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Moon Over Buffalo is Full of Fun and Energy!

Written by Ken Ludwig

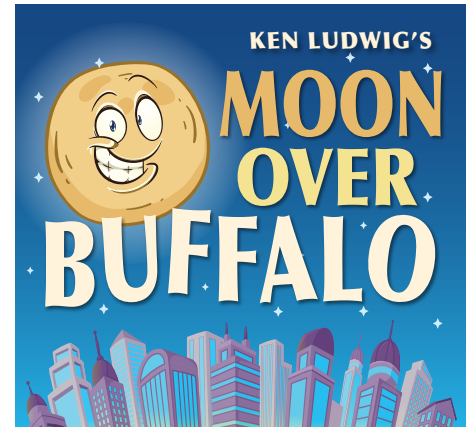
Directed by Morgan McLeod

Performance Dates: May 10 – 28, 2023

Get ready to LOL! Rollicking fun and laughter is guaranteed with LCT's next production, *Moon Over Buffalo*. This wonderful comedy, directed by **Morgan McLeod**, is fast-paced and full of hijinks and shenanigans that will leave you rolling in the aisles.

After 27 actors took part in the most enjoyable and entertaining auditions, our talented cast was selected. Five of the eight roles went to actors who are new to the Langham stage!

Chosen for their outstanding comedic skills are **Billy Reid** as George Hay, **Melissa Zuyderduyn** as Charlotte Hay, **Katya Delancey** as Ethel, **Trinity Dowling** as



Eileen, **Claudia Clemente** as Rosalind, **Noah Gallant** as Howard, **Levi Jennings** as Paul, and **Orion Marciano** as Richard.

Congratulations to the cast and thank you to everyone who came out for the auditions.

We are also grateful to have a fabulous production team which includes many new Langham volunteers who are being mentored and are learning from experienced department heads. They are the future of LCT shows.

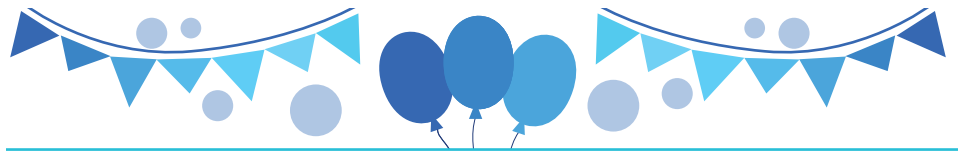
A note of interest is that one cast member was also in Langham's 2008 production of *Moon Over Buffalo*. Katya Delancey played Eileen!

We hope you'll all come out to have some laughs and support this exciting production running May 10-28. You won't be disappointed!

Billy Reid, Melissa Zuyderduyn and Trinity Dowling rehearse a scene from the play.



Langham Court Theatre Society is a community theatre powered by volunteers and all actors and crew are unpaid. The Society has ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying, racism, harassment, and other behaviours that cause harm to members of our community. Everyone will be required to adhere to our [Code of Conduct](#)



Celebrating Our Volunteers

In honour of National Volunteer Week (April 16–22), we celebrate all the many Langham volunteers! Those on stage and behind the scenes, producing, directing, stage managing, building, painting, sewing, gardening, hosting at the front of house, ushering, serving at the bar, or working in the costume loft, we appreciate each of you!

Your commitment to the Langham community, and your energy and enthusiasm for creating vibrant community theatre, is inspiring.

Thank you.

The Board of Directors

Message from the Co-Production Chairs

Submitted by Jacquollyne Keath and Toshik Bukowiecki

After a month-long open call for committee members, the play-reading committee held its first meeting on March 21.

We discussed the need to build attendance after the extended closure, and will proceed with that in mind. No decisions other than that have been made and the committee has a lot of reading to do over the next six weeks.

Committee members will not be discussing which scripts they are reading, and once the submission to the board is approved, the membership will be alerted to the next season.

We will be looking at a five show season which allows time for rentals, co-productions, or fundraisers between shows. Exact dates for the five shows has not been confirmed yet.

The committee members are **Eric Grace, Wendy Cornock, Andrea Pite, and David Blue.**

We thank everyone for their submissions. There has been a wide diversity in plays submitted for the committee to consider.



Langham Volunteer Appreciation Event



Join us and enjoy refreshments, along with some delicious goodies. Chat with old friends, meet up with new ones, and get a special sneak peek at a *Moon Over Buffalo* rehearsal.

Sunday, April 23
1:30–4 p.m.

Langham Lounge

Please RSVP to membership@langhamtheatre.ca by April 14



Costume Loft Report

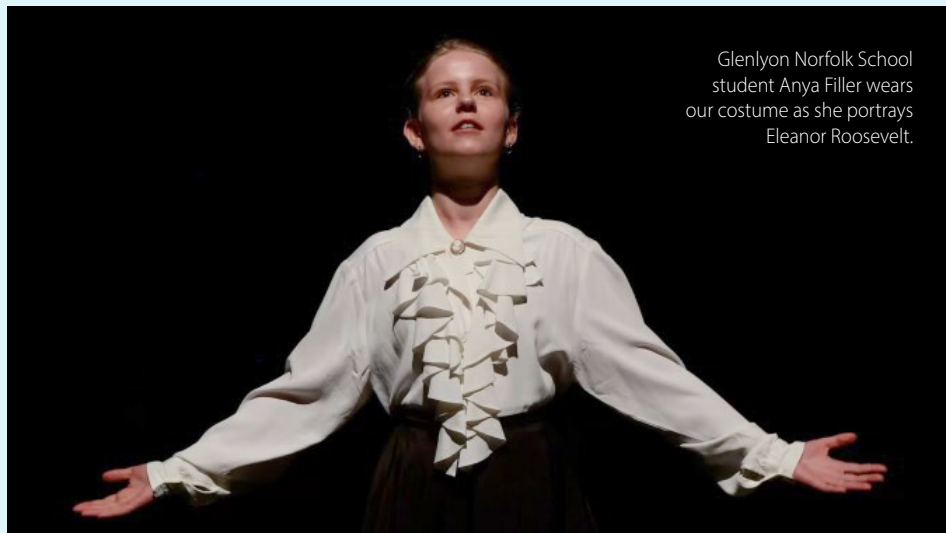
Submitted by Deanna Milligan

It has been busy in the loft this month as we have been getting students from Glenlyon Norfolk school ready for the "Gallery of Fame." Students use detailed research to take on the persona of an important figure from history. We have been dressing all kinds of amazing characters from Billy the Kid to Princess Diana to Winston Churchill.

VADArts has been renting costumes for a film project that is being done at Langham.

Murder Mysteries continue to be a big trend with 1920s-era parties happening all over Victoria.

We are proud to announce that our Costume Loft volunteer Wendy Henderson will be the lead Costume Designer for Langham's production of *Moon Over Buffalo*.



Glenlyon Norfolk School student Anya Filler wears our costume as she portrays Eleanor Roosevelt.

Plans are in place for our famous annual sale to resume after a hiatus. Date to be announced soon!

Drop in during opening hours to rent a costume, or to donate clothing or jewellery.

Costume Loft Hours

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 1–5 p.m.

Fridays: 12–5 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Art Show in the Langham Lounge

ART SHOW RECEPTION: Saturday, April 15, 1–3 p.m.

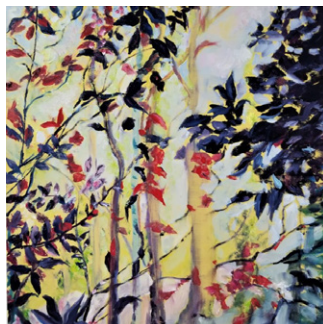


Arden Rose

Arden Rose is a Victoria, BC artist working in Acrylic & Collage. She has lived in B.C. most of her life and spent a great deal of her childhood running

wild in the hills on the outskirts of Kamloops. With an Economics degree from the University of Victoria and an MBA from McMaster University, she began to explore her creative side after establishing a mainstream career. Mainly self taught, she has been influenced by the expressionist movement, and Modigliani.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and Arden sees beauty in the natural world, old buildings, and in the human form. All contribute to her inspiration. Her work



At Butchart Garden

ranges from impressionistic portraits to bold landscapes and florals. Rose easily captures both joy and wonder and she is a colorist at heart. "I love colour, dream in colour, and live and breathe it, chasing delight, joy, spirit, and momentary beauty."

Rose is a past member of the Gage Gallery and currently shows her work in a number of venues including the Art Rental and Sales program at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and the Tofino Gallery of Contemporary Art. She is a member of SPAC and the Victoria Arts Council, and owns and operates The Fairfield Art Studio.

Arden Rose's exhibit will be viewable in the Langham Lounge during the run of *Moon Over Buffalo*, as well as during a **special Artist's Reception in the lounge on April 15, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

Art pieces displayed are available for purchase by contacting the artist at ArdenRoseArt.com



Garden Party



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What could be more fun than gathering two far-flung families for a backyard wedding?

Cole and Amy, the happy couple, have their fingers crossed.

Cole's parents Bobbi and Phil are hosting and everything's just about organized.

What could go wrong? Okay, cold feet are a classic glitch but wise elders can take care of that. Does it matter that Bobbi won't lay eyes on her precious son's bride-to-be until she marches down the grassy aisle? So what if Cole's

younger brother is determined to make a BIG announcement of his own before the proceedings? Can flaky Phil be trusted to deliver a key element of the ceremony without mishap? No pressure, of course, that a total stranger is unwittingly coerced into witnessing the mayhem.

Playwrights Mitch and Jo Barnes navigate their characters through this nuptial obstacle course with humour and empathy and everyone emerges unscathed.

Other Theatre Happenings



March 30 – April 9

Kaleidoscope and Carousel Theatre for Young People co-production of *OZ*
(www.showpass.com/oz/)

April 15

Art show in the Langham Lounge featuring the work of Arden Rose (1–3 p.m.)

April 18 – May 14

Belfry's production of *Old Stock: A Refugee Love Story* (www.belfry.bc.ca/old-stock-a-refugee-love-story/)

April 23

Langham Volunteer Appreciation Event (1:30–4 p.m.) – **RSVP by April 14**

May 10–28

Langham Court Theatre's production of *Moon Over Buffalo*
(www.langhamtheatre.ca/moon-over-buffalo-tickets-now-on-sale/)

May 18 – May 21

Peninsula Players' production of Ken Ludwig's adaptation of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*
(www.thepeninsulaplayers.ca/current-productions)

May 24 – June 4

St. Luke's Players' production of *Firehoses & Family*
(www.stlukesplayers.org/04-FirehosesandFamily.html)



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A Thrilling Evening of Flamenco!

On March 25, Langham hosted a thrilling evening of flamenco – the first time such an event had been held at Langham Court Theatre. This wonderful co-production with the Flamenco de la Isla Society raised approximately \$4,000 (ticket sales, donations, silent auction) in support of the Victoria Flamenco Festival!

Photos Credit: Amity Skala



A Thank You from the Flamenco de la Isla Society

What a treat to experience flamenco on the Langham stage and see the audience rise with shouts of olé in a standing ovation! Thank you to all who helped raise funds to support the Victoria Flamenco Festival in July!

Highlights included a guitar rendition of Asturias by Spanish composer Isaac Albéniz, played by Juan de Marias and Gareth Owen, and danced beautifully with castanets by Veronica Maguire. Gareth showed his talent in an intricate guitar solo and accompanied the cante (singing) and baile (dance) of the other artists. All gave a passionate and spirited performance! Lia Crowe amazed the crowd by masterfully handling a manton

(shawl) and bata de cola (long skirt with a train). Estelle Kurier danced from her heart, a dramatic Farruca with a hat, and Carolyn Crampton captivated everyone with her percussive footwork and elegant arm movements.

A display of flamenco fashions gave attendees a chance to learn more about this vibrant art form. The silent auction raised close to \$1,400 with donations from local businesses and flamenco friends.

This co-production between Langham Court Theatre and the Flamenco de la Isla Society showed the power of community. We hope it is the first of many such events!



VADArts Presentation of EVERYBODY



The Victoria Academy of Dramatic Arts (VADArts) had the wonderful opportunity to present the acclaimed, thought-provoking play *Everybody* at Langham Court Theatre on Sunday, March 19. The event, in support of the Red Cross Türkiye & Syria Earthquake Appeal, was sponsored by Langham Court Theatre and presented by the academy's graduating second-year students as part of the year's training.

Synopsis: God has called Death to assist in an accounting of his creation (*Everybody*). *Everybody* tries to find somebody to come with him. From this premise, the playwright challenges the audience to review their own lives, the choices they have made, and their impact on the world around them.



This performance concluded a six-month rehearsal process that was coordinated with film and TV training classes.

A huge thank you to Langham for providing the opportunity to share this remarkable piece of theatre with the community. Almost \$400 was raised by donations at the door!

Victoria Academy of Dramatic Arts



HEARTS & HUSTKAS – We did it!

Working together with the Ukrainian community in Victoria, **we raised \$15,000 to support Help Ukraine Vancouver Island (HUVI)**, a volunteer organization that has assisted more than 1,100 Ukrainians (mostly women and children) who have relocated to Vancouver Island after fleeing the trauma and dangers of the war in Ukraine. If you'd like to make a further donation, please go to: <https://ukrainehelpvi.ca/how-to-donate/>

A big **THANK YOU** to the amazing performers who so generously contributed their time and talents, and to all the dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard to bring this wonderful event to life.

Special appreciation to our co-hosts, Katlia Lafferty and Diana Budiachenko, photographer Vadym Graifer, and to the organizing committee: Pati-Ann Lawe, Alice Bacon, Nancie Hall, Kathy Macovichuk, Dick Newson, Hilary Allan, Jason King, Marilyn Kuss and Wayne Yercha.

For a recap of the event, along with pictures, please go to www.langhamtheatre.ca/evening-of-hearts-hustkas/



\$15,000 donation presented to Help Ukraine Vancouver Island: (l to r): Zhanna Kolesnyk, Karmen McNamara (General Manager - HUVI), Katlia Lafferty (Langham Board Member), Diana Budiachenko, Pati-Ann Lawe