

# BACKSTAGE NEWS

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## Audition Call

**A**re you still looking for your 15 minutes of fame? Do you enjoy a mean game of Monopoly? If you answered **YES** to both of these, read on.

Director Diana Braathen is looking for five men and women of all ages to star in Terrace Little Theatre's season opener, Nagel Jackson's **'A Hotel on Marvin Gardens'**.

This fast paced comedy, set in a cottage on April Fool's Day, centres around a cut-throat game of Monopoly. Very early in the game, disillusioned 'Me' magazine editor, Henry, starts to see parallels between the board game and the player's 'empty' lives. Throw in a food critic and a pretty girl the storm blows in, and we have the ingredients of an evening of non-stop laughs.

Auditions will be held **August 16 and 20**, 7pm at McCull Playhouse. No previous acting experience is necessary. Beginners are very welcome. Call **Diana** at **635-1815** for more info about the audition process, or to let her know you are interested in working on the show in some other way. Also, check out **TLT's FAQ** link at [www.mytl.ca](http://www.mytl.ca).

## Space Still Available

**D**o you want to be a **STAR**? Are you between 6 and 12 year of age? Don't miss out on the last session of our annual **Summer Drama Days** at the McCull Playhouse.

August 7-24

6 to 9 year olds from 9 am to Noon  
10 to 12 year olds from 1pm to 4pm

**Cost: \$70 per child**

**Session size is limited so register NOW for a guaranteed spot!**

Print the **registration form** from our web site at [www.mytl.ca/dramadays.htm](http://www.mytl.ca/dramadays.htm) or call the theatre at 638 1215 for more info.



## Summer Drama Days

**T**he July session of Summer Drama Days concluded on July 27 after an excellent gala night performance.

The session started with a week of games that focused on trust and teamwork among the students.

The plays were introduced in the second week, and costumes were chosen as the kids learned their lines. After the set was constructed and painted, rehearsals commenced.

The younger 6-9 year olds performed the student-written play **"The Perils of Prince Percy of Pomegranate"**, while the older 10-12 year olds had a lot of fun with **"A Mad Breakfast"** and the shorter **"Writer's Block"**. All three plays challenged the age groups and allowed for character development and interaction.

The gala night performance was well received by the parents and other audience members. Throughout the session excursions were taken to the park promoting physical activity and teamwork.

We would like to thank everyone that helped with the July session: Evan, for helping us with the set; Annette, for video taping the performance; the Hampshire family for lending us costumes; and Mavis for helping us with the lighting hang, and her general support and advice.

## Top Ten

**T**he top ten reasons for joining the Terrace Little Theatre as taken from an article contributed to the Terrace Standard.

10. Meet interesting people from all walks of life.
  9. Keep abreast of theatre events through the monthly newsletter.
  8. Meet and learn from Theatre BC professionals.
  7. Be part of a diverse group of people that works together for common goals.
  6. Discover your hidden talents.
  5. Obtain discounts on advance ticket purchases.
  4. Make life-long friendships and broaden your sense of community.
  3. Experience the sense of "family" that is established during a production.
  2. Set your own involvement level. Your commitment can be large or small, and vary from season to season.
- And the #1 reason to join Terrace Little Theatre:
1. Rehearsals for TLT's comedy Season Opener will soon be underway!

## Volunteers Needed

**O**nce again we are planning for our pre-season house clean.

Anyone able to lend a hand please call the theatre at 638 1215.

## Silent Auction

**T**he Gala Night evening, to be held in September, is still looking for artwork for the silent auction

Artists who wish to donate a piece of their work to the silent auction please call Mavis at the theatre, **638 1215**.

Artists may place a minimum reserve bid on their pieces.

Proceeds will go to the building fund.

## 2001 Udder Fest

**F**or the third year in a row fellow Skeena Zone members Harbour Theatre are hosting their fringe Festival, Udder Fest, August 8th to 12th 2001. With a diverse line up that features everything from adult comedy to children's shows Udder fest promises to be spectacular. Check out <http://www.harbourtheatre.bc.ca/udderfest2001.htm> for more info about the shows.

***The Mysterious Heart's Treasures of the Mesmerizing Mermaid***  
Mesmerizing Mermaid Creations

***The Fever***  
by Wallace Shawn

***Hope Slide***  
by Joan MacLeod  
Produced by Phantasm Players

***Something Fishy***  
Aquatic Hee Haw

***Dr. Quast & Mr. Skinner***  
Written by David Quast and Christopher Earl  
Produced and Directed by Bas Rynsewyn

***Butts Out at the Belmont***

***Udderly Improv***

***The Wicked Wish***  
A collaborative theatrical effort by Kya Leydier, Kayla Sankey, Rod McNish, Lyle McNish, Lani Foster, Trenea Decker and Marie-Louise Savoie.

## Exiting Stage Right

A fond farewell to theatre members John and Maria McGowan returning to their Atlantic roots.

John has been an active member of the theatre since his arrival in Terrace. He has appeared in numerous productions over the years. From traditional classics like "**Brighton Beach Memoirs**" to fun in the sun comedies like "**Hooters**". John has won the Skeena Zone award for Best Actor several times. In 1993 for his role in "**Salt Water Moon**", in 1997 for his role in "**The Watering Place**". He shared the award in 1999 with his co-star, Alan Weston, for their roles in "**A Life in the Theatre**." At the provincial level he was part of the casts presented best ensemble awards for "**Living Together**" in 1992 and "**Orphans**" in 1994. John was wonderful to work with and very entertaining to watch. Our hope is that he will continue to peruse his acting talents in Atlantic Canada.

Terrace Little Theatre offers up a loud round of applause for John and wishes him and his family all the best.  
John has left his email address for any who want to stay in touch [johnmcgowan99@hotmail.com](mailto:johnmcgowan99@hotmail.com)

Farewell too, to Karen MacDowell and her family off to greener pastures in Victoria. Karen's only on stage role was in 1996's "**Harvey**." For the last few years her talents have been put to use backstage with stage managing and props. She has also been a helpful member of various committees finishing with the recent Zone Festival. Hoping to see you at future Mainstages Karen!

## Next Season

**O**ver the next few months we'll plan next year's line-up and will mail 2001/2002 Playbills to Terrace and area homes in early September. **THANK YOU** to all businesses, organizations and patrons who have shown their continued support over the years.

## Thank you

**A** huge thank you to all those members who gave of their time and energy over the past season. Your contribution no matter how large or small is part of what makes community theatre so much fun.

A reminder to all members that any time, help or ideas that you can offer the theatre is always appreciated.



## On the Lighter Side

-- If all the worlds a stage - when is curtain call?

-- Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the universe together

-- One only needs two tools in life: WD-40 to make things go, and duct tape to make them stop.

-- The classic struggle in Theatre: "The Show must go on" -vs- "This is stupid, I'm going home."

-- Those who would alter reality must first escape it.



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