



September 25, 2020

"Everything in life is unusual until you get accustomed to it."
~ Scarecrow (The Marvellous Land of Oz by L. Frank Baum)

Autumn Greetings!

This month some of us saw children and grandchildren off to school with a revised version of normal. Just as it always amazes me how quickly young minds can learn their lines in theatre, it also strikes me how flexible our children are in their daily lives. Whether it is learning upgraded technology or remembering to sneeze in their elbows, youth continue to be the leaders in all things new!

One of the things I love most about theatre is that it invites all people. This art form encompasses teamwork and cooperation. You don't even need to be onstage to get involved! As a 100% volunteer-run organization we have incredible people working behind the scenes – from the costume team led by Dayle Crouse who have been organizing our wardrobe space, to our communications director Sheilagh Woods who keeps you up to date... and so many others with their own wonderful talents. We are blessed with an incredible theatre family!

Have you been enjoying our weekly *Conversations with Cast & Crew*? It has been delightful to speak with these talented individuals, hear their memories and share their laughter. Episodes can be found on our "*South Shore Theatrical Players – Authorized*" Facebook page. These will continue to be posted weekly so please tune in!

Workshops keep rolling on. Theatre Improv is available every second Tuesday evening and is fun fun fun! Scriptease for new and experienced playwrights will be available again beginning September 30.

We recognize that during this time of COVID-19 there have been many challenges in our community. One of these comes in the form of financial stability for organizations such as ours. Even without producing any shows, our annual expenses sit over \$10,000 for our storage/rehearsal space, our required insurances and other basic costs to keep us running. Without the revenue from our regular season, we need to find ways to cover our expenses. We have been fortunate to have had some funds in reserve, but those will only get us so far, as we travel through this unknown territory. We are looking to you – *our members, our sponsors, our audiences, our friends* – to set aside a donation to help South Shore Players keep our books balanced and our shows onstage. Please watch for upcoming information on supporting your community theatre.

Of course **THE SHOW MUST GO ON!** Planning continues through emails, meetings and phone calls. Our 2021 schedule is tentative but we are hopeful to be in the "new" swing of things by spring, with the hilarious comedy *Play On!* We also plan to have a special online offering for you this December.

Over the past months I have found myself in my garden with the musical talents of Hank Middleton and Jon Allen. Hank played guitar and sang his original songs, with Jon chiming in with harmonies. (Lucky me!) You'll get to hear some of Hank's songs too, in an upcoming original show of his called Canada's Ocean Playground.

There is so much to enjoy now and in the future for our audiences, performers, crew members, et al!



Yours,

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FROM THE ARCHIVES



The Wizard of Oz – 2014



Annie – 2011



Jake's Women – 2016



See How They Run – 2018



Cinderella – 2016

SOUTH SHORE PLAYERS UPCOMING ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS WITH COLLEEN NAOMI

Think Fast!

Fun and creativity with improvisation.
Tuesdays, September 29, October 13, 27
7:00-8:15 pm
\$10 for one or a series of three for \$25

Scriptease

Write a short play in a month!
Wednesdays: September 30-October 21
2:00-4:00 pm
\$50 for the 8-hour workshop series

Save your spot! ssp.artisticdirector@yahoo.com

Maximum 8 participants per workshop

"I have enjoyed all the zoom classes that I have taken with Colleen of the South Shore Players. I didn't know Colleen or any of the participants, but I felt included right from the start and at ease. We certainly laughed a lot. Plus I have learnt some valuable lessons which will help me when we can get back on stage. Thank you Colleen."