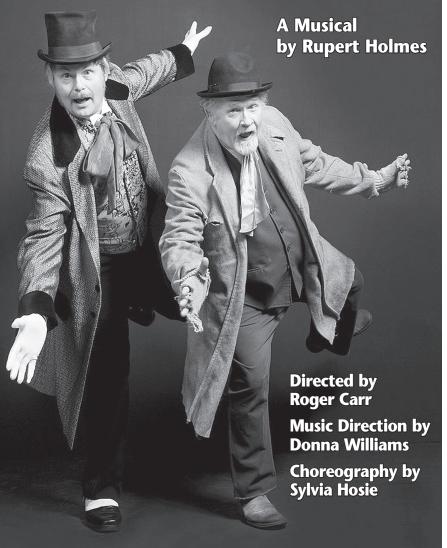
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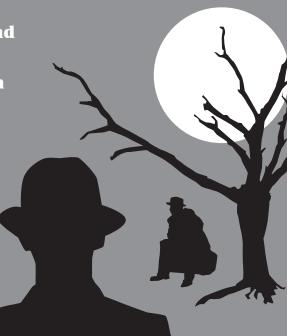
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Directors' Notes

Charles Dickens' final novel (or final draft of that novel to be pedantic) is not really much of a page turner. In fact, Rupert Holmes, who wrote *Drood the Musical*, advises potential producers of his play to avoid plodding through the source material. I felt obliged to look at the novel and regretted not heeding Mr. Holmes advice. It was an inspired decision by Rupert Holmes to take Dickens' treacle pudding of a story and drop it into the season of the Music Hall Royale. What fun to join us in 1892 as the company launches the premiere of *The Mystery of Edwin Droooooood*. Our actors go to extraordinary lengths to remind you that Charles Dickens left his work incomplete and that the mystery will be solved tonight with your help as "in a dangerously democratic move" characters are revealed, a murder exposed and lovers conjoined. Have a ball. We are.

Roger Carr

In Memoriam

January was a sad month at Langham Court Theatre. We lost two long time friends. **Sylvia Rhodes**, director, actor, producer, administrator and life member took her final bow on January 21st just days after the opening of the show she was working on. And our set builder and facilities manager of yore, **Graham Thomson**, died January 30th. They will be sadly missed.

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Lighting Design KARRIE AYOTTE

Sound Design ALAN MACKENZIE

Costume Design DIANE MADILL / SUSAN FERGUSON

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KEVIN STINSON GLORIA SNIDER

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Setting: London 1892

Musical Numbers

ACT I

There You Are Chairman, Company

Two Kinsmen Jasper, Drood

Moonfall Rosa

Moonfall Quartet Rosa, Helena, Florence Gill, Violet Balfour

The Wages of Sin Princess Puffer Jasper's Vision Ensemble
A British Subject Company

Both Sides of the Coin Mayor Sapsea, Jasper, Chairman

Perfect Strangers Rosa, Drood

No Good Can Come From Bad Jasper, Helena, Neville, Drood, Rosa, Crisparkle

Never The Luck

Off To The Races

Company

ACT II

A Private Investigation Datchery, Princess Puffer, Company

The Name of Love / Moonfall Reprise Jasper, Rosa

Don't Quit While You're Ahead Princess Puffer, Company

The Garden Path To Hell
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ROGER CARR Director

Recent directing includes *Cabaret, Miss Saigon, The Drowsy Chaperone,* and *Sweeney Todd*. Wandering through the streets of Cloisterham with this cast and production team has been a Dickens of a good time. Looking through my history I note that I have directed Langham's Sylvia Rhodes, was directed by her many times and acted with her in numerous plays. Sylvia has recently taken her final bow and is greatly missed.

Production Biographies

DONNA WILLIAMS Music Director

Donna is thrilled to be back for another Langham Court musical. Her last production with this wonderful theatrical bunch was with *The Drowsy Chaperone*. She was last seen in Theatre Inconnu's production of Alice. Drood has been a fabulous time, thanks to this talented cast and crew. Donna teaches music at St. Michaels University School.



SYLVIA HOSIE Choreography

In 1961, on the Langham Court stage, Sylvia was the solo dancer in a British Music Hall fondly known to Victorians as The Smile Show. Retired after 50 years in professional theatre as performer, director, choreographer, teacher, adjudicator and producer, she is delighted to choreograph this British Music Hall. Recent dance and movement credits: *Penelopiad* and *Pride and Prejudice* (Langham); *Judy* (Blue Bridge); *VOS celebrates the American Musical*.

PETER MCNAB and GIL HENRY Producers Gil has been involved at Langham for many years. He is delighted to work again with this production team who have brought other musicals to our stage. There is so much talent in our community and it is important to highlight this through Musical Theatre. As co-producer, Peter is on another steep learning curve, including acting, backstage, set building, and taking orders from Gil. He is grateful for the rich experiences.





SYLVIA LINDSTROM Stage Manager NICK STULL ASM ALEX CARROLL ASM

Sylvia is pleased to have the opportunity to work on this fabulously fun musical. She has been involved at Langham since 1986. Her stage management work includes *The Laramie Project, The Drowsy Chaperone, The 39 Steps, Cabaret,* and *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead. The Mystery of Edwin Drood* is the second time she has worked with Sylvia Hosie, the first being Bastion's *Sweeney Todd* in 1985. Nick and Alex are delighted to be shoring up back stage with such a great crew and cast.



KARRIE AYOTTE Lighting Design

Karrie is grateful for the creative outlet of *Drood* – working with Roger, Syl and the talented cast and crew kept her from succumbing to the trials of her day job. Thanks to my rock, Todd, for patience, and phil, whose memory inspires. Recent designs: *Cabaret, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, Drowsy Chaperone,* and *The 39 Steps.*



The set for *Drood* is the 31st set design Bill has done for Langham out of a total of 70 he has created. No.70 is *Les Miserables* coming to the MacPherson in May. Designing sets for musicals always presents interesting challenges and he hopes you find this one effective.



Production Biographies



DIANE MADILL and **SUSAN FERGUSON** Costume Design

This is the eighth production at Langham Court that Diane and Susan have collaborated on. Past credits include *Lady Windermere's Fan* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Thanks to Erika and Keri, our expert tailors, and Naomi, Pearl and Peta for the many hours they have put into helping us costume a huge production. Thanks to Roger, and a wonderful cast and crew, for their patience. And to Terry and Chris, who make it all possible.

ALAN MACKENZIE Sound Design

Alan has been a member of Langham Court for over 50 ears having joined while still in High School. He has designed sound for far too many productions to list including The Victoria Operatic Society, String of Pearls and the Starlite Pops Choir to name a few. Each one has been a rewarding challenge.



SALLY CRICKMAN Set Décor/Properties

Sally is delighted, once again, doing dressing and props for a musical. *Drood* has special significance as her paternal grandmother was the pianist for a Music Hall in London during that period. Thanks to the very talented cast and crew for all their hard work.

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About the Playwright



RUPERT HOLMES

Most members of our audience will be familiar with the works of Charles Dickens but the creator of *Drood*, our musical, may be less well known. Rupert Holmes was born to an English mother and an American army band leader. He studied music in New York and found success as composer and arranger. Performers ranging from Barbara Streisand, Renee Fleming and Barry Manilow have performed his work. However, his best known song is probably *The Piña Colada Song*. Holmes is also an award winning novelist with a taste for mysteries. His work in theatre includes *Drood* which won five Tony awards, *Curtains*, and *Say Goodnight*, *Gracie*. He has also composed and written for film.

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MONTGOMERY BJÖRNSON John Jasper/Mr. Clive Paget
Montgomery is thrilled to be working with the talented cast and
crew of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Recent roles at Langham
include Mr. Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice* and Benjamin in *The*Graduate. He would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers at Langham for their ongoing time and support.

Cast Biographies

ALF SMALL Reverend Crisparkle/Mr. Cedric Moncrieffe Previous roles include Aldolpho in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Man 2 in *Jacques Brel* and most recently Herr Schultz in *Cabaret*. He is also the male vocalist for local big band GROOVIN HARD. He is delighted to be working again with Roger, Donna and Sylvia and such an inspiring, supportive and talented cast.





SUSAN WILKEY Princess Puffer/Miss Angela Prysock
Susan has performed with the Victoria Operatic Society, Langham
Court Theatre and Target Theatre for many years, including movement and vocal coach and directing her first show. Susan's latest venture is West-coast producer of the Podcast "Earth News Channel."
Susan is extremely pleased to have the opportunity to work with the ridiculously talented cast and crew of Drood.

JOE HATHERILL The Maestro/Mr. Thomas Purcell Joe relocated to Victoria in 2009. He has been in the orchestra pit for dozens of musical productions in Englands ince 1982. Heperforms often locally on saxophone, clarinet and flute. He teaches at Larsen Music.





JOHN MANSON Deputy/Drood Shade/Master Nick Cricker John is delighted to be participating in his first Langham Court production. Previous shows include The Secret Garden (FSMT), The Addams Family (Kaleidoscope), Thoroughly Modern Millie (VOS) and Miss Saigon (VOS). Many thanks to the cast, crew and creative team for a challenging, hilarious and enjoyable experience.

TARA BRITT Helena Landless/Miss Janet Conover Favourite credits include My Fair Lady (Mrs. Hopkins/Lady Boxington), Singing in the Rain (Cathy), Into the Woods (Bakers Wife), Nevermore (Elmira), Guys and Dolls (Sarah Brown), Evita (Eva Peron), One! More! Time! (soloist), lead singer for various cruise lines. Director/choreographer: Addams Family, Christmas Story, Gypsy, Annie and [title of show].





HEATHER JARVIE-LAIDLAW Edwin Drood/Miss Alice Nutting Heather is happy to return to Langham Court Theatre with her wonderful hubby, Chad, and the great production team that first welcomed her on to this stage in Waiting in the Wings. Heather's recent credits include directing Harvey and 1959 Pink Thunderbird for LCT, and producing and performing in Jarvolution's A Beautiful View.

CHAD JARVIE-LAIDLAW Stage Manager/Mr. James Throttle Chad has been a long time volunteer at Langham with more than 30 shows over the past 14 years. Recent credits include lighting design for Harvey, 84 Charing Cross

Road, and 1959 Pink Thunderbird Convertible. Last year with his wife, Heather, he co-founded Jarvolution Theatre, and produced/designed A Beautiful View.

CECILLY DAY Flo/Moonfall Singer/Miss Florence Gill Cecilly is thrilled to finally be sashaying on to the Langham stage and into your hearts. She is a graduate of UVic's Phoenix Theatre. She has appeared with companies such as Four Seasons, Victoria Operatic Society, and Phoenix Theatre. She hopes you enjoy her as the overzealous Flo.



Cast Biographies



CATI LANDRY Rosa Bud/Miss Deirdre Peregrine

This is Cati's second Langham experience, her first as the trouble-maker Lydia Bennett. Other credits: *The Secret Garden, Charlotte's Web* and winning Intermediate Musical Theatre at Performing Arts BC. Thank you to Roger, Donna, Sylvia and the group for making this process enriching; and to her teachers Christie, Margaret, and David.

ALAN PENTY Chairman/Mayor Sapsea/Mr. William Cartwright/ Mr. James Hitchens

Alan, last seen as Richard Hannay in *The 39 Steps* and Underling in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, is excited about chairing this 'music hall rabble'. Chairman by night and Vic High Drama Teacher by day, he is also in Sin City at VEC most Tuesdays. Love to his wife Pam and daughter Katie, whose bemused support is much appreciated.





CORIN WRIGLEY Neville Landless/Mr. Victor Grinstead
Corin's most recent credits include Lady Audley's Secret, Macbeth,
and Something Like a War (a 2013 Fringe offering he wrote). Fall
2015 finds him alternating between Shakespeare's King John and
the role of Richard I in a new work based on the life of that monarch.



KEVIN STINSON Townsperson/Mr. Philip Sayle

Kevin is happy to be appearing in his 11th show, and first musical, at Langham Court. Recent appearances here include Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, Harvey, Elizabeth Rex, and The Laramie Project. Offstage he dabbles in sound design. His favourite Langham experience was getting married on our stage.

Cast Biographies

Peter is thrilled to be with the Langham family again. Next is getting married next winter and pondering nautical adventures. Enjoy the show, a treat to be in.





LEAH MOREAU Succubae/Dancer/Miss Sarah Cook Leah was last seen on the Langham stage as one of the maids, a sailor, goat, and CPR-giving duck in *The Penelopiad*. Although Leah is kept constantly on her toes as a middle school vice-principal, her hamstrings may never recover from this high-kicking show.

URSULA SZKOLAK Succubae/Dancer/Miss Alana Eliot Ursula hails from Toronto, ON. During her 10 year ballet career, Ursula has performed with companies worldwide until accepting a principal dancer position in 2007 with Canadian Pacific Ballet in Victoria. Currently Ursula is the office manager at Number 41 Media, and ballet teacher at Allegro Performing Arts Centre. Last seen on stage in The Penelopiad.





KATELYN MACKELLEN Succubae/Dancer/Miss Gwendolen Pynn Katelyn is thrilled to be kicking her knickers up once again on the Langham stage after appearing last years as a Kit Kat girl in Cabaret. But this time she is doing it in a nude body suit. Gasp! She is thankful to Sylvia Hosie for truly letting her dance.

AINSLEY WILLCOX Succubae/Dancer/Miss Isabel Yearsley Ainsley is currently studying History at Camosun College. This is her first show with Langham Court and enjoyed the putting together of this wonderful production. Recent credits include The Fairy Godmother in Shrek the Musical, as well as an ensemble dancer in Les Miserable, Seussical and Young Frankenstein. She hopes that you enjoy the show.





DREW KEMP Durdles/Mr. Nick Cricker

Actor, director and artist, for 17 seasons Drew headed the Musical Theatre faculty for Courtenay Youth Musical Centre. Two years ago Drew retired after teaching theatre in Victoria high schools for 26 years. It has been some time since he trod the boards at Langham. He is delighted to be amongst such a talented cast and directorial team.



MICHAEL ROMANO Bazzard/Waiter/Mr. Phillip Bax

This is Michael's third musical for LCT; Cabaret and The Drowsy Chaperone were his previous delights. Michael also appeared as Elwood P. Dowd in Harvey. He did not sing or dance in that one but he had fun all the same.

RENÉE MALLARD Maid/Moonfall Singer/Miss Violet Balfour Renée is thrilled to be making her Langham Court debut. Originally from Bishop's Falls, Nfld., she moved to Victoria in 2007 to attend the University of Victoria, graduating in 2009 with her Masters in Music Vocal performance. Previous shows include Sound of Music, Miss Saigon, and Annie, with VOS.





GLORIA SNIDER Townsperson/Miss Christine Lyon

Gloria is excited to be in her tenth show, but first musical at Langham. She has, however, appeared in musicals with VOS, Four Seasons, and Play With Your Food. Her most recent performances were as Eurycleia in *The Penelopiad* and Vita Louise Simmons in *Harvey*.

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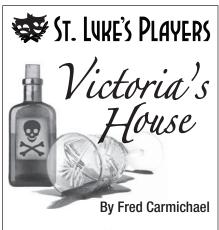
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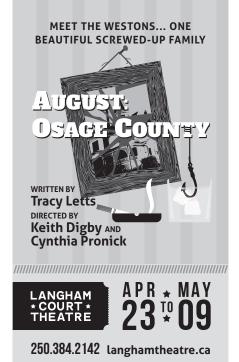


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MARIANNA BROWETT

Beginning with my first camera as a teenager and continuing through several 'generations' of cameras to my current digital Canon, the world as seen through a lens, has always fascinated me. I concentrate on interesting forms and placement of objects but I particularly like the energy of primary colors in a simple setting. I also want to encourage the viewer to put their own interpretation on what the picture 'means'. When many opinions are expressed about my photography I feel I have succeeded. My work has been accepted and sold at juried fine art shows in Victoria and surrounding area. I have also displayed and sold in several private art shows. Since moving to Victoria sixteen years ago I have augmented my love of photography with the study of watercolours and life drawings. Many of these drawing and paintings have been sold locally as art cards at "Dig This" in the Broadmead Shopping Center, "Everything Wine" on Millstream Road, Front Runners, Mountain Athletic Club on Bear Mountain and Side Street Studio when it was in Oak Bay. Recently, with the arrival of grandchildren, I have had less time to make cards but more time to encourage little people to be colourfully creative with anything from crayons to finger painting. My hope is that the enjoyment of creating art in any form will continue to enthral and nourish their souls throughout their lives.

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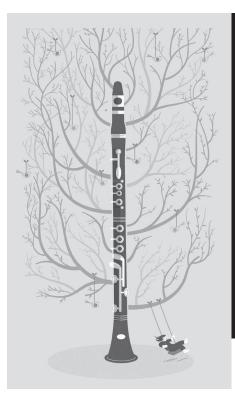
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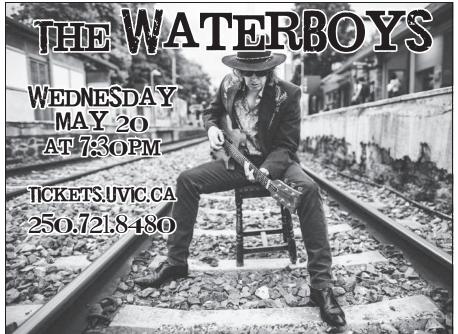














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