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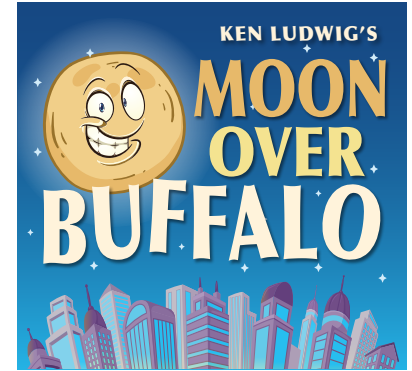
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Moon Over Buffalo Right on Target

Written by Ken Ludwig / Directed by Morgan McLeod

Performance Dates: May 10 – 28, 2023

Submitted by Holly McGimpsey

Everything is right on target for a successful opening of *Moon Over Buffalo* on May 10.

The fantastic set is almost completed, lights and sound ready to go, the last stitches of the amazing costumes have been sewn, and the exceptional cast is busy fine tuning their comedic skills for your enjoyment.

All we need now are full houses and audiences who are up for some great laughs.

The cast gave a brief preview of their rehearsal to the attendees of LCT's Volunteer Appreciation event. Despite moving the sets for the first time, which were without wheels yet, and the lead female

role being performed by director Morgan McLeod, everyone laughed and were thoroughly entertained. There was so much positive buzz afterwards!

Get your tickets now for this hilarious and entertaining farce at its finest.

Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. and there's an extra Saturday matinee (May 20) for Moon Over Buffalo. Visit the Langham website for tickets at langhamtheatre.ca



Some of the awesome MOB production team and crew.
Photos by Holly McGimpsey.

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](#)

Volunteer Coordinator for New Volunteers

Submitted by Jean Topham

First of all I would like to thank all the wonderful new volunteers who have decided to volunteer their time and talents to Langham Court Theatre. It has been my pleasure to chat with each and every one of you on the phone and to meet you in person, whether it be during one of our social events, the run of a show, or simply meeting for coffee.

After the Special General Meeting in September and the Annual General Meeting in November, we welcomed so many new volunteers to Langham that we decided to create a position of Volunteer Co-ordinator for New Volunteers. It has

been my great pleasure to welcome 40 new volunteers to Langham since that time.

I have spoken to each person on the phone and discussed the opportunities where they might become involved.

As a result, we now have new volunteers working as ushers, bar tenders, gardeners, box office personnel, folks helping with posters, props and five new members working on our next production, *Moon Over Buffalo*.

We are instigating a program whereby people can shadow a position that they might be interested in doing – lighting and sound operators being an example. If they decide that ‘yes’ this is something they might be interested in, they are mentored by someone until such time as they feel confident enough to do the job on their own. Once I have determined what someone is interested in volunteering for, I pass their name on to the person in charge of that particular department – for example, the head of the shop Mike Kuss, or Dick Newson who is in charge of the box office, etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all our new volunteers to become members and to be sure to get in touch with me if they have not heard from anyone at Langham for awhile and are wondering what their next step should be. If they get in touch with me, I can follow up with specific people.

My thanks to all of you who have joined the Langham community and are helping Langham to move forward into a bright future built on a firm foundation.

OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITION

We are looking for someone to take on the management of the Props Room. If this is something that you think you might be interested in doing please get in touch with me and we can discuss what is required.

Please email me at jtopham@telus.net or call 250 592-7270.



Discussing details for the upcoming opening, at a *Moon Over Buffalo* production meeting

Planning for the 94th Season – Production Personnel Needed

Submitted by Jacquolynne Keath and Toshik Bukowiecki

Starting in September, Langham Court Theatre will be launching its 94th Anniversary Season.

In order to do that and to insure our maximum success, we need Production Teams for every show. In addition to Directors we need:

- Producers
- Stage Managers
- Assistant Directors
- Assistant Stage Managers
- Lighting, Sound, and Set Designers
- Properties Personnel
- Running Crews

We encourage everyone who wants to support Langham's success to consider getting involved in one or more of these areas. We plan on offering workshops through the

season to help provide background and training in all these areas where we are severely short of support. Dates will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

If you are an “organizer” and a “take charge” sort of person, Producing or Stage Managing might be right up your alley. Inspired by songs or sounds, colours and images?... you might have hidden design talents. Do you love to shop and create – are you an emerging Props whiz? Like to be involved in the moment – maybe it's ASM-ing and Running Crew for you?

Please consider how you can contribute to making Langham's 94th Anniversary Season the best it can be! We can be contacted at: prodchair@langhamtheatre.ca

Celebrating Volunteers

Caroline Herbert, Member-at-Large

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate National Volunteer Week! It was our pleasure to see everyone come together to chat and connect.

From April 16-22, Volunteer Canada encouraged organizations across our country to celebrate the work of all volunteers in all sectors. The National Volunteer Week theme for 2023 was Volunteering Weaves Us Together. This reveals the importance of volunteering which gives strength and vibrancy to our communities through the interconnected actions we take to support one another. These diverse forms of sharing our time, talent, and energy, strengthen the fabric of our community.

At Langham, a group of 90 volunteers came together on Sunday to celebrate



the volunteers who are the heart and soul of Langham. We celebrated our Life Members, our longtime volunteers, welcomed our new volunteers, and recognized everyone dedicated to our local community theatre. The group was also treated to a rehearsal of the

next Langham production, *Moon Over Buffalo*. They got to see just some of the shenanigans that will be showcased in the May production.

A big thank you to Alice from Brentwood Bay Village Emporium for the amazingly tasty and well appreciated assortment of

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Art Show in the Langham Lounge



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



At Butchart Garden

contribute to her inspiration. Her work 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."

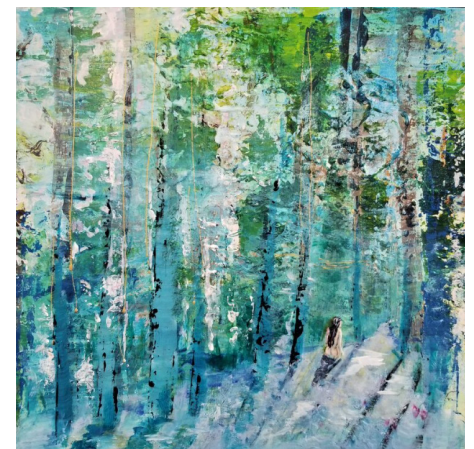
Rose is a past member of the Gage Gallery and currently shows her work in a number of venues including the Art Rental and Sales program at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and the Tofino Gallery of Contemporary Art. She is a member of SPAC and the Victoria Arts Council, and owns and operates The Fairfield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

Arden Rose's exhibit will be viewable in the Langham Lounge during the run of *Moon Over Buffalo*.

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



Garden Party



Forest Bathing



Theatre Inconnu presents:

Witch

by Jen Silverman, directed by Wendy Gail and Jean Topham

May 3 – 20

Silverman has taken a 17th century play (The Witch of Edmonton by Rowley, Decker, & Ford) and infused it with modern sensibilities and vernacular to give us a comedic fable with serious

undertones. Opportunism is creating havoc in the Duke's household as Satan's apprentice works her mischief, while Elizabeth – the village outcast with more sense than all combined – creates a magic that threatens to derail the best laid devilish plans.

CAST: Elizabeth Blanco, Colton Blum, James Johnson, Gloria Snider, Kevin Stinson, Deirdre Tipping

For specific dates and times and reservations, please go to: <https://www.theatreinconnu.com>

Ticket Prices: \$14 regular (adults), \$10 seniors (60+) /students/unwaged

You can order tickets without prepayment by phoning (250) 360-0234, email: info@theatreinconnu.com

Other Theatre Happenings

OR....Reserve and pay online with a credit card at: www.theatreinconnu.com

The show is about 100 minutes long, including one intermission.

Theatre Inconnu is located in the Paul Phillips Hall at 1923 Fernwood Road (across the street from the Belfry Theatre).

We are wheelchair accessible, but you need to let us know beforehand so we can make accommodation.

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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.

Mark Your Calendars

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 21 – May 14

Blue Bridge's production of *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)* (<https://bluebridgetheatre.ca>)

April 25 – May 7

Intrepid Theatre's Incoming Festival featuring world premieres, BC premieres, and Victoria premieres (www.intrepidtheatre.com)

May 3 – 20

Theatre Inconnu's production of *Witch* (www.theatreinconnu.com)

May 10–28

Langham Court Theatre's production of Ken Ludwig's *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)



sandwiches, snacks, and sweet treats. They disappeared rather quickly.

Thank you to Langham's neighbour Rashida who stopped by with her family and brought samosas and goodies to share with everyone.

We welcomed members of the Rockland Neighbourhood Association who stopped by to tour the theatre. Their group will be joining us for a special evening during the *Moon Over Buffalo* run.

Throughout the afternoon, lots of tea was served in China cups and saucers and, thanks to Kathy and Toshik, the

bar was open and many enjoyed an afternoon libation.

Thank you to Tara Greco, a new volunteer who came with her family and took photos of the event. Welcome Tara!

A big thank you to Jean, Linda, Sally, Merry, Wendy and John for planning and helping set up the event, and to Dick for coordinating the attendance and always being available to answer my questions.

Thank you to you all for choosing to spend your time, energy and efforts volunteering at Langham. **You are appreciated!**



News from the Costume Loft

Submitted by Deanna Milligan

You can see our beautiful costumes in *Moon Over Buffalo* as they are playing with lots of interesting time periods. Costume Designer Wendy Henderson is also a volunteer in the Costume Loft, and she will be pulling costumes from the loft to represent the 1600s, the 1950s, and 1930s.

We are renting costumes to film and tv projects shooting in town.

Clowns and Medieval parties seem to be popular choices for costumes this month.

Come see us anytime Wednesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m.–5 p.m., Fridays 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Billy Reid as George Hay and Melissa Zuyderduyn as Charlotte Hay in *Moon Over Buffalo*

Photo Credit: Terry Stitt

