

SPOTLIGHT

Chinook Edition



Presenting Shows Worth Seeing for nineteen years!

Upcoming Events:

April 6, 10:30 - 5:30 Stage Combat Workshop

April 18 - May 3 THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

April 29, 7:00pm G&S JR Final Performance

May 4, 12:00 - 6:00 Directing Workshop

May 24, 10:30 - 5:30 Building a Character Workshop

June 30 Early Bird Deadline for Season Subscribers



Morpheus Theatre (Lower Level - Parkdale Community Centre) 3512 - 5 Avenue NW Calgary, AB T2N 0V7

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We're on the web: www.morpheustheatre.ca

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!

Directed by Tim Elliott & Mike Johnson, this clever classic tells the story of Frederick, who is freed from his apprenticeship to a rather merry gang of pirates on the celebration of his 21st year.

When he meets Mabel, he falls head over heels in love, only to have his happy hopes dashed by the discovery that he is still indentured to the pirates until his 21st birthday... since he was born February 29th, in a leap year, he has actually only had five birthdays! All kinds of tomfoolery unfurls as we meet the colourful cast of characters and watch poor Frederick grapple with the bonds of love, duty and a most convenient paradox.

*Oh, Better Far...*to book early and join us for this adventure on the high seas of music and laughter. And we mustn't forget, Rapture!

The Pirates of Penzance

In the Victor Mitchell Theatre at the Pumphouse Theatre (2140 Pumphouse Avenue SW)



Show Times:

Wednesday to Saturday at 7:30pm Saturday & Sunday at 2:00pm *No 2:00pm performance on April 20

Adults - \$20 Students & Seniors - \$15 *Groups of 12+ save \$2 each!

To purchase tickets/Flex Passes Visit <u>www.morpheustheatre.ca</u> or call (403) 246-2999

April 18 – May 3, 2014

Would you like to see The Pirates of Penzance for Free?

We need 5 volunteers for each performance to take tickets and help patrons to their seats. All positions are quick and easy, and all volunteers are invited to stay and watch the performance for free! To volunteer, please visit the link below: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ACAC2EA0F58-ushers1

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CHRISTIE LITES SALES

These valuable workshops are presented at this low price in the spirit of community theatre.



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2014 WORKSHOP SERIES

Morpheus Theatre has been pleased to offer high quality, affordable workshops since September 2008. Workshops are geared to community theatre volunteers both from on-stage and offstage aspects of production.

<u>Where</u>: Morpheus Rehearsal Centre (Lower Level, Parkdale Community Centre)

<u>Cost</u>: \$40

**discounts available for groups of 5 or more, or for attending 3 workshops, contact Morpheus Theatre for details

Coming Up

Directing Workshop* With Kevin McKendrick

Sunday May 4, 12:00 – 6:00

Participants will explore intermediate directing subjects, including: an actor's role versus a director's, helping actors perform in harmony with your vision, & building a unified team. Newcomers are welcome, but be aware that this workshop will be set at an intermediate level, and basic concepts will not be the focus.

Stage Combat Workshop* Instructor Laryssa Yanchak

Sunday April 6, 10:30 – 5:30

A fight director works to safely create the illusion of violence. Under the guidance of Laryssa Yanchack, the aim of this class will be to arm the performers with tools, techniques and concepts that will give participants a foundation in how to create an action sequence that is both safe and entertaining.

Character Building Workshop* With David LeReaney

Saturday May 24, 10:30 – 5:30

This workshop is for actors and directors of all levels. Under the guidance of David LeReaney, we will be exploring the different methods, tools, and ideas that can be accessed when building a character for stage or screen.

*These workshops are sponsored by Theatre Alberta with funding from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts & Christie Lites Sales

<u>Congratulations to our</u> <u>Pirate-inis!</u>

We would like to extend congratulations to all the G&S Junior participants for their hard work this year! The students will be performing the junior version of **The Pirates of Penzance** on the full set at the Pumphouse on Tues April 29. This performance is for family and friends of the performers, but all are welcome to attend.

Tickets are \$12 each and available online at <u>https://tickets.morpheustheatre.ca</u>





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New, updated website on its way... with videos, blog posts and more!





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CASINO FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS!

Every 18 months or so the Alberta Government grants Morpheus Theatre a license to hold a casino as a fundraiser!

These casinos bring in up to \$70,000 or more for our use in putting shows by allowing us to get the costumes, the sets, and the set dressing that bring the productions to life. This year we have been assigned Monday, June 2nd and Tuesday, June 3rd for our casino. To make these casinos work we need to fill some 36-38 shifts, 6 for each day, 6 for each evening/night, and a final 6-7 for the count room each night. At roughly \$2,000 per volunteer shift, this can be a great way to support Morpheus!

If you would like to volunteer for a shift or two, please sign up here:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0 948ACAC2EA0F58-casino or give Ginette a call at the office, 403-246-2999

Join the Team! Calling Volunteers!

Morpheus Theatre is now recruiting volunteers to take part in all four of our 2014/2015 productions. (No I **can't** tell you what they are! You'll have to come to *The Pirates of Penzance* to find out!). Opportunities include: Producers, Assistant Directors, Music Directors, Choreographers, Stage Managers, Designers (Costume, Lighting, and Sound), Technicians, Running Crew, Musicians, and Front of House Staff. Experience is not always required, but enthusiasm is a MUST!

Auditions will be announced at a later date. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Sean Anderson by email at info@morpheustheatre.ca.





Did you see a great performance from Morpheus? Let your voice be heard!

Anyone can visit <u>www.calgary-acts.com</u> to submit nominations for our first three shows!

Names of all the actors, directors, designers and other production members can be found in the following links:

For Boeing, Boeing, click here:

www.morpheustheatre.ca/prod/boeing. php

For **It's a Wonderful Life**, click here: www.morpheustheatre.ca/prod/wonder ful.php For **Cocktails at Pam's**, click here: www.morpheustheatre.ca/prod/cocktai ls.php

What a Difference a SUB Makes!

We would like to take a moment to thank all our subscribers for the 2013/2014 season.

Subscribers are a special part of our Morpheus Theatre family, as they afford us much appreciated security, as well as providing us with the last piece of the equation – the audience. What is theatre without an audience? Patrons MAKE live theatre possible and subscribers are a very special kind of audience member who travels with us on our season-long journey.

Information on becoming a subscriber will be available at **The Pirates of Penzance**– get discount tickets, great seats, and join us for our 20th Season of **Shows Worth Seeing**!

Be a Hero! Save Trees! Request to receive your newsletter by email! Contact tickets@morpheustheatre.ca