

# BACKSTAGE NEWS

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## Season Opener

**O**pening night of our comedy season opener, Nagle Jackson's "A Hotel on Marvin Gardens", is this Thursday November 15.

Starring **Julie Jacobs, Brent Nixon, Chris Stone, Sharon Baker** and **Keely Wallace**, the action centres around a cut-throat game of Monopoly on April Fool's Day, a yearly tradition among the corporate executives of 'Me' magazine.

In the spirit of the game theme, audience members are invited to enter a contest for a pair of Dinner Theatre tickets, guessing which set pieces/props represent the various Monopoly board properties. Look for details in the program.

Tickets for this fast-paced comedy, directed by **Diana Braathen**, are available now at Uniglobe Courtesy Travel in the Lazelle mini-Mall.

## Auditions Soon

**D**irector **Daniel Barnswell** will hold auditions in December for our **March 2002 production**, exact dates to be announced soon.

He has short listed script possibilities and will make his decision following casting.

Daniel Barnswell directed last season's "How I Learned to Drive", Burnaby Trophy winner at Theatre BC's Mainstage in July. Always exciting to work with and learn from, call **Dan now at 635-5170** to get on board.



## Cast Announced

**F**ollowing auditions in mid October, Director Joe Zucchiatti has cast the Norm Foster comedy "**Drinking Alone**".

Robin Hollett, Jason Marshall, Dawn Johnson, Carol Zucchiatti and Gerry Stuebing will star in this season's **Dinner Theatre**.

Once again, it will be staged the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club in late January to mid February. Joe is thrilled with this cast and says dinner theatre audiences are in for a real treat.

Although rehearsals are already underway, it is still not too late to get involved. For more info, call **Joe at 635-3426** or Stage Manager **Kim Hewgill at 615-7286**.



## Spring Show

**F**ollowing his acting debut with Terrace Little Theatre in "Drinking Alone", **Jason Marshall** will jump right into directing his first play for TLT.

Jason has acting, design and directing experience from the University of Saskatchewan. He has selected a script, called "**Traffic**" written by **Larry Parsons**, a university colleague.

"Traffic", a dark comedy about following the lives of four twenty-something friends, provides excellent opportunities for our younger members to showcase their talents.

Plans are to enter "Traffic" into the **Skeena Zone Festival**, to be hosted by Kitimat's On-Cue Players in May 2002. Performance dates at McCull Playhouse will be announced following casting. Auditions will likely be held in February.

Anyone interested in reading the script or assisting with the show in any way, please call **Jason at 638-5799**.

## Yuk Yuk's

**O**nce again, Terrace Little Theatre will bring "**Yuk Yuk's on Tour**" to Terrace.

Harold Gottfried Pruess and Cris Nannorone will be here for 3 cabaret style shows, January 11 and 12 at the Best Western Inn.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift idea? A pair of tickets to Yuk Yuk's would make an excellent **stocking stuffer**.

Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets early. During last September tour dates, we had to turn away many people who hoped to get tickets at door. **Tickets are available now** for \$15 each at Uniglobe.

## Memberships

**Y**early memberships are only \$5.00 and with that you get this informative monthly newsletter and discounts on tickets to TLT plays.

Please spread the word to family and friends the great value of purchasing a TLT membership.

If you have paid your membership and have not yet received your membership card, contact **Mavis** at **638-1215**.

## Missing

**T**he cast and crew of 'A Hotel on Marvin Gardens' have searched high and low for 'A Connecticut Yankee in Arthur's Court', a book brought to the Playhouse for use by the production.

Likely, someone has borrowed it or put it away in a not so obvious place while tidying up. If you know its whereabouts, please call Stage Manager **Gavin Wallace** at **615-8686**.

## Executive Producer

**A**t the last meeting, the Board of Directors, clarified **Mavis Hamilton's** role with regard to play productions, appointing her 'Executive Producer'.

Over the past several years, Mavis has volunteered several hours a month producing most of our shows; and, as our part time General Manager, she is already our primary contact with the media and our many business sponsors. Naming her Executive Producer formalizes what has been in practice for many years.

From now on, Producers of individual shows will report to Mavis who will report to the Board of Directors. This will ensure consistency from production to production, once again formalizing procedures already in practice.

**Thank you** to Mavis for your dedication over the years.

## Best Wishes

**I**n September TLT member **Karla Hennig** accepted the position of **Manager** of the REM Lee Theatre.

To take on this challenge, Karla made the decision to resign from her position at the Terrace Women's Resource Centre.

To our delight, she is still finding time for Terrace Little Theatre, recently designing and decorating the set for our season opener. She is also talking about a proposal to direct a play next season.

**Congratulations** and all the best to Karla in her new role.

## On the Move

**N**orthern Drugs has agreed to host our web site, [www.mytlt.ca](http://www.mytlt.ca), on their corporate server **free of charge**.

**Thank you to Northern Drugs** for your support of community groups like TLT.

## Newsletter

**T**o help save trees and TLT postage, you have the option of receiving your monthly newsletter by email rather than snail mail. If you would like to switch, contact us at [info@mytlt.ca](mailto:info@mytlt.ca).

## Blast from the Past

**L**ife member **Ken Morton**, now living in the 'balmy South', recently emailed us details of his current theatre involvement.

Ken is now directing "Goodnight Mrs.Puffin" for Metro Theatre in Vancouver. Those who were in members back in the '70's will remember he directed this once before for TLT with **Margaret Sinjur** playing Mrs.Puffin.

Next May, Ken will direct "Talent For Murder" for White Rock Players.

**Hello** to both Ken and Lorna from all of us in the 'blistering North'!

## Golf Tournament

**J**une 8, 2002 is the confirmed date for our 4th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser.

If you would like to get involved in organizing, please call **Gordon Oates** at **638-0996**

## Zone Meeting

**T**he next Skeena Zone Meeting will be held at McColl Playhouse Saturday **November 24, at 1:00pm**. Members from all Zone Clubs are encouraged to attend.

## Next General Meeting

**O**ur next meeting is at McColl Playhouse **Wednesday, December 12** at 7:30 pm.

**Note: Every monthly meeting is a 'General Members' meeting: Everyone is encouraged to attend!**



## Quiz

**I**n early 1999 Hasbro announced the first new token to be added to the Monopoly game in more than four decades.

What is it?

Look for the answer in the December issue of Backstage News.

