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ECHO PLAYERS NEWSLETTER—FALL 2010



And our first play of the new season:

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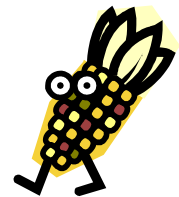
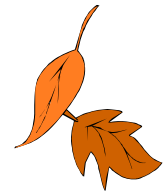
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THE MOUSETRAP

WRITTEN BY AGATHA CHRISTIE

DIRECTED BY EILEEN POPE

CO-PRODUCED BY BEV BIRCHARD AND MIKE ANDREWS



OCTOBER 6-24 2010

TICKETS 250.752.3522
 Available at the Theatre Box Office:
 TUES - SAT 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
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THE MOUSETRAP by Agatha Christie

Directed By Eileen Pope

CAST

Molly Ralston

Giles Ralston

Christopher Wren

Major Metcalf

Mr. Paravicini

Miss Casewell

Mrs Boyle

Detective Sergeant Trotter

Radio Voice

Kim Bellwood

Werner Koch

Thayne Werdal

Brian Lecky

Paul Churchill

Samantha Bau

Susan Evans

James Matthews

Alistair McVey



CHRISTOPHER WREN

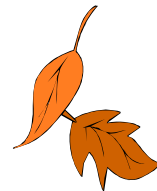
**Produced By: Bev Birchard
Mike Andrews**



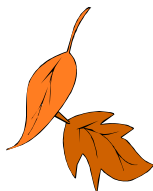
DET. SGT. TROTTER



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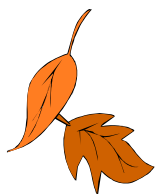


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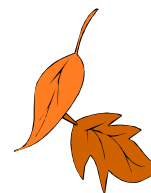


With a wonderful full Production Crew too numerous to mention in this space

WE BEGIN THE NEW SEASON BY WELCOMING OUR NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



President	Brenda Jemmeson
Vice President	Paul Churchill
Secretary	Geri Hemphill
Treasurer	Bev Birchard
Past President	Mary-Ann Kennedy
Director	Ken McCready
Director	Teresa Stanley
Director	Mick Banks
Director	Werner Koch
Director	Margaret Jenkins
Director	Aileen Fabris



ECHO PLAYERS' LINE UP OF PLAYS FOR 2010/2011

Our season opens in October with Agatha Christie's famous *The Mousetrap*. Directed by ECHO Players veteran actor and director Eileen Pope, this proved to be Christie's longest-running mystery on the London stage.

In December, we offer *Robinson Crusoe*, a pantomime directed by Mary Ann Kennedy, well-known for her popular musical productions in recent seasons. Written by Graham Barraclough, it will be an ideal Christmas entertainment for the whole family.

The delightful *Lettice and Lovage*, by award-winning playwright Peter Shaffer (*Amadeus*, *Equus*, etc.), will run in March and April, 2011, directed by Sue Murguly. Filled with drama and laughter, this production will be ECHO Players' entry in Theatre BC's North Island Zone Festival. You will no doubt remember Sue's recent double-ender *Educating Rita* and *Oleanna*.

The season ends in May and June with the hilarious comedy *Over the River and Through the Woods*, by American playwright Joe DiPietro. Directed by Wendy Punter, who directed one of ECHO's entries in last year's One Act Play Festival, it features doting Italian-American grandparents who make every attempt to prevent their grandson from moving from New Jersey to Seattle.

In addition, the Annual Vancouver Island One Act Play Festival will be held at the Village Theatre during the first week of November, 2010.

Details about these plays are available in the 2010/2011 Season brochure (you can pick up your copy at the Village Theatre) and are posted on our website (www.echoplayers.ca). To enquire about season tickets, please phone the Village Theatre Box Office at 250-752-3522.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SEASON 2009/2010

The first duty for the year was the gathering in the Green Room after the A.G.M. and to bid farewell to our good friends Maurice and Avril and wish them all the best in their new adventure in Mexico.

Next was the Gala Opening Night for our new season for our Sponsors and Patrons; about 25 people attended and enjoyed themselves before going into our first production, *Menopositive the Musical* (October 8th) Then our usual after show party for members, cast and crew which was well attended.

Our next event was the Open House at our new facility in Hilliers, November 1st 2009. A small number attended and were very impressed with what they saw.

Moonlight Madness on 19th November 2009 turned out to be a very wet and cold evening so not too many came by to enjoy the goodies on hand and see inside the Theatre. Hopefully next year it will be better weather.

On the calendar next was our Christmas show "*Uh Oh here comes Christmas*" and again a very pleasant after show party was held in the Green Room.

Our members Christmas Party was held on 15th December . we had a sing-a-long with Kathy Harper on piano and enjoyed mincemeat pies, egg nog and mulled wine.

Our New Years Eve Dinner was held this year at Lefty's in Qualicum and a very nice evening was enjoyed by 42 people before going on to the last night of the Christmas Show. After the show, at Midnight, all had champagne and goodies to bring in the New Year, 2010.

The first production of 2010 was *The Kingfisher* 11th Feb 2010 and as usual a good many members joined the cast and crew in the Green Room after for drinks and finger Food.

We held a Members Night on the 17th March and a fun evening was had by all. As it was St. Patrick's Day, a meal of Irish stew, Irish soda bread and shortbread cookies was served for all to enjoy.

Next was "*Waiting for the "Parade"*, 8th April and then on Saturday 10th April we had a Dessert Evening after the Show of eccles cakes, roly poly pudding and jam tarts in keeping with the war time theme of the show.

A play reading evening was held 14th May and was very successful and there will be another one held soon.

Opening Night for "*School for Scandal*" 9th June was again a very enjoyable evening for all who attended and for members etc. who came to the Green Room after the show.

Our final event for the season was our Annual B.B.Q. at the Rotary Park on the beach. We had 87 members attend. It was a wonderful day weather-wise and this made for a very enjoyable afternoon and evening for all. The food was excellent as usual and thanks to all who helped in many ways to make it a SUCCESS.

Finally I would like to thank all my Committee for all their help throughout the year; without them it would not be the success it was.

Look forward to seeing you all next Season.

Margaret Jenkins

Social Chairperson.



"Celia and Yvette would like to thank everybody for their generous donations, both to wardrobe and our sewing area. We are busy sorting, folding and wrapping bolt- boards with the many yards of fabric donations.

Also please keep in mind that we will be having a costume sale in early October. Date and time to be announced very soon.

Celia Wesselman and Yvette Toombs"



VANCOUVER ISLAND JURIED ONE ACT FESTIVAL

The 6th Annual Juried One act Festival is being once again hosted by Echo Players. It will be held week commencing Monday 1st November 2010 to Sunday 7th November 2010. Final decisions on participating groups and plays will be announced shortly, all indications point to another highly successful Festival with upwards of 10 (ten) entries. Evening plays will commence at 7,30p.m. each evening and a Matinee will be held on Sunday 7th November at 2.00p.m. Followed by the Awards and wrap Up Party.

This year we have gone back to Three Jurors (like it was in the beginning) so will make it more interesting for all.

Tickets will be available mid October through the Theatre Box Office. Prices will be \$12.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Seniors and Students.

So please take note of dates and come out and support our wonderful Actors from around the Island and our local High Schools.

Echo Players production of "Waiting" By Ethan Coen, is being directed by Gerri Hemphill. Thanks Gerri for getting involved as I know you are a very busy person. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Margaret Jenkins

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS!

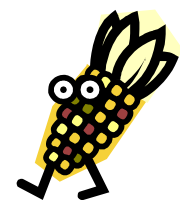
The Christmas pantomime, *Robinson Crusoe*, has now been cast. We are delighted to announce the names of those who will be involved in the play.

Ron Morrison -	Clara Crusoe
Robinson Crusoe -	Ann Jinks
Billy Crusoe -	Scott Murray
Mayor Percy Perkins -	Geoff Jenkins
Polly Perkins -	Liz Roy
Gluebeard -	Jim Currey
Ebb -	Lynn Beamond
Flo -	George Marshall
Girl Friday -	Nancy Nicholson
Briny -	Ali Jenkins



Amphitrite -	Janet Dol
Bobby Pin -	Mick Banks
Andy -	Spencer Hancock
Mandy -	Etsegenet Hopwood
Randy -	Daniel Handley
Bob -	Sophie Denton-Kadlubowski
Bones -	Althea Toynbee
Deadeye -	Sarah Fowler
Barnacle -	Belle Warner

Bev Birchard—Producer



A stupid man's report of what a clever man says can never be accurate, because he unconsciously translates what he hears into something he can understand. --Bertrand Russell

ECHO PLAYERS – TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Final Report for the 2009/2010 Season

The principal objective of the Technical Committee is to support our productions with the best lighting, sound and special effects equipment available and to ensure that current safety standards are maintained. The Committee was comprised of George Murguly, Michael Stebbings, Alistair McVey (Chair), Ken McCready, Steve Beynon, Dana Fetherstonhaugh, Rudi Heijnen and Jim McArthur.

Recent activities:

During the recent Summer, all three of our older Strand CD80 dimmer packs were repaired and cleaned by Luella Technologies on a visit to the area. Rudi Heijnen has effected changes to the sound system which we are confident will remove the “hum” which occasionally comes from one or more of the speakers.

The technical specifications of the Village Theatre have now been updated and uploaded onto the ECHO website. The scrim material purchased last year is currently being altered and will be available for our Christmas production.

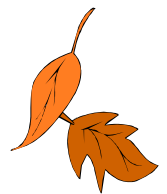
Future activities:

The Committee met recently to review our equipment and to draw up a list of capital items that will be presented to the Board for approval at its regular meeting this month.

I would like to commend the members for their thoughtful contributions to the Technical Committee; as well as looking after needed technical improvements for the Village Theatre, they all participate in our productions as designers and/or operators in Lighting and Sound. In addition, they frequently come to the Theatre at odd times to correct the problems that occur from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

Alistair McVey (Chair)



A CHAMPION IN THE MAKING

In July this summer the BC Summer Games were held in Langley BC and were officially opened by the Premier Gordon Campbell.

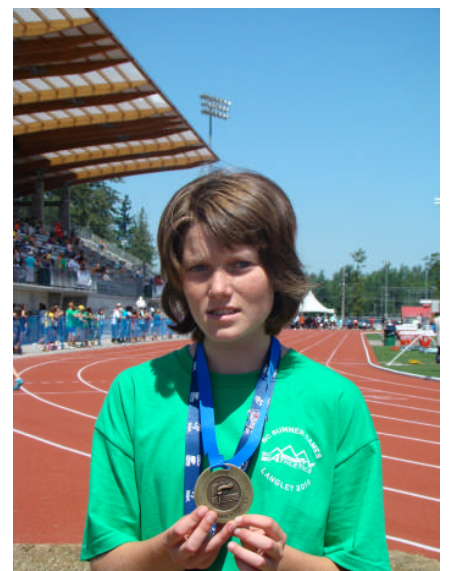
Caitlenn Jenkins, a Junior Member of Echo, also a member of Oceanside Track and Field coached by Kim and Randy Longmuir, competed in the 1500m Race - walk and brought home a Gold Medal for Vancouver Island. She won the race by 42 seconds over the Silver Place.

Vancouver Island had the largest team competing in the games representing various sports.

This week Caitlenn received a letter of Congratulations from Gordon Campbell which she was excited about.

After the BC Games, Caitlenn went on to the Club Championships in Abbotsford BC and again brought home the Gold in the 1500m Race-walk.

Caitlenn is 15 years old and attends Ballenas Senior High School in Parksville. She will also be working Backstage on the Christmas Show “Robinson Crusoe”



MEMBERS' NIGHTS

There are many opportunities to enjoy ECHO activities, in addition to participating in our productions. Be sure to mark the following member activities on your calendars:

Opening night – *The Mousetrap* – Wednesday, October 6. As is our tradition, members are encouraged to attend our opening performance and to join the cast and crew in the Green Room after the show for a free drink and delicious snacks prepared by Margaret Jenkins and the Social Committee.

Opening night – *Robinson Crusoe* – December 16.

Annual Christmas Party/Carol Sing-a-long: TBA.

New Year's Eve Dinner and Show – December 31st – for details, contact the Box Office (752-3522), which opens on Tuesday, September 21st.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST



Welcome to all New Members listed below; should I have missed a name, forgive me!

Patricia Pearce, Althea Toyanbee, Kevin Kinnear, Helen Poste, Judi & Mike Andrews, Kathryn Collins, Brenda Ethell, Elaine Deroosys, Ken Brooks, Penny Cumberland, Allena Cave, Laurie Clarke, Michael Armstrong, Charlotte Asplin, Linda Howard, Christine Segui, Spencer Hancock, and Carol Roberts. To all: thank you for joining - Have Fun and Enjoy.

RENEWALS of Membership must be completed by **September 30th**, following which communications will cease to those who have not renewed.

I must resign as chairperson for memberships, so am looking for a member to take over from me. This office could also be handled by two members forming a small committee. Orientation will be given. Contact me at 250-752-3004, or e-mail at brendajemmeson@shaw.ca

Lesley McVey and I ran two Play reading nights which were very successful and hope to plan more in the near future—so watch out for the notices.

Also out soon will be Notices regarding "Christmas in the Village" our Christmas Party, New Year's Eve dinner & Panto and a Member's night in February 2011.

Stay Safe, Well and Happy

Thank you all for the many hours you give to the club...very much appreciated..

See you at the theatre.

Brenda Jemmeson
Chairperson/ Membrship.



ECHO PLAYERS SCRIPT LIBRARY—AT THE VILLAGE THEATRE

The script library will be open every Thursday **Morning 10:00 a.m. till Noon**, during the box office opening hours for the next play. Right now that will be from September 21, 2010; Or by request.

HOWEVER, what is needed is some person (or two) to come forward and offer to man the script library. The two lovely ladies who have looked after our library for a long time are having to step down. The library is an important component in the drama & theatre that Echo Players offer. If you think you would enjoy this worthwhile endeavour, please call: Helen-Margaret Randall 250-954-1495.

**Donation to ECHO's Script Library**

A donation of 3 theatre texts has been received recently – The Stage Craft Handbook, by Daniel A. Ionazzi, Theatrical Design and Production, by J. Michael Gillette and Entertainment Industry Firearms Safety Advisory, by Felcan Enterprises. They were donated by Jim Windsor of Prince George. Jim will be retiring to Qualicum Beach in the Summer of 2011 and is looking forward to joining ECHO Players. You may recall his earlier donation of 3 CDs of sound effects, many of which have already been used in our most recent productions.

Stage Disasters

We have all experienced those moments of panic onstage when something goes wrong – a phone doesn't ring, an actor doesn't appear, a prop is missing, someone forgets his or her lines. Although they aren't funny at the time, they do take on a humorous nature when looking back on them. Members are invited to submit their stories of those ulcer-producing moments or other anecdotes about theatre.



Our community theatre group did "My Fair Lady" one year. During one show, the gramophone onstage quit working. It was integral to the next scene so the ASM went on during a scene change to fix it. The Stage Manager up in the booth didn't wait to hear "All clear" and the curtains started to open with the ASM still onstage. He had no option but to fall to the floor and hide himself behind a small riser. No one in the audience saw him but wondered why the Higgins, Eliza and Pickering seemed to be stepping over a large, hidden object onstage. During the next scene change he escaped and swore he would never do another play.....he did.

A community theatre director and I were meeting for lunch when he announced, excitedly, "I just finished a new play which I think the club should do." I asked what the play was. "It's called.....ah, the title is.....". He paused - obviously having a momentary memory lapse. He simply couldn't remember the play's title and so lunch continued.

Several hours later he phoned my office to tell me that the forgotten title of the play was "**Total Recall.**" Actually I don't remember if we ever did the play or not!

