

**CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY**



*The
Phoenix*



December, 2013

We will have a Christmas “Potluck Finger Foods” get-together on December 19th, at 8 pm., at the theatre. Hopefully we’ll have a live music Christmas carol sing-along and we’ll even spring for a festive glass of wine for all comers.

See you there?

Steve Robinson, Chair



Merry Christmas to all of our members, subscribers, patrons and friends!

It has been another wonderful year here at the ol' CCP, what with the changing of our name, great shows followed by great shows and the addition of some wonderful new talent - backstage, onstage and in the booth. Well done everyone! Here's to an even more successful 2014, as we continue to grow and welcome even more artists to our happy home! To quote Edna Ferber, “Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling”. Let's strive to keep that feeling alive throughout the coming year....

On behalf of your Board, it is my pleasure to extend our warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

Steve Robinson

Chair

Cambridge Community Players



The Secret Grove, a traditional Christmas Panto

The Secret Grove opens the 29th of November and runs to December 14th. This traditional Christmas Panto features lots of audience interaction, plenty of fun musical numbers and some great performances. Perfect for everyone from 3 to 103 years old, this family production offers a great way to unplug from technology and tap into your imagination. Join us!

Any community collaboration? You bet! Element Dance Arts joined us as choreographers, while Ean Kools, grafitti artist came in to paint part of the set for us too.

So many thank yous to share it would take a book, but the highlights? The fabulous Kate Jones took on costuming a huge cast! Dyon Smith-Page built us an awesome set. Steve Robinson wrote us an original song and took care of music as our Musical Director. And Michelle Kreitzer and Lori Distel kept things on track and on schedule as our able Stage Manager and Assistant Director respectively. Thank you so incredibly much. More thank yous to come at the cast party!

2. Secret Grove welcomes many new and returning members to the Cambridge Community Players.

The Secret Grove has had an exciting couple of months getting ready for our production. Working with an original script, lots of musical numbers and many new performers has been a fabulous challenge and left us with many awesome memories. We have lots of returning cast from Pinocchio and CCP favorites. Steve Robinson, Bill Bulmer, Bill Smith, Sebastien Williams, Sean Neimela, Corina Dunn and Tracey Bigger, just to name a few. Any first time CCP actors? With a cast of 38 there was bound to be a few. Welcome Duncan Quinn, Pam Silcox, Emily Aussem, Terry Kitchen, Meghan Oldfield, Hayley McCormick, Hannah Dunn, Ruby Cudney, Luke Berry, Petra and Livvi Page, Morgan Isherwood and Eva Guy to their first production with us.

We are also thrilled to have welcomed some awesome new backstage talent to CCP. From actors, to set design musical accompaniment to set design, new members have quickly become friends on this production. Kim Wilson, joined us to support daughter Hailey and ended up a major part of the team. Kim has worked on props/ASM/set painting/costumes. You may remember Dyon Smith-Page from her role as *Marmee* in Little Women, but little did we all know that she's an awesome set designer, can assist in costumes and is a professional lighting designer by trade! Dyon brought hubby Greg along to assist with set construction and daughters Livvi and Petra to perform in the show with us. Welcome to the entire Smith-Page family! Welcome Wilma Barclay and Elizabeth Flemming! Wilma and Elizabeth are retired, and have an interest in participating many different tasks backstage. So good to have you with us! Jackie Gilmar, joined the production as a cast member, and soon became our musical accompanist. Jackie's daughters Ruby and Maya are both welcome new members. So the next time you are looking for someone to assist on your production - give these fabulous members a call!

A special thank you to our trees, all members of CCP Youth Programs.

Shannon Markle
Vice Chair Communications/Marketing

COMMUNITY THEATRE CORNER

Please Note: The audition notice below is for the spring production at Guelph Little Theatre.

The Wild Guys

When four men set off to find an isolated cabin in the forest on a “Wildman” weekend, a la Robert Bly, everything that can go wrong does! The men reluctantly participate in male-bonding ceremonies and communal hugs. The result? Hockey cheers and Neil Young sing-alongs!

This play is a satire on men’s self-help encounters of the type made famous by drum-beating poet Robert Bly and the new-age touchy-feely movement that supported it. A great comedy: Fast paced, spontaneous, and flawless in its delivery.

The action takes place somewhere in the bush outside a tiny northern Ontario town.

CAST REQUIREMENTS - (playable) ages early 40’s to late 50’s

These are middle-aged men who are confused by where life has taken them and are in need of some answers - any answers.

Andy Graham an executive at Super Food Mart’s head office in the city and a member of a men’s group

Robin Cunningham a crystal-gazing New Ager; a member of the same men’s group that Andy belongs to

Stewart Gyver the manager of the Super Food Mart grocery store in a tiny northern Ontario town

Randall Harrison a very fit and polished lawyer in the city firm that handles the Super Food Mart account

AUDITIONS

Sunday December 8 @ 7:00PM

Monday December 9 @ 7:00 PM

CALL BACKS

Thursday December 12 @ 7:00 PM

We will be reading scenes from the script. Prepared monologues are not required.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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REHEARSALS begin March 2, 2013 **SHOW OPENS** May 23, 2013

*Just hear those sleigh bells jingling/Ring-ting-tingling too,
Come on, it's lovely weather/For a sleigh ride together with you,*

The joyous season is upon us, the season of swearing a blue streak while spending two hours in the Cambridge Centre parking lot, searching for a convenient parking spot, not one that require you to pack a lunch and embark on a three day hike just to get in the door at the Food Court.

But it's also the season to take a moment, run outside to catch snowflakes on your tongue, to collapse on the lawn and make snow angels, to build a snow fort, snowman, or start a snow ball fight in the front yard. Did I mention that NONE of this necessarily requires the presence of anyone under the age of 18? The more adults, the merrier.

However, if mindless, childish fun outdoors is not your cup of nog, there is plenty happening in Cambridge that is sure to dragging you kicking and carolling into the Christmas season.

First, on Friday December 13, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 810 King St. E., Cambridge, is presenting a dramatic reading of the Christmas classic, Charles Dickens' '*A Christmas Carol*'. Their featured special guest readers this year will include Cambridge, Mayor Doug Craig, Rev. David Malina, Gary McLaren (CKCO TV News Director and Host of Sunday AM, retired), and Kimberly Strassburger. Special music to accompany the reading will be provided by Music Director Bradley Moggach as well as a brass ensemble. Tickets are \$10.00/person plus a donation to the Cambridge Self-Help Foodbank. For tickets, contact the church office, 619-653-4721.

The Christmas in Cambridge Market was a GREAT success last year! A steady crowd enjoyed more than 60 vendors, food trucks , wine and beer tasting, and wandering buskers. The Cambridge Farmers' Market, Galt on the Grand BIA and Christmas in Cambridge invite you on Friday, December 13, 4-9pm and Saturday, December 14, 8am - 1pm to the Cambridge City Hall, Cambridge Farmers Market to attend the 2013 event.

Cambridge City Hall, and the surrounding area will transform itself to create a one-stop shopping destination for unique gifts, seasonal food and a great experience. New this year, civic square will have some sparkle to show off & be enjoyed by all ages.

Submitted by Bill Ashwell

CCP PLAY SUBMISSION

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 15th.

Although there have been plays submitted for consideration for the 2014/15 season, we still need more so we can establish a strong, varied season.

Remember, anyone can submit a play they would like us to perform.

For more information and a play submission form, go to our web site at

<http://www.cambridgecommunityplayers.com/Play%20Submissions-2.php>

Cambridge Community Players (Formerly Galt Little Theatre) is located in the Cambridge Arts Theatre, 47 Water St. South, Cambridge. 519-623-4076. Tickets are available on line at www.cambridgecommunityplayers.com , by phone at 519-623-4070, or at the box office.

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