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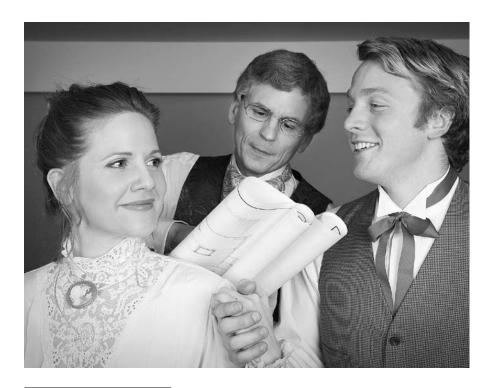












Director's Notes

Turgenev finished writing his comedy, A Month in the Country, in 1850 but it was not produced for nearly forty years. In the early 1990's, Christopher Heaney was asked to write a literal translation of the original play for Brian Friel, from which Friel "composed this very free version."

Friel says that Turgenev, and Chekhov, writing in the same style years later, were not formally categorizing their plays as comedies but "wished to indicate their own amused and ironic attitude to their characters and the situations those characters found themselves in."

However, moving an audience to hysterical grins was not enough for Friel so he created a Russian country, "upstairs/downstairs" play of privilege, intrigue, romance, laughter and disappointment. I hope you will be moved to more than smiles.

Toshik Bukowieki

Victoria Theatre Guild presents



by Brian Friel

April 20 – May 7 Langham Court Theatre

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc., New York

Director TOSHIK BUKOWIECKI

Producer ANDREA PITE

Stage Manager NICK STULL
Set Design BILL ADAMS

Lighting Design CAROL ANNE MOORE

Costume Design DI MADILL, SUSAN FERGUSON

Sound Design MAXWELL TERPSTRA

Set Dresser JEAN DE CARTIER
Properties JULIE NEWSON, LISSA REIMER

Cast

ELODIE ADAMS Anna Semyonovna Islayeva

AMBER CROUCH Katya

IARED GOWEN Michel Aleksandrovich Rakitin

COLIN HOUGHTON Matvey

ODILE NELSON Natalya Petrovna

LINDA O'CONNOR Lizaveta Bogdanovna

RANDY PARKER Ignaty Ilyich Shpigelsky

JOHN ROEBUCK Herr Schaaf

MICHAEL ROMANO Arkady Sergeyevich Islayev
BEN SUTHERLAND Aleksey Nikolayevich Belyayev

MELISSA TAYLOR Vera Aleksandrovna

DREW WAVERYN Afanasy Ivanovich Bolshintsov

Act I

Scene 1 Summer afternoon

Scene 2 The following day

Scene 3 The following day

There will be one 15 minute intermission

Act II

Scene 1 The afternoon of the following day
Scene 2 The following morning

Production Team

Assistant Stage Manager CAROL ANNE MOORE

> **Set Painters** YANA FEDORCHUK, JOHN SMITH,

> > JEAN DE CARTIER, MARY MCFARLAND,

MARILYN KUSS, TONY CAIN

Stage Crew TONY CAIN, ERIC SMITH,

BRENT SAWLOR, PETER MCNAB

Asst. to Lighting Designer ROGER CARR

> **Lighting Operators** DIANA KEATING, ROD HOGG,

> > **ELIZABETH WHITMARSH**

Sound Advisor ALAN MACKENZIE **Sound Operator** MAXWELL TERPSTRA

Rehearsal Prompt **IOAN EMERY**

Head Scenic Carpenter, Painter BILL ADAMS

> Set Construction **BOB CLARK, JULIUS MASLOVAT, MICHAEL KUSS**

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> Hair **IOHN FEAR**

Russian Coach **ANNA CAL**

> Dressers JEAN DE CARTIER, LYNN CADRAIN,

> > JULIE NEWSON, KATHLEEN WALSH, LISSA REIMER, MARY MCFARLAND

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TOSHIK BUKOWIECKI

Director

The first show that Toshik took part in at Langam Court Theatre was *I Am A Camera* in 1972. Now, nearly 39 years later, this is Toshik's fifty-fifth production. His previous directing credits include *Boeing-Boeing*, *Gigi*, *An Inspector Calls*, *I Hate Hamlet*, *That Summer* and *The Long Weekend*. In addition, he has done numerous set designs and appeared in many Langham productions. A Life Member since 2002, he is currently in his third term as President of the Guild and continues to find that having to work infringes on the time he can spend at the theatre.

Production Biographies

ANDREA PITE Producer

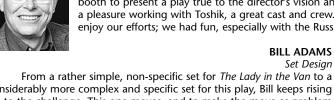
This is Andrea's nineth production at Langham Court and her first as Producer, having previously been Assistant Stage Manager, Sound Operator, Lighting Operator, and had a walk-on role. She has also been Stage Manager for St. Luke's Players. Andrea says it is a real joy to be part of *A Month in the Country* and work with such talented and committed cast and crew. Special thanks to Julie, Toshik, and Nick.



NICK STULL

Stage Manager

The stage manager is like the unseen orchestra conductor, working with the actors on stage, assistants off-stage and operators in the control booth to present a play true to the director's vision and the script. It is a pleasure working with Toshik, a great cast and crew. Nick hopes you enjoy our efforts; we had fun, especially with the Russian pronunciations!



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considerably more complex and specific set for this play, Bill keeps rising to the challenge. This one moves, and to make the move as problem free as possible, Bill and his loyal team of volunteer builders spent considerable time and energy leveling the old, undulating stage floor; a job that has been pending for years. Other moving sets that Bill has designed and made include, Midsummer Night's Dream, Scotland Road, (with the iceberg), and The Lion in Winter, (with the moving castle walls).

Other recent design projects include a big production of The Phantom of the Opera and a TV series, Tiga Talk.



CAROL ANNE MOORE

Lighting Design & ASM

Carol-Anne has had many happy years working with LCT mainly as a lighting operator, but occasionally delving into other aspects of behind-stage work (ASM, Properties). Her previous lighting designs were A Shot in the Dark, Picnic (both in 2009) and The Perfect Wedding in 2010. For this play, Carol-Anne gets to play two roles: lighting designer and assistant stage manager. "The challenge of getting it right – or as near to the director's vision as possible - is exciting and intimidating." Many thanks to all the cast, crew and mentors for their support and inspiration.

DI MADILL Costume Design

Diane has worked in the fashion industry in a variety of areas, teaching Fashion Design, running her own design business, and is presently a wardrobe consultant/stylist for Élan, with her sister, Sharon. This is the fifth play that she has worked on at Langham, with Susan Ferguson; it is always fun to create with Susan. Thank you, Toshik, for this opportunity to work with such a talented cast and crew.





SUSAN FERGUSON

Costume Design

Susan is delighted to be back working with Di on a challenging costume piece set in the late 19th century, replete with bustles and petticoats, high-button jackets and wingtip collars. Previous credits include *The War Show, Waiting in the Wings, The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Picnic*, and *The Silver Dagger* for Langham Court, *A Short History of Night* for Theatre Inconnu, *Frankenstein* for William Head on Stage, and *The Mikado* for The Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Susan thanks a wonderful cast and crew who are, as always, a pleasure to work with.

MAXWELL TERPSTRA

Sound Design

Maxwell is excited to be back at Langham for his second production, having assisted with lighting for *The Odd Couple* at the beginning of the season. In the meantime, he has been kept busy running lights and sound for several productions with St. Luke's Players, while trying to balance his day jobs as a web designer and tutor. He looks forward to working with new people and helping to create a great show!

JEAN DE CARTIER

Production Biographies



Set Dresser
Last season was Jean's first season as a stage dresser which included Sylvia and Perfect Wedding at Langham and Play it Again Sam for St.
Luke's she can also be found undressing and dressing actors backstage or costuming the cast for the St. Luke's Pantomimes. Thanks to Sally Crickman and Bill Adams for their support.

JULIE NEWSON

Properties friend Lissa.

Julie is delighted to be back at Langham doing Props with friend Lissa. They last worked together as co-producers for *Here on the Flight Path*. Julie has also produced *Gigi* and *The Dining Room* and did set dressing for *Bedroom Farce*. Her first production at Langham was 11 years ago when she did props for *Wild Oats*.





LISSA REIMER Properties

This is Lissa's fourth production at Langham Court. She has co-produced, worked on costumes, set dressing and is now delighted to be doing props. She recently organized a very successful fundraiser for BC Children's Hospital *Handbags for Hope* which hopefully will become an annual event.

Thank you Langham Court Theatre for staging another witty period drama



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About the Playwright



Brian Friel was born Jan. 9, 1929, near Omagh, County Tyrone, N. Ireland and is a playwright noted for his portrayals of social and political life. He taught school in Londonderry for 10 years. He turned to writing full time in 1960. Many of his plays deal with family ties and communication, including *Dancing at Lughnasa*, which was performed at Langham Court Theatre in 2002. Beginning in the late 1990s he wrote a number of adaptations of the works of Checkov and Turgenev. In 2008 he presented an adaptation of Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler*.

In 1980 Friel founded the Field Day Theatre Company in Londonderry, with the actor Stephen Rea, and in 1983 the company began publishing pamphlets, and later anthologies, aimed at the academic community on a wide variety of historical, cultural, and artistic topics.

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Cast and Crew of A Month in the Country





ELODIE ADAMS

Anna

Elodie has appeared on stage more often as a dancer, or been involved backstage with costumes and props. Playing Anna is Elodie's first role with Langham Court. She taught and performed tap dancing in France and at the other extreme learned and performed early music and dance, both in France and more recently in Victoria with Movimento!

Cast Biographies

AMBER CROUCH

Katya

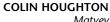
Amber Crouch recently moved from Berea, Kentucky where she was a high school choir and drama director. Since living here in British Columbia, Amber has played the role of Niki in the SIMTS production of Curtains and is now very excited and honored to have landed the role of Katya at Langham Court. She would like to thank her family and friends for the endless support throughout her many years of performing. Enjoy the show!



JARED GOWEN

Michel

Jared is, as always, glad to be back at Langham Court and working alongside so many talented and dedicated people, both familiar and new. He is especially pleased to be playing a part outside of his usual repertoire of murderers, sociopaths, and rugby players. His latest Langham appearances include roles in *The Laramie Project* and *The History Boys*.



Matvey
Colin dreamt of becoming an actor as a young man. Life got in the

way. So he is ecstatic to be involved in the theatre again. After playing roles in the most recent two productions of Langham Court's Readers Theatre, Colin is happy to be on the stage again and is enjoying the camaraderie with the Langham members.

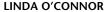




ODILE NELSON

Natalyo

Odile has had a wonderful time discovering what drives this magnificent lady. The process has been both challenging and wonderful. Thanks to all cast, crew and family for their inspiration and support. Astonishing!



Lizaveta

Linda's recent Victoria credits include Rosemary Sydney in Langham's *Picnic* and Queen Elizabeth in the Shakespeare Society's *Richard III*. She also played April in *Hot L Baltimore* and Heidi in *The Heidi Chronicles* in Los Angeles, where she trained at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. In addition to performing in several Toronto and Calgary-based commercials, she played a lead role in Alberta film festival winner *Strange Cargo*. Alberta stage credits include Robin in *Godspell* and Elvira in *Blithe Spirit*.





RANDY PARKER
Shpiaelsky (doctor)

Randy is thrilled to be cast in his fourth show at Langham Court. Becoming a member in 2009, he appeared as Judge LaBlanche in A Shot In The Dark. Last season, his performances included Howard Bevans in Picnic and Steven Marsh in Silver Dagger. This time out, he portrays the peasant turned physician, Dr. Shpigelsky. "It has been extremely interesting researching 19th century Russia. The periods' aristocracy were a real dysfunctional bunch and my character takes great pleasure in taking advantage of them."

JOHN ROEBUCK Schaaf

John Roebuck is not Swedish, Mexican or Chinese. More specifically, and more relevantly, he is not German. He has, however, lived in Germany – twice – where he first studied and performed in the theatre. Even more to the point, John is enjoying portraying Herr Schaaf in the company of this wonderful ensemble. A systems analyst by day, John is a husband, a father, a math tutor, an actor, writer and musician the rest of the time.



Cast Biographies



MICHAEL ROMANO

Arkady

This is Michael's third play this season with Langham Court Theatre with roles in *The Laramie Project* and *The Lady in the Van*. He was also seen in last season's production of *Sylvia* and St.Luke's Players *Arsenic and Old Lace*. He now looks forward to *A Month in the Country*.



Aleksey

Ben Sutherland is a 20 year old actor from Victoria. This is his first show with Langham Court and he is very excited to be working with such a talented group, both onstage and off. His most recent stage performance was as Bobby Pepper in the South Island Musical Theatre Society's 2011 production of *Curtains*. He wishes to thank the Langham Theatre family for such a warm welcome.



MELISSA TAYLOR

Verd

Melissa is a first year University of Victoria Theatre/Writing student. She is thrilled to be playing Vera in her second Langham show after first appearing in *The Laramie Project* in January. Previously Melissa has worked with Kate Rubin's Theatre Studio in *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Crucible* at the Metro Theatre. Melissa will be back at Langham Court in the upcoming play *Elizabeth Rex* in June.



DREW WAVERYN

Bolshintsov

Drew has been involved at Langham since 1985, off and on, and this is his busiest on-stage season to date with *A Month in the Country* being his second of three productions. He also appeared in *The Laramie Project* this past January and will be wrapping up the season with *Elizabeth Rex*. This is Drew's first time working with Toshik as a director and hopes they will still be friends by the time the production ends.



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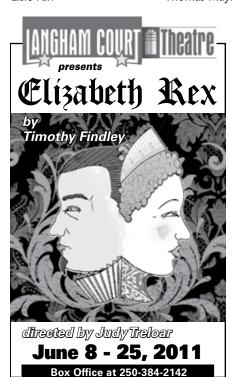
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MONIQUE HAZÉ

Monique was born in Paris, France and emigrated to Canada as a teenager. She has lived in Montreal, Ottawa, Northern Ontario and Ithaca, NY. She has travelled extensively in Europe, South America, Mexico and the US.

After a career in education, she took early retirement and moved to Victoria, BC where she has lived since 1995 enjoying the inspiring natural beauty around her and devoting her time to painting.

KANE RYAN

Kane began his nomadic lifestyle at the age of four when he travelled throughout Central America for two years with his parents in a Volkswagen van. Born in Calgary, he moved to Victoria from Mexico in 1988 at the age of 6 with his parents and his seashell collection. He currently splits his time between Canada and India using his photography and writing to raise awareness and funds for the Dirty Wall Project Foundation.

About the Non-Profit

DIRTY WALL PROJECT FOUNDATION

Kane Ryan started his nomadic lifestyle at the age of four when he travelled for two years with his parents in a Volkswagen van throughout Central America. He was born in Calgary and moved to Victoria with his family and his seashell collection from Mexico in 1988 as a 6 year old.

Graduating from Vic High in 2000, he felt the call of other cultures and new experiences, bought a backpack, and a plane ticket and has travelled and worked his way around the world for the past 10 years working in diamond mines in Canada's north, bars in Thailand, as an extra in Bollywood, construction in Australia and everything in between.

A pivotal moment at an orphanage in India sparked the idea to start his own non-profit, giving his travelling lifestyle meaning and purpose. In 2009, Kane launched the Dirty Wall Project Foundation starting with \$4000 in donations with a promise to spend it wisely by 'seeing a need and filling it". Projects in India include building a school in a slum community, holding medical camps with local doctors, paying for surgeries and paying school fees for 35 children from the slums. The most recent large project has been turning a huge garbage dump into a sports field and garden area in the Saki Naka slum community, completed in March 2011.

Kane presently splits his time between Canada and India using his photography and writing to raise awareness and fundraise for the Dirty Wall Project.

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NOTICE

Langham Court Theatre announces a change in its 2010-2011 season, effective immediately.
Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) by Canadian playwright Ann-Marie MacDonald will no longer be produced as Langham's sixth play of the current season, scheduled for June 2011. In its place, Elizabeth Rex by Timothy Findley, a drama set in the rich theatrical era of Elizabeth I, will open June 8 and run thru June 25 of 2011.
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