



**MORPHEUS
THEATRE**

SPOTLIGHT

Fall Edition



November 2011
Morpheus Theatre News

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

Upcoming Events:

November 12, 10:00 - 4:30
Audition Workshop

November 20, 22, 24
Auditions - HMS Pinafore

December 4, 10:00 - 4:30
Improv Workshop

December 14 - 18
**PETER PAN:
A PANTOMIME**

December 22 - January 2
Morpheus Office Closed

January 13 - 28
**PICASSO AT THE
LAPIN AGILE**

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“All Children, Except One, Grow Up”

So begins a beloved tale about a boy who can fly and his grand adventures! This December, join us on a journey filled with imagination and swashbuckling shenanigans! Morpheus Theatre is proud to present this season's panto – oh yes it is!! – **Peter Pan**.

Come away with us to Neverland, where we will delight in Peter's mischief and games, where we can imagine wonders with the Lost Boys, where we can help the hungry crocodile find Captain Hook; where we can all be children again, for a little while. Do you believe in fairies?



**Peter Pan:
a Pantomime**

presented in the
**Victor Mitchell Theatre
at the Pumphouse Theatre
(2140 Pumphouse Avenue SW)**

December 14 - 18, 2011

Show Times:

Wednesday to Saturday at 7:30pm

Saturday & Sunday at 2:00pm

****Bonus show added Sunday at 7:00**

Adults - \$18

Students & Seniors - \$15

To purchase tickets/Flex Passes

Visit www.morpheustheatre.ca or call
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Would you like to see Peter Pan for Free?

We need 4 volunteer ushers for each of the performance 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 or call the office. Space is limited.

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So Give Three Cheers and One Cheer More – It's Time again for Pinafore!

Morpheus Theatre will be holding open auditions for our spring production of Gilbert & Sullivan's classic, **HMS Pinafore**, directed by Dawn Darsi.

Sir Joseph Porter will arrive in Calgary in the spring of 2012, and so will his sisters, and his cousins, and his aunts. One of the most beloved comic operettas Gilbert & Sullivan created, *HMS Pinafore* tells the tale of Josephine: the captain's daughter, who is to be married to Sir Joseph Porter, but is in love with a British Tar, one Ralph Rackstraw – hilarity and silliness ensue in this nautical romp.

Oh Rapture!! All in good fun, no institution is safe from the lighthearted pokes of this favourite musical. Join us next spring for declarations of love and the complexities of class systems – and bring your sisters and your cousins and your aunts...

For more information, including audition requirements, or to book an audition, please visit our website, or call the office.

**Auditions will be held at the
New Morpheus Rehearsal Centre on:**

Sun November 20, 12:00 – 4:00

Tues November 22, 7:00 – 9:30

Thurs November 24, 7:00 – 9:30

**Be PREPARED
For your next
audition!**

**Audition Workshop
November 12**

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Morpheus G&S Junior Theatre School!

A decree from the Royal Navy: that all interested youth, ages 9 - 14, who wish to expand acting skills and challenge themselves with the lyrics and patter of a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, should enroll forthwith in Morpheus G & S JR!

Morpheus G & S JR is a theatre school program that launched this past Sept and meets every Sat morning from 10:00 - 11:30. This program is unique in that it focuses solely on the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, in conjunction with our theatre season, with the inaugural class

of 2011/2012 setting sail on the HMS Pinafore. Classes include professional instruction in Acting, Voice and Dance and the program will culminate in a youth performance of HMS Pinafore, on the set of our mainstage production at the Pumphouse Theatre.

Registrations are ongoing until the beginning of January.

Cost (remainder of season): \$300

Check out our website for more details. Please call the office to register.

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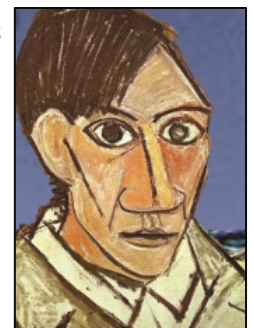
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COMING SOON – Picasso at the Lapin Agile Jan 13 – 28, 2012

Picasso at the Lapin Agile by Steve Martin features the characters of Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso, who meet at a bar called the Lapin Agile (Nimble Rabbit) in Paris. It is set in 1904, and both men are on the verge of an amazing idea: (Einstein will publish the Special Theory of Relativity in 1905 and Picasso will paint *Les Femmes d'Alger* in 1907) when they find themselves at the Lapin Agile, where they argue about the art of physics and the physics of art. While displaying their genius and talent, they interact with a host of other eccentric, hilarious and charming characters.





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



2011/2012 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.

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

***Marked workshops are sponsored by Theatre Alberta with funding from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.**

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

Where: Lower Level, Parkdale Community Centre

Cost: \$40

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

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE for 2012

Jan – Stage Management Workshop*

Feb 19 – Grand Emotions with Alice Nelson

Also coming – Directing*, Tech Design for Dummies, Dance for Musicals & Vocal*

Auditioning Workshop

with Kelly Reay

Saturday Nov 12, 10:00 – 4:30

Get that monologue polished!



Synopsis:

Kelly Reay, Artistic Director for Sage Theatre will lead participants through the audition process - focusing specifically on audition etiquette, monologue preparation and delivery.

Improv: Beginners and Beyond

With Karen Johnson-Diamond

Sunday December 4, 10:00 – 4:30

Scared of improvising?

This class will change your mind!

Synopsis:

Karen Johnson-Diamond, of "Dirty Laundry" will lead participants through the dos and don'ts of improv with a fun day filled with hands-on practice!

Rehearsal Centre UPDATE

Morpheus Theatre has settled in nicely in our new home in the Parkdale Community Centre – dubbing our space as the Morpheus Rehearsal Centre (MRC). We continue working to improve the facility – working on flooring, creating comfortable and clean spaces.

There are a variety of great spaces available for rent – contact us today!

We would like to welcome Canti Forte music studio, who have joined us as a permanent renter in our second office. Canti Forte offers private voice lessons in a variety of styles for ages 8 and up. Contact Burton Harker at 403-983-8168 or email cantiforte@gmail.com.

What a difference a SUB makes!

We would like to take a moment to thank all our subscribers for the 2011/2012 season. Subs 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 subs are a very special kind of audience member that travels with us on our season-long journey. It's not too late to become a subscriber – get discount tickets, and join us for our 17th season of **shows worth seeing!** Call the office or download our brochure online today!

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Fa La La La La! G&S Singers News

The Morpheus G&S Singers are once again underway and have already entertained at two sing outs. On Sept 17 we were asked to provide some entertainment for the Parkdale Community Association's AGM and Extraordinary Day. Despite the wind's attempts to blow us asunder we all had a good time and, thanks to the PCA, some great food to boot.

Not long afterward we were invited to entertain at a meeting of the Nifty Fifties. Once again, though it is near the

beginning of the year and our repertoire is still small, we still gave them a good show. We have another entertainment booking coming up in November.

The Morpheus G&S Singers is a fun choir dedicated to singing the music of W.S Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. We meet every Sunday, except on long weekends, at the Morpheus Rehearsal Centre in the lower level of the Parkdale Community Centre from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. All comers are welcome.

Are YOU interested in Directing a Show with Morpheus?

Morpheus Theatre invites directors to make proposals for shows to be produced during our **2012/2013** season. We encourage experienced and passionate directors to submit a letter of interest along with a resume with related theatre experience and background.

Morpheus produces 4 quality shows each year (a farce or comedy, a pantomime, a contemporary drama, and a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta) at the Pumphouse Theatre, in both the Victor Mitchell & Joyce Doolittle Theatres. We are looking for WELL-KNOWN SHOWS with HIGH AUDIENCE POTENTIAL that fall within our four show categories.

Ideally, the shows will appeal to a wide family audience (primarily 12 and up, although under 18 is not the target audience). This season we are also giving consideration to shows that are technically simple to stage (eg. size & complexity of set, lighting effects, etc).

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 breakdown
- * Why you think Morpheus should produce it
- * Director's Vision for the show (including overall thoughts about how it would be staged & 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 **December 31, 2011** to:

Sean Anderson, Artistic Director
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