson

### ~ Children ~

Michael Cooper, Elizabeth Duncan, Daniel Hunwick, Jonathan Hunwick, Alicia Levesque, Molly Lydon, Ashleigh Martens, Vivian Elrick Penner, Sunny Sheffman, Erin Storey, Hunter Watson, Mariah McDonald

### ~ Dancers ~

Tara Britt, Jessica Brown, Deanna Callander, Jessica McCool, Katie Pearse, Keeley Teuber, Craig Wilson, Karina Wright

### ~ Pit Chorus ~

Katie Friesen, Brittany Peters, De Roger, Linda Billings



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## CONGRATULATIONS! ~

### THE DENNY AWARDS - IN HONOR OF DENIS GIRVIN ~

The Denny is awarded to a performer in a Leading Role who demonstrates attitude, punctuality, enthusiasm, team player, willingness to take direction and dedication.

**Recipient: Sean Baker (Scarecrow)**

The Denny Award is also awarded to a performer in a Supporting Role with an emphasis on the learning process. It is intended to encourage new and inexperienced actors to continue in the performing arts.

**Recipient: Drew Coleman (Ensemble)**

### THE MURTIE AWARD ~

The Murtie Award, created by Diane Murton, is designed to honor an outstanding member of the running crew.

**Recipient: Mark Riishede**

### BEHIND THE SCENES ~

This award is presented to the individual who has gone above and beyond in the position they held as a member of the production team.

**Recipient: Janet Hender**

### GOLDEN PLUMB BOB AWARD ~

This award is presented to encourage and support a person who has shown a willingness to undertake the learning process of set construction. They should be helped to explore and hone their hidden talents, to ensure the integrity, function and beauty of the set for those tread the Boards!

**Recipient: John Chester, John Britt**

**The Wizard of Oz** was a great success! We received wonderful reviews, performed to packed houses, and left audiences full of delight. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!

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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 ~



Jason Vikse  
Member-at-Large  
Chair, Future Shows Committee

Born and raised in Kelowna, BC, Jason had no dreams of becoming an actor. A zoologist, maybe. A fireman, perhaps. Something practical and responsible, like a bullfighter or a magician. But certainly not an actor.

Jason's first foray into musical theatre was a high-school production of **West Side Story**. Four years later, a friend in need of moral support convinced him to audition with him for **Fiddler on the Roof** at a local studio. He was cast, and the legend was born.

Jason met his beautiful wife Krista as he was completing his Bachelor of Arts at UBC-O. They graduated, got married, and soon heard the call of "island living." He has since been working to support his wife and his theatre habit as the Giftware Manager at Christian Book & Music.

Since moving to Victoria four years ago, Jason has performed in almost all of VOS's shows, including **The Music Man**, **West Side Story**, **Hello, Dolly!**, **The Will Rogers' Follies**, **Gypsy**, and was seen most recently as a Munchkin in **The Wizard of Oz**. He has also been involved behind the scenes as the Assistant to the Director for **Grease**. He has served on the Board of the Victoria Youth Musical Theatre Society, and has performed and directed for a variety of companies in Victoria. He joined the VOS Executive in September of 2010.

With his wife finishing her PhD in Chemistry at UVIC this year, Jason's road ahead is uncertain and may involve leaving the island and VOS behind for a time, but there will always be a special place in his heart for the VOS and the family he has found there, and he hopes to return one day to trod the boards again.

**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, Mark Riishede, Jason Vikse



## AUDITION NOTICE ~

### LITTLE WOMEN



June 9th - 12th, 2011  
The Ridge Playhouse

Black Box Productions is pleased to announce they will be holding auditions for their production of Little Women: The Musical!

#### Audition Dates & Times:

February 25th - 6:30 - 9:30

February 26th - 6:30 - 9:30

February 27th - 6:30 - 9:30

Character List: (Note: The characters age throughout the show, so performers will have to play within an approximate age range):

- ~ Meg March - Lyric Soprano, 18 - 28,
- ~ Jo March - Mezzo with Belt, 16 - 26
- ~ Beth March - Light Soprano, 15 - 25
- ~ Amy March - Soprano, 14 - 24
- ~ Marmee - Alto/Mezzo, 40 - 50
- ~ Aunt March - Mezzo, 40 - 50
- ~ Theodore Laurence (Laurie) - Strong tenor, 16 - 26
- ~ John Brooke - Baritone, 24 - 34
- ~ Mr. Laurence - Baritone, Laurie's Grandfather
- ~ Professor Friedrich Bhaer - Baritone, 35 - 45

Please note there is no chorus in this show.

To book an audition, or for more information, please email:  
Black Box Productions at [blackboxproductions@hotmail.com](mailto:blackboxproductions@hotmail.com).

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#### "Theatrical Logic"

In is down, down is front,  
out is up, up is back,  
off is out, on is in,  
and of course -  
right is left, and left is right.

A drop shouldn't and a  
block and fall does neither.  
A prop doesn't and  
a cove has no water.

Tripping is O.K.  
A running crew rarely gets  
anywhere.  
A purchase line will buy you  
nothing.  
A trap will not catch anything.  
A gridiron has nothing to do  
with football.

A Strike is work  
(in fact a lot of work).  
And a green room, thank God,  
usually isn't.  
Now that you are fully versed  
in theatrical terms,  
Break a leg...  
but not really!

## SHOWS NOT TO MISS ~

#### CURTAINS, Presented by the South Island Musical Theatre Society

The Cowichan Theatre ~ February 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th at 7:30pm, February 6th at 2pm ~ Tickets: \$30  
Box office: 250.748.7529

The Port Theatre, Nanaimo ~ February 26th at 7:30pm & 27th at 2pm ~ Tickets: \$30  
Box Office: 250.754.8550

#### STRAIGHT NO CHASER ~ Acapella in a whole new way!

McPherson Playhouse ~ February 19th at 7:30pm ~ Tickets in advance: \$38, At the Door: \$42  
Box Office: 250.386.6121  
[www.sncmusic.com](http://www.sncmusic.com)

#### THE MIKADO, Presented by the Victoria G&S Society

Charlie White Theatre ~ March 19th & 26th at 8pm, 20th & 27th at 2pm ~ Tickets: \$20 to \$33  
Box Office: 250.656.0275

The McPherson Playhouse ~ April 2nd at 8pm & 3rd at 2pm ~ Tickets: \$20 to \$38  
Box Office: 250.386.6121

#### THE LADY IN THE VAN, Presented by Langham Court Theatre

Langham Court Theatre ~ March 2nd to 19th ~ Tickets \$16/\$18  
Box Office: 250.384.2142

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