



# CONFEDERATION THEATRE SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Introduction:

by Paul Brown

We hope you are enjoying this lovely warm weather, and relaxing in the sunshine. Meanwhile, we at Confederation Theatre Society are busily planning our Fall theatre presentations for your enjoyment (and getting in a bit of relaxation, too...).

We have been busy! In addition to planning our Fall, 2016 production, we put together a fun event for a seniors' group. On May 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 we performed at the Montgomery Seniors lunchtime social. The performance was very well attended and 'went down very well' along with the luncheon! We intend to repeat this program for other senior groups in the Calgary area. More about this later in the Newsletter.

### Our Fall, 2016 Production:

In Issue No. 2, we promised that our next production would be the murder mystery "*Happy Death Day*" by Louis B. Hobson. Alas, we must apologize that through circumstances beyond our control, we can no longer perform this play. However, we will be performing another equally clever murder mystery on the same dates at the Pumphouse Theatre. The play that we will present is, "*Investment in Murder*", written by Alan LeBoeuf.

Here are the details:

Our next production, "*Investment in Murder*" is an intelligent and exciting murder mystery. This play will keep you guessing until the end. The play will be performed at The Pumphouse Theatres' small venue, the Joyce Theatre.

Performance dates are as follows:

- Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2016
- Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2016
- Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2016
- Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016
- Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2106
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

There will be matinées on each Saturday. Evening shows start at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday matinées start at 2:30 p.m. Rush seating for all performances.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for seniors/students.

**For tickets:**

**Email: [ctstickets@yahoo.ca](mailto:ctstickets@yahoo.ca)**

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### **Future plays.**

A radio play is in the process of being written about the Antarctic Explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton, This is the story of one of the great heroic adventures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 1914, Shackleton set out from London on his way to the frozen Antarctic. The plan was to trek across the continent, a journey of 1,800 miles. Unfortunately, the ship became stuck in the ice and the crew were forced to abandon ship and start a long on-ice journey for survival. This radio play will be accompanied by sound effects. Paul Brown has completed the research for this engrossing historic tale and is now preparing the script. So set aside time in March, 2017 for this innovative theatrical delight.

### **Montgomery Seniors.**

As a community theatre group, we like to 'reach out' to seniors in our city. On the afternoon of May 30<sup>th</sup>, a group of actors from Confederation Theatre performed at the Montgomery Community Association for the seniors during their lunch social. We wrote a programme of hilarious skits and some serious mini-dramas, all of which took about 45 minutes to perform. We kept to our mandate in that 5 of the 6 sketches were written by an Alberta writer. There was a lot of laughter, wonderful camaraderie among both the actors and the seniors audience, and a rewarding experience for all involved in this mini-production. We will be offering this service to other seniors groups.

If your seniors group is interested in hosting a performance by our actors, please get in touch with us. You can contact Paul Brown at [paul\\_brown@shaw.ca](mailto:paul_brown@shaw.ca).

Our thanks to the following actors/actresses who performed for the seniors:

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| - Terry Ager    | Bill Ouellet    |
| - Paul Brown    | Kathy Shore     |
| - John Gishler  | Peter Whitehead |
| - Monica Herron | Arthur Zrill    |

A wonderful email was received from Cari Gulbrandsen, Elder Abuse Awareness Educator – Older Adult Programs:

*“Hi Paul. It was lovely to meet you and your co-stars yesterday. I thoroughly enjoyed the plays. I think the first and the last ones were my favorites, although it was hard to choose. Please pass along my thanks to the rest of the cast!”*

*I wondered if your group would be interested in doing anything on elder abuse or ageism. I am always looking for creative ways to bring messages across. However, I realize that the topic of elder abuse is a bit more serious and may not fit. I appreciated the comedy aspect of the plays your group does. I had a lot of laughs and I noticed the rest of the audience did as well.*

*Thanks again for the afternoon of entertainment yesterday!”*

A few photos from our Montgomery Seniors Show:



Monica Herron, Terry Ager and Bill Ouellet in “All my Gallstones”



John Gishler and Arthur Zrill in “The Vicar”

#### **A couple of one-liners about ageing:**

- Few women admit their age; few men act it.
- A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman’s birthday but never remembers her age.
- The older I get, the earlier it gets late.



*Peter Whitehead and Kathy Shore in "Paddy"*



*Kathy Shore and Terri Ager in "Paddy"*



*Paul Brown and Kathy Shore in "The Hospital"*

### **A few one-liners from Yogi Berra:**

- I never said most of the things I said.
- If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.
- You should always go to other people's funerals. Otherwise, they won't come to yours.
- You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six.
- Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded.
- I always thought that record would stand until it was broken.

*Enjoy the summer, and we look forward to seeing you at our Fall, 2016 production!*