



President's Message

I would like to welcome Rita Ferguson to the ACT-CO Board – Rita is immediate Past-President of Clarkson Music Theatre, a group that has recently rejoined ACT-CO and has entered two musicals in this year's Festival. Rita brings a wealth of experience to the Board and we are fortunate that she has joined us.



We are still looking for more participation from members on the Board; if you would like to help make ACT-CO a vibrant and important part of community theatre in Southern Ontario then please contact me.

Congratulations to Louise Boutin on her first edition of this newsletter: I have received many complimentary messages about the fresh new look. Compiling and editing the newsletter is an onerous task and Louise's predecessors are also to be thanked for passing on a great tradition.

Finally, I would like to wish all members a Happy New Year; I hope it brings you success in all your endeavours.

David Nash

Hosting the 2007 Theatre Ontario Festival

ACT-CO is the host region for the 2007 Theatre Ontario Festival and we are looking for member groups to volunteer to host this prestigious Festival. Former hosts within ACT-CO have been Oshawa Little Theatre and the Curtain Club.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your group, provide your members and audiences with some stellar productions, meet and mingle with theatre folk and to obtain valuable local publicity.

In addition to the four performances, there are workshops, adjudications, after-glow parties, the awards brunch and the Theatre Ontario AGM. More information is available on the Theatre Ontario Website <http://www.theatreontario.org/>

The proceeds from the Festival are shared between the host group, ACT-CO and Theatre Ontario.

If your group is interested in hosting, please contact David Nash at president@actco.ca or by telephone at 905 855 1439.

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 Scugog Choral Society
 Theatre Aurora
 Theatre Etobicoke
 Toronto Finnish Theatre
 Toronto Irish Players
 Toronto Opera Repertoire
 The Very Useful Theatre Company

If your group is not listed, it means your membership has expired. **However, it is not too late to renew.**

Membership forms are available on the website (www.actco.ca) or from Brandon Moore, Membership Secretary, at membership@actco.ca / 905-508-5253.

Call Board

http://actco.ca/Call_Board.html

Brampton Music Theatre

Oklahoma!

BMT is looking for male actors. One more audition date added... we're still looking for Curly, Will, Jud & Ali.

Curly (cowboy): mid 20's to mid 30's, strong singer/actor, agile with some dance ability.
Will Parker (cowboy): mid 20's to mid 30's, strong comedic actor/singer with dance ability. A little slow on the uptake but has a heart of gold.
Jud (farm hand): mid 20's to mid 30's. strong actor/singer, intense, dark and mysterious.

Please come to Greenbriar, 1100 Central Park Drive, Brampton on January 5, at 7:00 pm.

Contact Susan at 905-791-1908 or email at sdoyle@bramptonmusictheatre.com
www.bramptonmusictheatre.com

Scarborough Players

Scarborough Players is looking for Directors for their 2006-2007 season.

October 2006- *The Foursome* - Norm Foster
 January 2007- *Sylvia* - A.R.Gurney
 April 2007- *The Glass Menagerie* - Tennessee Williams
 July 2007- *Steel Magnolias* - Robert Harding

Directors should send their resumes to:
 Scarborough Players Hiring Committee
 3600 Kingston Rd.
 Scarborough, Ontario
 M1M 3R9

There is an honorarium paid for this position. Candidates should include references from community theatre groups in the GTA of any theatre work they have done in the last couple of years.

Althea Productions

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)

Althea Productions is holding auditions for their May 2006 production of Marie MacDonald's *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)*. Auditions will be held at University of Toronto's Scarborough campus, 1265 Military Trail at Ellesmere Rd., in the Council Chamber (room AA160) on Sunday January 22nd at 1 pm. For info please contact Linda Cahill, President, at linda.cahill@pathcom.com or by telephone at 416-284-3829.

Oshawa Little Theatre

You Can't Take it With You

OLT is holding auditions for their April 2006 production of Moss Hart & George Kaufman's *You Can't Take It With You*.

Auditions will be held at:
 OLT, 62 Russett Ave. Oshawa.
 (Please use rear stage door entrance to theatre) Sunday, January 8 from 2 to 4 pm and Monday, January 9 from 7 to 9 pm
 We require:
 7 females ages 20 to 60
 12 males ages 25 to 75

Rehearsals to begin late January 2006
 Performances: April 20 - May 6, 2006

For information call Murray Twist at 905-697-0783
 Or visit www.oshawalittletheatre.com

Mississauga Players

Office Hours

Mississauga Players are holding auditions for their March 2006 production of Norm Foster's *Office Hours*. Requirements are for men and women ages 20-60. Auditions will be held at 2133 Royal Windsor Drive, Unit 10, in Mississauga.

For more info or to book an audition please call the For more info please call Alan at 905-842-2106 or email alan@mkz.com
www.mississaugaplayers.ca

Brampton Music Theatre

Brampton Music Theatre is looking for an Artistic Director for their Youth Troupe. Classes are on Saturdays and there is a salary offered. Must enjoy teaching children the art of theatre and have experience.

Please send resume to:
lboutin@bramptonmusictheatre.com
 or call Louise at 416-200-2142 for more information.
www.bramptonmusictheatre.com

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Notice Board (Other Important Announcements, etc)

Bur-Oak Theatre Group

BOTG has an overstock of scripts and is willing to sell them off for \$5.00 each plus shipping. All scripts are in excellent or new condition. Available are:

4 x **Bad Seed** by Maxwell Andrew
9 x **Cheaters** by Michael Jacobs
2 x **Deathtrap** by Ira Levin
6 x **Edwin** by John Mortimer
2 x **Exit the Body** by Fred Carmichael
6 x **I Remember Mama** by John Van Druten
2 x **Memory of Water** by Shelagh Stephenson
11 x **Moon Over Buffalo** by Ken Ludwig
7 x **Never Too Late Summer** by Arthur Long
6 x **Nourish the Beast** by Steve Tesich
5 x **Our Town** by Thornton Wilder
1 x **Pack of Lies** by Hugh Whitmore
2 x **Pools Paradise** by Philip King
5 x **Princess O'Toole** by Edith Loring
4 x **Rumors** by Neil Simon
Please email info@botg.ca for further information or to make purchase arrangements.

Peel Panto Players

Stewart Little

Peel Pantomime Players is looking for an Artistic Director for their spring pantomime "Stewart Little".

Please send resume to:
president@peelplayers.com
or call Manja at 905-791-7478 for more information.
www.peelplayers.com

Show Calendar www.actco.ca/Show_Calendar.html

Region: South

C	Talley's Folly	2006 - Jan 13,14, 19,20,21,26,27, 28, Feb 2,3,4 - 8pm	Lanford Wilson	The Village Players	The Village Playhouse, 2190 Bloor Street West, Toronto	(416) 767-7702 www.villageplayers.net
C	Hansel and Gretel (Mackenzie) Pantomime	2006 - Feb 9,10,11, 16,17,18 - 8pm Feb 12,19 - 1:30pm	Ginty Burns & Dave Harris	NAGs Players	Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Ave, Toronto	(416) 391- 4692 www.nagsplayers.com
C	I Do Not Like Thee, Dr. Fell	2006 - Feb 16,17, 18,23,24,25, Mar 1,2,3 - 8pm	Bernard Farrell	Toronto Irish Players	Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkley St, Toronto	(416) 440-2888 www.torontoirishplayers.org
C	Out of Order	2006 - Feb 23,24,25, Mar 1,2,3,4 - 8pm Feb 25,26 - 2pm	Ray Cooney	Amicus Productions	Fairview Mall Library Theatre 35 Fairview Mall Drive, Toronto	(416) 860-6176 www.amicusproductions.ca
C	The Importance of Being Earnest	Feb 23,24,25, Mar 1,2,3,4, 8,9,10,11 - 8pm Feb 26, Mar 5 - 2pm	Oscar Wilde	East Side Players	Todmorden Mills Park Theatre, Pottery Road, Toronto	(416) 425- 0917 www.stage-door.org/eastside.html
D	Dial 'M' For Murder	2006 - Jan 12,13,14, 19,20,21,26,27, 28 - 8pm Jan 22 - 2pm	Frederick Knott	Scarborough Theatre Guild	Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd, Scarborough	(416) 396-4049 www.theatrescarborough.com
M	A Little Night Music	2006 - Feb 9,10,11 16,17,18,23,24, 25 - 8pm Feb 12,19 - 2pm	Stephen Sondheim & Hugh Wheeler	Scarborough Music Theatre	Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd, Scarborough	(416) 396-4049 www.theatrescarborough.com

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Please ensure that all submissions for plays for the Callboard or for the Show Calendar include the name of the author(s) or specific credit for musicals.

DEADLINES

Nov/Dec	Oct. 15
Jan/Feb	Dec. 15
Mar/Apr	Feb. 15
May/June	Apr. 15
July/Aug	June 15
Sept/Oct	Aug 15

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Be sure to include the name of your Group.

For More Information:
website: www.actco.ca

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Region: East

D	Wooden Milk	2006 - Jan 20,21,25,26, 27,28 - 8pm	Douglas Craven	Durham Shoestring Performers	Arts Resource Centre, 45 Queen Street, Oshawa (Map)	(905) 725-9256 www.durhamshoestring.org
D	Homeward Bound	2006 - Feb 9,10, 11,16,17,18,23, 24,25 - 8pm	Elliot Hayes	Whitby Courthouse Theatre	Whitby Courthouse Theatre, Centennial Building, 416 Centre Street South, Whitby (Map)	(905) 430-3774 whitbytheatre.org/index.html
D	Orphans	2006 - Feb 24,25, 26, Mar 2,3,4 - 8pm Feb 26 - 2pm	Lyle Kessler	Borelians Community Theatre	Port Perry United Church, corner of Queen St & Simcoe St, Port Perry (Map)	(905) 985-1965 www.borelians.org
C	The Lonesome West	Jan 26,27,28, Feb 2,3,4,9, 10,11 - 8pm Feb 5 - 2pm	Martin McDonagh	Oshawa Little Theatre	Oshawa Little Theatre, 62 Russett Avenue, Oshawa, Ontario	(905) 723-0282 www.oshawalittletheatre.com

Region: West

C	Yesteryear	Jan 12,13,14, 18,19,20,21 - 8pm	Joanna Glass	Burl-Oak Theatre Group	The Oakville Centre for Performing Arts (Map)	(905) 815-2021 www.botg.ca
C	Trivial Pursuits	Jan 26,27, 28, Feb 2,3,4 - 8pm Jan 29 - 2pm	Frank Vickery	Mississauga Players	Burnhamthorpe Library Theatre 1350 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Mississauga	(905) 812-1759 www.mississaugaplayers.ca
C	The Curious Savage	Feb 3,4*,9, 10,11* - 8pm * Dinner & show - 7pm Feb 5 - 2pm	John Patrick	Milton Players Theatre Group	Milton Senior's Activity Centre - 500 Childs Drive, Milton	(905) 875-0629 www.miltonplayers.com
C	Moon Over Buffalo	January 26-28, 2006 & February 2-4, 2006	Ken Ludwig	Bramalea Live Theatre	Lester B. Pearson Theatre, 150 Central Park Drive, Brampton	(905) 874-2800 www.blton.ca
C	The Dining Room	Feb 9,10,11, 15,16,17,18 - 8pm	A.R. Gurney	Georgetown Little Theatre	John Elliot Theatre - 9 Church St, Georgetown (Map)	(905) 877-3700 www.georgetownlittletheatre.ca
D	An Act Of The Imagination	Feb 16,17,18, 23,24,25, Mar 2,3,4 - 8pm Feb 25 - 2pm	Bernard Slade	Caledon Town Hall Players	Caledon Town Hall Theatre (corner of Hwy 10 & Hwy 24)	(519) 927-5460 www.caledontownhallplayers.com
M	Blood Brothers	Jan 20,21,26, 27,28 - 8pm Jan 22, 28 - 2pm	Willey Russell	Clarkson Music Theatre	Meadowvale Theatre, 6315 Montevideo Rd, Mississauga	(905) 615-4720 www.clarksonmusictheatre.com

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Region: North

C	Thirteen Hands	Jan 20,21, 25, 26, 27,28,31, Feb 1,2, 3,4 - 8 pm Jan 22 - 2 p.m Jan 19 (Preview) - 8pm	Carol Shields	The Curtain Club	The Curtain Club - 400 Newkirk Road, Richmond Hill	(905) 773-3434 www.thecurtainclub.org
C	The Melville Boys	Feb 2,3,4,9, 10,11,16,17,1 8 - 8pm Feb 5,12,19 - 2 pm	Norm Foster	South Simcoe Theatre	Town Hall - 1 Hamilton St, Cookstown	(705) 458-4432 www.southsimcoetheatre.com
C	The Cemetery Club	Feb 8,9,10,11 - 8pm	Ivan Menchell	Markham Little Theatre	Markham Theatre for Performing Arts - Markham	(905) 305-7469 www.markhamlittletheatre.com
C	Sadie Flynn Comes To Big Oak	Feb 17,18,24, 25, Mar 2,3,4 - 8:15pm Feb 19,26 - 2:15pm Preview - Feb 15	Norm Foster	Blackhorse Village Players	Blackhorse Village - S.W. Corner of #9Hwy & Mount Wolfe Rd.	(905) 880-5002 www.blackhorse.ca
C	Gone To Glory	Feb 23, 24,25, Mar 2,3,4 - 8:00pm	Suzanne Finlay	Newmarket Stage Company	The Old Town Hall Theatre, 460 Botsford St., Newmarket	(905) 830-1082 www.newmarketstageco.org
D	Marion Bridge	Jan 19,20 21,26,27,28, Feb 2,3,4 - 8pm	Daniel MacIvor	The Very Useful Theatre Company	Theatre-on-Main 203 Main St S, Newmarket	(905) 836-9332
M	Beauty and the Beast	Feb 16,17, 18 - 7:30pm Feb18,19 - 2 pm	Alan Menkin & Tim Rice	Marquee Productions	The City Playhouse 1000 New Westminister Drive, Vaughan (Map)	(905) 882-7469 www.marqueetheatricalproductions.com
M	Beauty and the Beast	Feb 22,23, 24,25 - 7:30pm Feb 25,26 - 2 pm	Alan Menkin & Tim Rice	Marquee Productions	Newmarket Theatre 505 Pickering Crescent, Newmarket	(905) 953-5122 www.marqueetheatricalproductions.com
M	Pirates of Penzance	Feb 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24,25, Mar 1, 2,3,4 - 8pm Feb 26 - 2pm	Gilbert & Sullivan	Theatre Aurora	The Factory Theatre 150 Henderson Drive, Aurora	(905) 727-3669 http://ca.geocities.com/theatreaurora@rogers.com

ACT-CO Festival Schedule



The current list of awards categories are:

- Best Production (M,C,D)
- Best Director (M,C,D)
- Best Lighting Design (M,C,D)
- Best Set Design (M,C,D)
- Best Sound Design (M,C,D)
- Best Musical Director (M)
- Best Choreographer (M)
- Best Performance, Female, in a Leading Role (M,C,D)
- Best Performance, Male, in a Leading Role (M,C,D)
- Best Performance, Female, in a Supporting Role (M,C,D)
- Best Performance, Male, in a Supporting Role (M,C,D)
- Best Costume Design (M,C,D)
- Adjudicator's Awards (4/adjudicator) (M, C, D)

** (M-musical, C-comedy, D -drama)

 <small>ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY THEATRES - CENTRAL ONTARIO</small>		Festival 2005 -		v2.0	Oct 3/05
2006					
Group	Show	Area	Type	Date	Time
Burl-Oak Theatre Group	Yesteryear	W	C	20-Jan-06	8:00 PM
Scarborough Theatre Guild	Dial M for Murder	S	D	21-Jan-06	8:00 PM
Clarkson Music Theatre	Blood Brothers	W	M	27-Jan-06	8:00 PM
Mississauga Players	Trivial Pursuits	W	C	28-Jan-06	8:00 PM
Oshawa Little Theatre	The Lonesome West	E	C	28-Jan-06	8:00 PM
The Curtain Club	13 Hands	N	C	03-Feb-06	8:00 PM
Markham Little Theatre	The Cemetery Club	N	C	10-Feb-06	8:00 PM
Georgetown Little Theatre	The Dining Room	W	C	17-Feb-06	8:00 PM
Marquee Productions	Beauty and the Beast	N	M	24-Feb-06	8:00 PM
The Borelians	Orphans	E	D	25-Feb-06	8:00 PM
Theatre Aurora	Pirates of Penzance	N	M	25-Feb-06	8:00 PM
Toronto Irish Players	I Do Not Like Thee, Dr. Fell	S	C	25-Feb-06	8:00 PM
Caledon Townhall Players	An Act Of The Imagination	W	C	02-Mar-06	8:15 PM
Newmarket Stage	Gone to Glory	N	C	04-Mar-06	8:00 PM
East Side Players	The Importance Of Being Ernest	S	C	05-Mar-06	8:00 PM
Oshawa Little Theatre	Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?	E	D	24-Mar-06	8:00 PM
Oakville Players	Enchanted April	W	C	30-Mar-06	8:00 PM
Scugog Choral Society	Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	E	M	1-Apr-06	8:00 PM
The Curtain Club	Proof	N	D	01-Apr-06	8:00 PM
Mississauga Players	Office Hours	W	C	02-Apr-06	2:00 PM