



**MORPHEUS  
THEATRE**

# SPOTLIGHT

**Chinook Edition**



April 2013  
Morpheus Theatre News

Presenting **Shows Worth Seeing** for eighteen years!

## Upcoming Events:

April 13, 10:00 - 5:00  
**The Actor's Voice  
Workshop**

April 19 - May 4  
**THE GONDOLIERS**

April 23  
**G&S JR Final Performance**

May 11, 10:00 - 5:00  
**Building a Character  
Workshop**

June 30  
**Early Bird Deadline for  
Season Subscribers**



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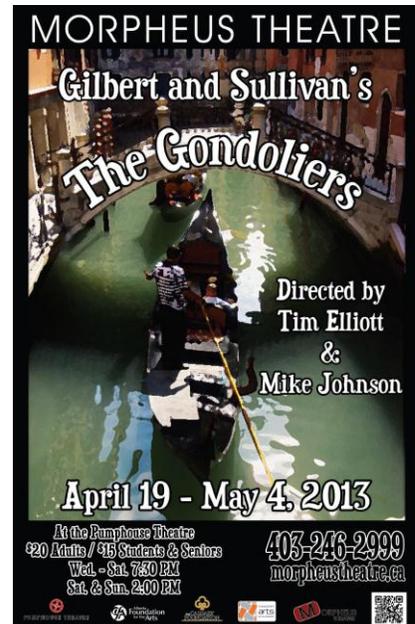
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## ONCE MORE, GONDOLIERI!

List and learn! It is with all necessary and appropriate pomp, Ducal and otherwise, that we announce, pronounce and soundly declare, our final show of the season will be: Gilbert and Sullivan's, *The Gondoliers*! This 12th collaborative operetta by the beloved pair is set in Venice and is rife with Nobility, mistaken identities, Royalty, young lovers in love with and married to the wrong people, commoners, wit, patter, a Cachucha and of course, Rapture! (You may have to wait until the last show of our season, but there will always be Rapture!) To bookend our 18th season, we are happy to host *The Gondoliers* once more. We, as in the common pronoun used when there is more than one of us, or We, the Royal We...we're not sure anymore, but we are sure you'll enjoy *The Gondoliers*!

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

**April 19 – May 4, 2013**



### **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 [www.morpheustheatre.ca](http://www.morpheustheatre.ca) or call

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### **Would you like to see *The Gondoliers* for Free?**

We need 4 volunteer ushers for each of the performances and 1 box office assistant. Both ushering and helping in the box office is quick and easy, and all volunteers are invited to stay and watch the performance for free! To volunteer, please email [tickets@morpheustheatre.ca](mailto:tickets@morpheustheatre.ca) or call the office.

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## 2012/2013 WORKSHOP SERIES

Morpheus Theatre has been pleased to offer high quality, affordable workshops since September 2008. Normally we offer between six and nine workshops a year. This year will be a more conservative four. Our audition workshop was held last November, Clowning with Alice Nelson a resounding success in February, and two more to go!

Workshops are geared to community theatre volunteers both from on-stage and off-stage aspects of production. All workshops are open to the public.

*For more information, or to register, please visit our website or call the office.*

**Where:** Morpheus Rehearsal Centre (Lower Level, Parkdale Community Centre)

**Cost:** \$40

*\*\*discounts available for groups of 5 or more, or for attending 3 workshops, please call for details*

### Coming Up

**The Actor's Voice Workshop\***  
With Dawn Sadoway

**Saturday April 13, 10:00 – 5:00**

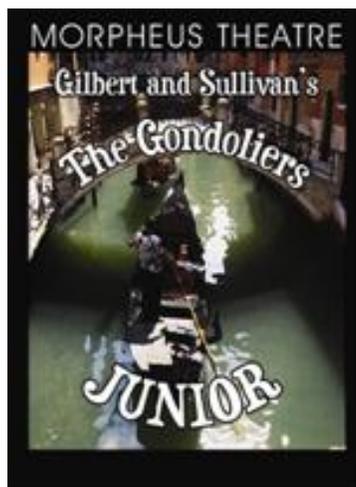
Dawn will be speaking about release work, resonance, articulation in relation to acoustics and projection, the vocal demands of various styles of text (heightened vocal demands such screaming/laughing/crying etc.) and vocal health. A useful course for all actors, public speakers, and others who use their voice regularly!

**Building a Character Workshop\***  
Instructor TBA

**Saturday May 11, 10:00 – 5:00**

Under the guidance of a qualified instructor provided by Theatre Alberta, this workshop is for actors and directors of all levels. We will be exploring the different methods, tools, and ideas that can be accessed when building a character for stage or screen.

**\* sponsored by Theatre Alberta with funding from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.**



## Congratulations to our Gondo-MINI-UMS!

We would like to extend congratulations to all the G&S Junior participants for their hard work this year!

You made it! Break a Leg!

The G&S Jr Participants will be performing the Junior version of The Gondoliers on the full set at the Pumhouse on Tues April 23.



Morpheus G&S Singers  
at Parkdale's  
Extraordinary Day

## The Gilbert & Sullivan Singers Welcome a New Director!

In January of 2013, the Morpheus G&S Singers had to wish a "Bon Voyage!" to our long time director, Graham Wrightson. Graham recently finished his doctorate at the University of Calgary and accepted a post at the University of South Dakota in Brookings.

We are, however, happy to welcome our new director, Andrea Anderson. Though she now plies her

trade as an agent for Edward Jones, her original training was in voice and music.

With a background in both choral direction and teaching, she brings a great deal of experience with her to our little group. If you've been thinking of joining our group, but haven't made the move yet, or if you've been thinking of coming back, now is the time. Come on out and welcome our new director!

## 2013 CAT AWARDS NOMINATIONS

**Did you see a great performance this year? Did a particular artist IMPRESS?**

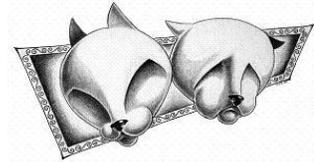
Don't forget to submit your nominations for the 2013 CAT Awards!  
Deadline is June 30th. Visit [www.calgary-acts.com](http://www.calgary-acts.com)

**Noises Off!**

**Aladdin: a Pantomime**

**The Diary of Anne Frank**

**The Gondoliers**



### Join the Team!

Morpheus Theatre is now recruiting volunteers to take part in all four of our 2013/2014 productions. (No I **can't** tell you what they are! You'll have to come to *The Gondoliers* 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](mailto:info@morpheustheatre.ca).

### What a Difference a SUB Makes!

We would like to take a moment to thank all our subscribers for the 2012/2013 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 Gondoliers**– get discount tickets, great seats, and join us for our 19<sup>th</sup> Season of **Shows Worth Seeing!**



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### Partner Company Events:

April 11 - 20

*Lady Windermere's Fan*  
**Gas & Light Productions**

April 22 - May 3

*Romeo and Juliet*  
**The Shakespeare  
Company**

May 8 - 11

*A Winter's Tale*  
**Full Circle Theatre**

June 13 - 15

*IGNITE! Festival*  
**Sage Theatre**

June 28

*Year End Recital*  
**Canti Forte**

## MORPHEUS REHEARSAL CENTRE UPDATE

2012-2013 has been an exciting season – our **Get Floored!** campaign allowed us to finish the flooring in our rehearsal studios. Deerfoot Carpet installed subfloors and lovely clean and comfortable laminate in both our studios, and The Glass Guild donated mirrors, so we have mirrors in Studio A!

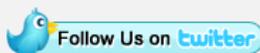
These improvements make rehearsing much more comfortable – especially for rehearsing choreography (like you will see in *The Gondoliers*.)

**There is always more to do!** We have lots of ideas on how to improve the space. For example, we still need to install flooring in the hallways, make a kitchenette in the volunteer lounge, purchase (or find a donated) photo-copier and many other small projects.



Donations are always welcome (we have a charitable designation, so any donations over \$20 are tax deductible).

We will also be organizing some work parties to do painting touch ups, put up artwork, and other bits and bobs. If you are interested in helping us continue to make the Morpheus Rehearsal Centre a pleasant and safe place to rehearse, feel free to contact the office.



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## Rentals at MRC Have EXPLODED!

2012-2013 has been an extremely busy year on the rental front! The word is getting out that Morpheus Rehearsal Centre is becoming the go-to rehearsal spot for one-off, short term, long term and small scale rehearsing!

We are excited that the Morpheus Rehearsal Centre has been able to provide much needed space for many theatre companies, bands, film companies, acting classes and more.

We always make our best efforts to accommodate all requests for space, but we anticipate another busy year, so if you are interested in renting one of our studios, or our board room, please contact our office as soon as you can. It's never too early or too late to ask!

