LANGHAM LANGHAM LANGHAM THE NEWSLETTER

Langham Court Theatre resides on the territories of the ləkwəŋən people, also known as the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nation. We live and create on this land with humility and gratitude.

FEBRUARY 2025

Board of Directors

President: Caroline Herbert **Vice-President:** Gloria Di loia **Secretary:** Marilyn Kuss

Treasurer: Dick Newson

Members-at-Large to 2025:

Amanda Hefflefinger, Don Keith

Member-at-Large to 2026: Jacqollyne Keath, John Varszegi

Co-Production Chairs 2023-25

Jacqollyne Keath, Toshik Bukowiecki

Co-Production Chairs 2025-27

Heather Elayne Day, Jim Leard

Langham Court News is published 11 times a year. **Deadline for submissions** is the 22nd day of the month preceding the month of publication. Send submissions to Andrew Law at newseditor@langhamtheatre.ca

Box Office and Administration 250-384-2142

boxoffice@langhamtheatre.ca

Costume Loft Rentals and Donations 250-384-2025

costumeloft@langhamtheatre.ca

General Inquiries

gm@langhamtheatre.ca

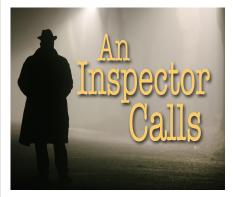
Membership

membership@langhamtheatre.ca

Prop Rentals and Donations props@langhamtheatre.ca

Like us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/langhamtheatre

Follow us on Instagram www.instagram.com/langhamcourttheatre



Cast for An Inspector Calls

Submitted by Holly McGimpsey (Producer)

Director **Tony Cain** had 35 eager people audition on Jan 10th and 11th. After lengthy discussion and tough decisions, I'm happy to announce the fabulous cast of *An Inspector Calls*:

Bill Christie as Arthur Birling, Henry Skey as Gerald Croft, Emme Sait as Sheila Birling, Elizabeth Whitmarsh as Sybil Birling, Emily Linzey and Acacia Cousins sharing the role

of Edna, Ty DeLisle as Eric Birling and Willis Taylor is Inspector Goole.

With our talented production team in attendance, the first table read on Jan 18th was excellent and a very good indication of another successful show in the making. Don't miss *An Inspector Calls*, March 26 - April 13.



The Cast:

L to R standing - Ty DeLisle, Henry Skey, Willis Taylor, Bill Christie

L to R seated - Emme Sait, Elizabeth Whitmarsh, Emily Linzey, Acacia Cousins



Simon Skey explaining the set to the production team.



Message from the President

Thank you to the amazing **Lisa Mort-Putland**, Executive Director of Volunteer Victoria who gave an informative workshop on Board practices and creating a more effective Board to our new Board co-horts.

Lisa has worked in the nonprofit sector for more than 20 years and holds a degree in drama and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Her expertise, insight and board experience, coupled with an unwavering sense of humour were invaluable to the new board. Lisa gave us a lot to consider as a currently operational board. This included how we work together to oversee the running of the theatre while respecting and honouring the membership, each other and the work we do.

Thank you, Lisa for your time and energy and if we are casting for a character with a Welsh accent, you could put that drama degree to use.

Congratulations to the cast, crew and director Francis Matheu of **Now and Then**.

I look forward to seeing the production. Thank you to the Set Construction, Set Painting and Decorating and Props departments for yet an-other impressive set! It looks like the real deal, complete with a real retro juke box.

I did however, have a member make a tongue in cheek request to allow the audience to use it as a pub during intermission because it is that good. The answer was, unfortunately, no!

Cheers

Caroline

PRODUCTION TEAM NEEDED!

Submitted by Toshik Bukowiecki

Send Me No Flowers is the last show of the season and it's time to get our Production Team in place. Auditions will be in late April/early May with rehearsals through May and June.

I will do the set design but I need the rest of the team:

Producer
Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Managers
Lighting Designer
Costume Designer (1960's)
Sound Designer
Props
Set Dressing
Running Crew
Board Operators



Please contact me if you would like to work with me on this "boy has the world ever changed in 60 years - slice of life in the '60s" fluffy comedy, to close the season.

Thanks, Toshik.

toshikb@telus.net

2025-2025 Season Play Selections

Submitted by James Leard

The Production Chairs are in the process of choosing a season for 2025/26. The next step will be to link the plays to the Director/Producer teams. This is a first call for those interested in Directing and /or Producing next season.

This is not a commitment on either side but will give Langham an idea of potential partners. Final play selection should be complete late February after submission to the Board.



Some people have already mentioned their interest in directing but please send an email to gm@langhamtheatre.ca so that we don't inadvertently misplace your interest.

Jim Leard, Heather Day

Production Chairs

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**



New Bar Manager Submitted by Kathy Macovichuck

We'd like to introduce our new Langham Lounge Bar Manager **Tim Pilon**. Tim and his wife Marcia were recently introduced to Langham by Toshik Bukowiecki. Tim and Toshik became friends while playing croquet at the Canadian Pacific Lawn Bowling & Croquet Club

With a background in medical imaging, Tim doesn't have any theatre background, but he considers volunteering as a great way to get a foot in the door at Langham and looks forward to being a part of our productions and community. While previously living in the Courtenay/Comox area, Tim had a wood-working shop where he enjoyed working on projects and hammering nails. Maybe we might also persuade Tim to take on the challenge of joining our set construction team!

Thank you Tim for stepping into this important role at our theatre. Be sure to drop by the bar and say hello. And big thanks to Kathy Macovichuk for her work as the previous Bar Manager.



Recently at a Meet & Greet, Tim introduced himself to Langham's volunteer bartenders, both new and experienced.

Langham Sign Fundraising

You will soon see a temporary Langham sign that will identify the theatre until we raise enough to finance a permanent lit sign. The donation campaign has been kicked off with a generous donation of \$2000 by **Gloria Di Iola and Ian Bidgood!**

If you would like to donate, please email gm@langhamtheatre.ca

Other Theatre Happenings

Mark Your Calendars

January 29 - February 16

Langham's production of Now and Then

February 19 - March 8

Theatre Inconnu's production of *Queene Maeve*

February 28 - March 3

St Luke's Audtions for *Drinking Habits*

March 12 - 23

St. Luke's Players' production of *Out of Sight out of Murder*

March 26 - April 13

Langham's production of An Inspector Calls

Volunteer Victoria Membership

Need some new skilled volunteers? We are pleased to once again be a member of Volunteer Victoria. If you are looking for volunteers with a particular skill set, let us know at gm@langhamcourt.ca. We can post for any position at any time.

We need the job title, a brief description, time frame and any training offered.

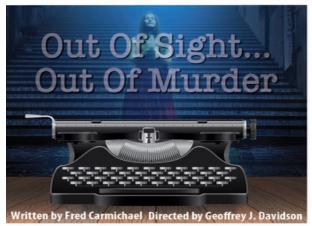
Volunteer Victoria offers many other opportunities for non-profits in the greater Victoria area including event promotion, a grant database, and ads in local publications.

Check them out at <u>volunteervictoria</u>. <u>bc.ca</u>



Thank you to the play reading committee for your hard work in reading all the options presented to you. It's a lot of reading in a short amount of time! We are excited to see the new season that is being presented by production chairs **Heather-Elaine Day and Jim Leard.**





Presents an unusual murder mystery

Evenings 7:30 Mar 12–15 & 19–22 Matinees 2:00 Mar 15,16,22,23

Out of Sight... is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

Tickets \$18.00 available via eventbrite, at The Papery, 734 Fort St. or at the door All performances are held at St Luke's Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill X Rd • Like us on Facebook Website: www.stlukesplayers.org • Phone: 250-884-5484 • Email: stlukesplayers@yahoo.ca

Theatre Inconnu presents: Queen Maeve

By Judith Thompson

Feb 19 – Mar 8

This new play by Governor General Award winner Judith Thompson is a searing, often hilarious tale, featuring an ordinary woman in a drab nursing home who - when triggered - transforms into Queen Maeve: Irish Warrior Queen; confronting her cherished grandson, and her complicated, dramatic daughter.

The play asks the questions: Is forgiveness ever impossible? Will we know when we need to make amends? Is it ever too late to find true empowerment? This is the Western Canadian premiere of this new work.

Directed by Diana Budiachenko

Cast (alphabetically): Nolan Fidyk, Karmen McNamara, Gloria Snider, Deirdre Tipping

Reservations and Ticket Sales: www.theatreinconnu.com

 $^{\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond\diamond}_{\mathsf{p}}$