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KT Hosts the E.O.D.L. Festival

The 2004 Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival opens at the Ron Maslin Playhouse on Wednesday, April 14. Four community theatre groups from across Eastern Ontario will be competing for top honours from adjudicator Allan Stratton.

Each evening, one of the four companies (including KT) will present its entry and receive adjudication. On Sunday, April 18, awards will be presented at the Awards Brunch, held at the Holiday Inn Select in Kanata.

Below is the Festival lineup. Four great plays in a row by four different companies offer a unique opportunity for theatre lovers to see the varieties of talent, interpretation and artistry that exist in Ontario community theatre. As well, the creative and technical skills of each company will be on display, as sets designed to be portable and quick to install were a must for each company sharing the RMP stage.

So reserve your tickets today for this exciting event, and take advantage of this opportunity to see Ontario community theatre at its best!

Wednesday, April 14

Kanata Theatre
Over the River and Through the Woods,
by Joe DiPietro.

Thursday, April 15

Domino Theatre
Freedom of the City, by Brian Friel

Friday, April 16

Peterborough Theatre Guild
The Dresser, by Ronald Harwood

Saturday, April 17

Highlands Little Theatre
Bedroom Farce, by Allan Ayckbourn

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Coming Events

Mar. 23-27 & Mar. 30-Apr. 3, + EODL performance April 14, 2004: "Over the River and Through the Woods", by Joe DiPietro. Directed by Rosemary Keneford. Open Rehearsal: April 12, 8:00 pm. Provide an audience for the players in our EODL Festival entry! Information: Rosemary Keneford, 592-3453; keneford@aol.com.

April 14 to 18: Kanata Theatre hosts the Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival. Series Pass at \$50 for all four plays. Single ticket price per play is \$15. Ticket/Event Order Forms are available in the lobby or from Dorothy Beak (592-5787).

April 29 to May 2: Lakeside Players, "The Melville Boys", by Norm Foster. Kanata Theatre's own Alain Chamsi appears in his first foray away from the nest. Tickets \$9 (\$7 for students and seniors), contact Alain at alainchamsi@netscape.net or 728-0917. See p. 2 for details.

Friday, May 7, 2004, 3 p.m.: Deadline for submissions to the May issue of Greasepaint - Email plain text (.txt) to Amy at dc.adams@sympatico.ca, or call 592-6547.

President's Message

Once again, Congratulations are in order! Audiences and critics alike are unanimous in their praise of "Over the River and Through The Woods". Kudos to Rosemary (Rosie) Keneford, her cast and crew, and all those who have assisted in making this warm and funny comedy such a success. If you didn't get to the Members' Preview or didn't purchase a ticket for the run, you still have a chance to see it on the first night of the EODL Festival, April 14. Contact Dorothy Beak to buy your ticket.

Speaking of the Festival, Wendy Wagner and her committee are now putting the finishing touches on the plans for hosting the various groups who will be converging on the Playhouse from April 14 - 17 and for the Awards Brunch on the 18th. It sounds like an exciting week. All members are invited to come out and take part in the festivities. It will be your opportunity to see groups from out of town and hear constructive comments from the adjudicator.

One other event also merits Congratulations. As you all know, Mary Mauger was the founding member of Kanata Theatre when she put an ad in the Kanata Standard in October of 1968 inviting those interested in theatre to come to her home for an exploratory meeting. Out of that meeting, Kanata Theatre was born. This past week Mary, and her husband Ted, celebrated 50 years of marriage. For those of us who have known them these past 35 years and for those of you who recognize their contribution to where we are today, we say thank you Mary and Ted and we wish you many years of happiness as Kanata Theatre continues the journey towards its own Golden Anniversary.

Announcements/Thank You

CORRECTION: The parents of young Claire Diana Clapham are Jane and Kent Clapham, not Jane and Clapham, as previously published. Betty Francis and the editor send sincere apologies to Kent Clapham for the mistake.

Mary and I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our dear friends who came out to join us in celebrating our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Over these years so many of you have occupied a very special place in our hearts and to a great extent replaced the family we left behind when we came to Canada from England. Our life would not be the same without your support and encouragement and we cherish the friendship you have given us. Bless you all.

~ Mary and Ted Mauger

This is an au revoir from Phil Brown and Nancy Rawson. We are moving to Guelph to pursue a new life and further education. Phil has applied to U of G where he hopes to study music, English, Spanish and drama. I graduated from U of G many many years ago but now I'm going back part time to study fine art. I believe they have an active amateur theatre group in Guelph, so hopefully they will need an artist/set painter! It's been such a pleasure being involved with Kanata Theatre. In addition to meeting many wonderful new people, both Phil and I learned lots. The support and encouragement Phil got is a contributing factor in his desire to continue with drama and theatre arts at Guelph. We'll miss KT and I know we'll be back to visit.

~ Cheers, Nancy and Phil

Our funny friend Jennifer Scrivens now has a career out of making people laugh! The iNSTiTUTION, Ottawa's ONLY professional improv comedy club, is home to some of Ottawa's funniest improvisors, including Jen. She can be seen every Saturday night in Capital iNdiscretions, a totally improvised soap opera. She has also taken on the job as Producer of Events at the club, and part owner. Come out and see what other forms of theatre Ottawa has to offer. Check out the website www.theinstitution.ca for details and directions.

Wheelchair Wanted: For the past month I've been getting around on crutches, with my leg in a cast. On visits to the National Arts Centre I was fortunate to be able to borrow a wheelchair. That made it much easier to get about without putting any weight on my leg, and also let me sit with my leg up as ordered.

I would like to see Kanata Theatre similarly equipped. Do you have an unused folding wheelchair in the basement that could be kept in the cloakroom to lend during performances? Ideally it should have adjustable leg supports in addition to the usual footrests.

~ Al Quirt

The Lakeside Players are pleased to present "The Melville Boys", written by Canadian playwright Norm Foster. **Kanata Theatre's own Alain Chamsi** appears in a lead role in his first foray away from the nest. The show runs from April 29 to May 2 (the Sunday show will be a matinee). Tickets are \$9 (\$7 for students and seniors) and are available by contacting Alain at alainchamsi@netscape.net or at 728-0917. Thanks for your support.

~ Alain Chamsi

It's Here! EODL 2004

By the time everyone reads this month's Greasepaint, the Festival will be less than 14 days away. Please contact the members listed below if you can offer some time to help during the Festival.

Festival Special Events

- Barry Caiger will be leading us on a bus tour of Ottawa and a guided tour of the NAC on Thursday April 15, 2004. The bus will leave the playhouse parking lot at 11:30 am sharp. Cost is \$10 per person and seating is limited.
- The second event is a Director's Workshop/Reading given by the Festival adjudicator Allan Stratton. It will take place on Friday April 16 at 2:00 pm in the playhouse lobby. There is no cost. **However**, preference will be given to those KT members who purchase a "Series Pass" AND seating is limited so first come, first served.
- The final event is the Awards Brunch being held at the Holiday Inn Select on Sunday April 18 at 11:00 am. Tickets are \$25 per person.

All Kanata Theatre members are encouraged to purchase the Series Pass at \$50 for all four plays. Single ticket price per play is \$15. Ticket/Event Order Forms are available in the lobby or from Dorothy Beak (592-5787).

Volunteer Opportunities

- Front of House – contact Jim Ritchie at 592-5775.
- Refreshments – contact Jane Maslin at 592-1045.
- Backstage Work Crews – contact Paul Gardner at 592-0314 or Karl Wagner at 599-4476.
- Hospitality Crew (day and evening spots need to be filled) – contact Joan Ritchie at 592-5775.
- Miscellaneous "go-fers" – contact Wendy Wagner at 599-4476.

The festival promises to be a busy and fun-filled 5 days. Come and be a part of this historic event!

Wendy Wagner
EODL Festival Chair, 2004
599-4476
wwagner@rogers.com

Backstage Crew for EODL Festival

To support the three visiting companies at the EODL festival, we need several more volunteers to work on the technical crew. Many of the usual techies have put in their name already, but we still need more help. Wednesday is a free day for set up, since our own production will already be in place, but we have to supervise the tear down and make sure the theatre is ready for the next group on Thursday.

We then have three days straight, from 7 a.m. until long after midnight, which means several shifts. I would like to have at least three helpers in place all day for load in and setup, and two at night for tear down and load out. Jobs could include anything from helping hang lights and programme the board, to helping the costume people arrange their dressing room, to helping the construction crew find a replacement for that missing part over at Home Depot.

Please call to volunteer, paul_gardner@rogers.com or 592-0314.

EODL TICKETS: GET YOURS TODAY!!

Performances of EODL Participants: April 14-17. Kanata Theatre's "Over the River and Through the Woods" opens the Festival on Wednesday April 14th. Tickets \$15 single performance, \$50 series (4 plays).

Tour of N.A.C. and guided tour of Ottawa: Thursday Apr. 15, 11:30 am -3:30 pm. Bus departs RMP no later than 11:30 am. \$10 per person.

Directors' Workshop (talk & question and answer period): Friday Apr. 16, 2:00 pm: Given by adjudicator Allan Stratton, location is RMP Foyer.

Awards Brunch: Sunday April 18, 11:00 am at Holiday Inn Select, \$25 per person.

TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Please reserve as soon as possible, as we must submit numbers for admission, transportation and catering.

Call Dorothy Beak at 592-5787 or Box Office 831-4435. Tickets will be put aside to be picked up on performance nights or at the events.

Payment options: Cheques made payable to Kanata Theatre, Visa and Master Card, debit & cash.

Out of Sight....Out of Murder

Despite the combined craziness of a play in production and the preparations being made to host the EODL, our last production of the season, "Out of Sight...Out of Murder" has been cast and rehearsals are now in full swing. The cast is as follows:

Peter Knight	Brett Kelly
Minna	Helen Weeden
Lydia	Erin Ryan
Cogburn	Barry Caiger
Kay Kelsey	Reba Sigler
Fiona	Gwendy Tolley
Addie	Ashley Elliot
Dick Stanton	Kevin Murphy
Jordan Dillingham	Al Quirt

Susan Monaghan and Gerry Thompson will be co-directing this mystery comedy set to run from May 25 - 29 and June 1 - 5. Most technical positions have been filled as well but anyone wishing to lend a hand with continuity, costumes, makeup or whatever else you would like to contribute, will be welcomed with open arms.

Please note that we are still in need of a second assistant stage manager!!

If you can help us out at all, please contact either Karen Lively at 591-9971 (kareenlively@sympatico.ca) or Tatiana Naumov at 591-0206 (tatiana.naumov@rogers.com)

KT Membership Dues

1 yr. individual \$10; 1 yr. family \$20; 1 yr. student \$5; 5 yr. individual \$40; 5 yr. family \$80.

For membership information, contact Tom Kobolak at 591-1773 or tkobolak@magma.ca. Send cheques to 5 Riding Way, Kanata ON K2M 1C3; or drop it by the RMP, addressed "Attention: Membership and Training".

FRONT OF HOUSE

A big thank you to all those who volunteered for front of house for the run of "Over the River..." It is so gratifying not to make even one call to ask for help, as it was enthusiastically volunteered. We also have our helpers for the E.O.D.L. front of house lined up.

Guess what! Sheryl and Don Bell will be house managers for "Out of Sight, Out of Murder" (Joan asks if I'm sure I won't be disappointed not doing this one!) Please give Sheryl and Don your support by calling them at 592-1239 and giving them some time. "Out of Sight..." runs from May 25th to June 5th. See you then.

~ Jim Ritchie, House Manager: "Over the River and Though the Woods".

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April 14-18 at the Ron Maslin Playhouse

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- Domino Theatre
- Peterborough Theatre Guild
- Highlands Little Theatre

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