



Spotlight

Fall Edition



October 2009
Morpheus Theatre News

Upcoming Events:

Oct 17 - 30
StoryBook Theatre
Adventure Series -
Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Oct 30 - Nov 7
CINDERELLA
(A BRITISH PANTOMIME)

Nov 6 - 14
Front Row Centre Players -
Sweeney Todd

Nov 14, 10:00 - 4:30
Directing Workshop

November 16, 18, 21
AUDITIONS - *The Mikado*

Nov 27 - Dec 20
StoryBook Theatre
Cookie Cabaret -
Tiny Tim's Christmas

Dec 5, 10:00 - 4:30
Musical Theatre
Workshop

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Don't miss the Ball!

Due to the success of last year's *Robin Hood*, Morpheus Theatre is proud to present another family-friendly, fun and musical British Pantomime, *Cinderella*.

This is a sparkling new version of the most loved of all pantomimes, with loads of knockabout comedy, very funny dialogue and a host of characters including comedy duo Tone and Dubya and evil stepmother Devilla Cruel. Also featured are Baron Hardup, the Ugly Sisters, Hernia and Nausea, Dandini and of course Cinders and her Prince Charming.

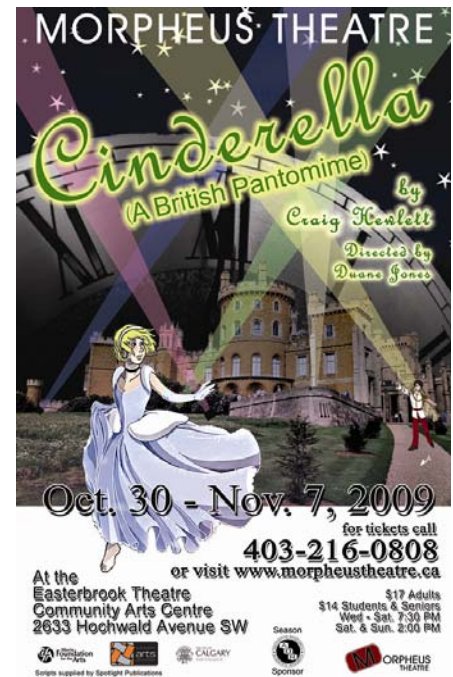
Cinderella (a British Pantomime)
presented in the
Easterbrook Theatre
at the
Community Arts Centre
(2633 Hochwald Avenue SW)

October 30 – November 7, 2009

Show Times are:

Wednesday to Saturday at 7:30pm

Saturday & Sunday at 2:00pm



Adults - \$17
Students & Seniors - \$14

To purchase tickets:
Call (403) 216-0808 or visit
www.morpheustheatre.ca

To Book your Flex Pass tickets,
please call: (403) 246-2999.

Would you like to see Cinderella for Free?

We need 5 volunteers for each of the performances –

1 Box Office Manager, 2 Box office assistants/ushers and 2 concession workers.

To volunteer, please email tickets@morpheustheatre.ca or call the info line.

INSIDE THIS EDITION:

AUDITIONS – auditions for *The Mikado* mid-November!

WORKSHOP SERIES – Check out this year's line up!

GET INVOLVED – Morpheus is calling for directing proposals & off stage volunteers

TICKETS – Season tickets still available, or purchase tickets now for our 2010 shows!

SOCIETY NEWS – We now have charitable designation!



We're not Done Yet!

Prepare those monologues & songs – Auditions for Gilbert & Sullivan's best-loved operetta are coming mid-November!

Under the direction of Artistic Director, Sean Anderson, Morpheus Theatre will be presenting Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado*, March 26th to April 3rd at the Pumphouse Theatre.

The Mikado is the most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, and arguably the most popular opera ever written. This operetta has delighted audiences for more than a century, inspiring a number of

imitations; but none were nearly as good as the original, which represented both Gilbert and Sullivan at the height of their creative geniuses.

More information, including audition requirements, and online audition booking will be available on our website soon.

Auditions will be held at the Community Arts Centre on:

Monday November 16, 7:00 – 9:30
Wednesday November 18, 7:00 – 9:30
Saturday November 21, 12:00 – 4:00



Morpheus Theatre's 2009/2010 Workshop Series

The Monthly Workshop Series is back!

Thanks to the overwhelming success of last year's workshops, Morpheus is very pleased to announce the 2009/2010 Workshop Series – this year with a special focus on the performance side of theatre.

As always, workshops will be geared to community theatre volunteers, mostly older teens and adults.

All workshops will be held on the weekend, most from 10am to 4:30pm with a half hour lunch break.

November 14 – Intermediate Directing*
December 5 – Musical Theatre Tools*
2010 (Dates will be announced in Dec)

-Script Analysis*
-Improvisation*
-Hitting the High Notes
-Dance for Musicals 2

*This workshop is sponsored by Theatre Alberta with funding from The Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Our website will be updated periodically with the most recent information, be sure to visit often!

Individual workshop fee is \$30

Register a group of 5 or more, and attend for \$20 each! Or, register for 3 workshops and get the 3rd one for 50% off!



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Get Involved!



Love to sing?

The G & S Singers meet every Sunday night at 7:00 pm. No experience required, and all are welcome! For more information contact Tim at (403)298-4673

Are you Interested in Directing a Show for Morpheus?

Morpheus Theatre invites directors to make proposals for shows to be produced during our **2010/2011 and 2011/2012** seasons. We encourage experienced and passionate directors to submit a letter of interest along with a resume with related theatre experience and background.

Morpheus produces four quality shows each year (a farce or comedy, a pantomime, a contemporary drama, and a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta) on a variety of stages (Victor Mitchell & Joyce Doolittle Theatres at the Pumphouse; and the Easterbrook Theatre at the Community Arts Centre). Because of the need to raise money for a new rehearsal space, we are looking for **WELL-KNOWN SHOWS with HIGH AUDIENCE POTENTIAL**. Ideally, the shows will appeal to a wide family audience (primarily 12 and up, although under 18 is not the target audience).

Proposals should include the following information:

- * Name of director
- * Directing and theatre related experience
- * Name of show
- * Playwright of show
- * Cast size of show, with male/female ratio
- * Why you think Morpheus should produce it
- * Director's Vision for the show (including overall thoughts about how the show would be staged and any special effects, set ideas, costume ideas, technical considerations)
- * Which theatre it would work best in
- * Potential challenges
- * Any other comments or considerations

At this time, we ask that you don't try to recruit production crew or check on the production rights.

Please email or deliver letters of interest by **November 15th 2009** to:

Sean Anderson, Artistic Director
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Anywhere But On Stage *written by Margaret Harper*

Hi, my name is Margaret and I am a theatre junkie. Sadly, watching the awesome performers in community theatre, I realize that I CANNOT ACT! But, there are other great ways to be part of productions without acting.

This season I am Assistant Stage Manager for Cinderella, doing Props for Harvey, and will be ASM for Mikado in spring. In the last six years, as well as ASM and Props work, I have ushered, worked the box office, assisted with costumes and set

decoration, been rehearsal manager, audition assistant and gopher for 18 shows.

Why? Because I enjoy knowing that my assistance gives actors and directors the freedom to work their creative magic without worrying over organizational details. As a bonus, there are moments I will never forget... Like finding an actor ironing his co-star's trousers - while he was still wearing them!

Why not join me sometime, somewhere off-stage?



What do YOU Prefer?

- I prefer to receive full newsletters
- I prefer to receive short one-off notices of specific events
- I prefer to receive both

Contact Morpheus Theatre by phone or email (tickets@morpheustheatre.ca) with your answer, and your name will be entered in a draw for a 2 for 1 voucher to *Cinderella*. To be drawn on October 23rd.

Season Tickets STILL Available!

It's not too late to become a season subscriber for our 15th Anniversary Season!

You still have the option of a 3-show subscription, or special "upgrade" subscriptions if you attended *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Save money and help Morpheus reach our goal of 400 subscriptions for our 15th Anniversary season! PLUS subscribing *this* year has extra perks!

Special Offers for our 15th Anniversary

*Purchase Additional tickets at Group ticket rates

*Buy a 4 show package upgrade and receive discount vouchers for your friends

*Receive a 15th Season limited edition souvenir.

Call or email the office for details on package prices or download the season brochure at

www.morpheustheatre.ca/pass15.pdf

Christmas is coming – surprise them with tickets!



Get a head-start on Christmas shopping! Tickets are selling fast for our January production of *Harvey*, and our spring production of *Mikado* is a sure-fire sell out!

All tickets are exchangeable up to 48 hours before the performance **OR** simplify with a **Gift Certificate**, and let the receiver decide! Simply call or email the office for details.

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Casino Thanks!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteered to work at the Morpheus Casino on August 23rd & 24th!

Your contribution allows us to continue producing these wonderful productions and make them "Shows worth seeing!"

Society News!

Morpheus Theatre Society is pleased to announce that in September 2009 we were finally received our **charitable designation!**

You know what that means – all donations are now Tax deductible. Call or write to donate to your favorite Community Theatre Company!

