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A Powerful Beginning for *Unity (1918)*

Submitted by: Simmi Behal

Unity (1918) opened to a packed house, and the energy in the theatre was electric. We were especially honoured to welcome Kevin Kerr, the playwright himself, who joined us for the post-show reception and shared a few heartfelt words with the audience.

From the moment the lights came up, the room leaned in. Every gasp, every laugh, every quiet intake of breath reflected how deeply the audience connected with this story. The cast, the sound, the lighting... everything locked in with amazing precision. It's the kind of synchronicity you can feel.

This is a production you truly don't want to miss. If you have not secured your seats yet, now's the time.

***Unity (1918)* runs until December 7.**

Come experience this beautiful, haunting piece brought fully to life on our stage.



Cast, Janine Longy (Director) and Kevin Kerr (Playwright)
Photo Credit: Noah Gallant



Hailey Carr & Logan Tuttle. Photo Credit: Terry Stitt



Jo Barnes & Janet Macdonald. Photo Credit: Terry Stitt



Opening Night. Photo Credit: Simmi Behal

Message from the President

Submitted by: Caroline Herbert

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM! It was wonderful to see so many of you take part in electing our new board members and celebrating the achievements of the past year. A special thank you to the incredible Lisa Mort-Putland, who stepped in at the very last minute to chair the meeting. Her grace, humour, and expertise helped make the event both efficient and enjoyable. We're so grateful for her leadership and support. The AGM report and all committee reports can be viewed online.

Welcome to the new Langham Board members! We're pleased to announce that Eric Partridge will serve as our new Treasurer, Kyla Mellish as our new Secretary, and Noah Gallant as a Member at Large through 2027. Dick Newson will also continue on the Board as a Member at Large until 2027.

Gloria, Jacqollyne, John, and I look forward to working with all of you as we move into an exciting new term.

Congratulations to Director Janine Longy and the entire cast and crew of *Unity (1918)* on an outstanding opening night! A special thank you as well to playwright Kevin Kerr and his daughter for joining us. It was truly an honour to have this compelling Canadian play brought to life on the Langham stage.

As Janine beautifully notes in the program, *Unity (1918)* reminds us in that in an increasingly polarized world we can choose to "treat each other with compassion, understanding, and kindness in the face of adversity." Opening night's performance captured that spirit perfectly.

Wishing all the best of the holiday season to you and yours! We look forward to what 2026 brings.

Cheers,

Caroline

*Wishing you all the very
best of the season and
a Happy New Year!*

From the Langham Court Theatre
Board of Directors
Caroline Herbert, Gloria Di Ioia, Eric Partridge, Kyla Mellish,
Jacqollyne Keath, John Varszegi, Dick Newson and Noah Gallant

*Happy
Holidays*

*You are invited to join us to celebrate
the season at*

**LANGHAM COURT
THEATRE'S 2025**

~ Holiday ~

PARTY

6PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH 2025
LANGHAM COURT THEATRE

RSVP TO GM@LANGHAMTHEATRE.CA
BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

*Please bring out the
sparkles & bling,
and dress in festive attire*

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Submitted by: Holly McGimpsey and Gord More, Producers

Mark your calendars for this hilarious musical! Our two casts, the Hearts and Flowers, have been hard at work in rehearsals and are almost ready to present this tale of modern love in the new year. These super talented actors are guaranteed to sing and dance away your post holiday doldrums!

Tickets will go fast so don't be disappointed. If you have a favourite cast member that you want to see, please check with the box office for the shows they'll be performing in.



I love you, you're perfect, now change

Book and Lyrics by
Joe DiPietro

Music by **Jimmy Roberts**
Orchestrations by **Doug Katsaros**

Directed by **Alan Penty**
Music Direction by **Jim Hill** and **Sara Weicker-Partridge**
Choreography by **Jennifer Sanders** and **Heather-Elayne Day**

A musical celebration of the mating game.

Told in a series of vignettes and songs, this hilarious revue, updated in 2018, tackles modern love in all its forms - from the perils and pitfalls of the first date, to marriage, children, and the twilight years of life. This show is for everyone who has loved and lost, fallen on their face at the portal of romance, or dared to ask, "Hey, what are you doing Saturday night?"

Content Advisory: Adult themes and language.

January 22nd - February 8th 2026
Preview on January 21st

In Memorium

Submitted by: Holly McGimpsey



One of the leading ladies of Victoria's community theatre passed away on November 11th at the remarkable age of 101. **Phyllis Gaskell** had been a Life Member of Langham Court Theatre since 2007 and contributed to the vibrant world of local theatre for decades, both at Langham and with VOS Musical Theatre alongside her husband, Ted.

Phyllis first appeared on the Langham stage in *Aladdin* in 1965, and her final performance was in *Waiting in the Wings* in 2007. Beyond the stage, she shared her artistry in other ways - creating Langham's floral arrangements from 1993 to 2000 and continuing to usher as recently as 2017.

It was always a joy to visit with Phyllis and share theatre news she was so eager to hear. In our visit just a few months ago, she still had that unmistakable twinkle in her eye and her mischievous smile.

Phyllis's warmth, dedication, and spirit will be fondly remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her legacy continues to bloom through the community she helped shape.

Exclusive offer for Langham Court Theatre Members

Submitted by: Gloria di Ioia



THE UNION CLUB
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Deluxe Queen



King Suite

We are delighted to extend a favourable rate of \$189*, plus tax, to Langham Court Theatre Members for stays between now and April 30th, 2026. This rate is for a Queen room, but king bedded rooms and suites are also available at an additional cost. This rate would not include breakfast, but breakfast is available daily. Offsite parking is available for \$20 per night.

Dress code would apply if guests would like to enjoy the clubhouse but not required when accessing the rooms. Reservations can be made through the front desk team at reservations@unionclub.com. Please include "Langham Court Theatre Members" in your reservation request. For more information, visit www.unionclub.com

We look forward to welcoming Langham Court Theatre Members.

*This exclusive rate is valid for any day of the week, from Monday through Sunday, including all holiday periods, subject to room availability. Please note that the regular rate for non-members or the general public is \$229 per night, providing Langham Court Theatre Members with significant savings on their stay.

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November 25th - December 13th Theatre Inconnu Presents:

Armstrong's War by Colleen Murphy

Submitted by: Clayton Jevne



Mariah Madill & Nolan Fidyk. Photo Credit: Clayton Jevne

Synopsis:

After suffering an injury during a military tour of Afghanistan, Michael, a young soldier, is recovering in the rehabilitation wing of a hospital. The last thing he wants is to spend time with a twelve-year-old girl, but Halley, a spirited Pathfinder and self-described "reading fiend," is eager to earn her community service badge. The pair is at odds from the start, but they find a shared interest in *The Red Badge of Courage*, the classic American Civil War novel, which spurs them to reveal their own stories. As their friendship grows, uncomfortable truths are exposed and questioned, redefining the meaning of courage and heroism.

For more information and tickets visit: www.theatreinconnu.com

Ticket Prices:

\$16 regular (adults), \$12 seniors (60+)/students/unwaged

The show is about two hours long, including one intermission. Theatre Inconnu is located in the Paul Phillips Hall at 1923 Fernwood Road (across the street from the Belfry Theatre).

"A story about finding strength through friendship, it's a fine 90 minutes"

- Toronto Star

Canadian playwright Colleen Murphy is a two-time recipient of the Governor General's Literary Award for Drama.

Directed by Morgan Gadd
Cast (alphabetically): Nolan Fidyk & Mariah Madill



News from the Costume Loft

Submitted by: Misty Buxton

The Costume Loft will be closed from December 21st, 2025 to January 6th, 2026 for the Winter Holidays.

We will resume normal business hours on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

In Search of...

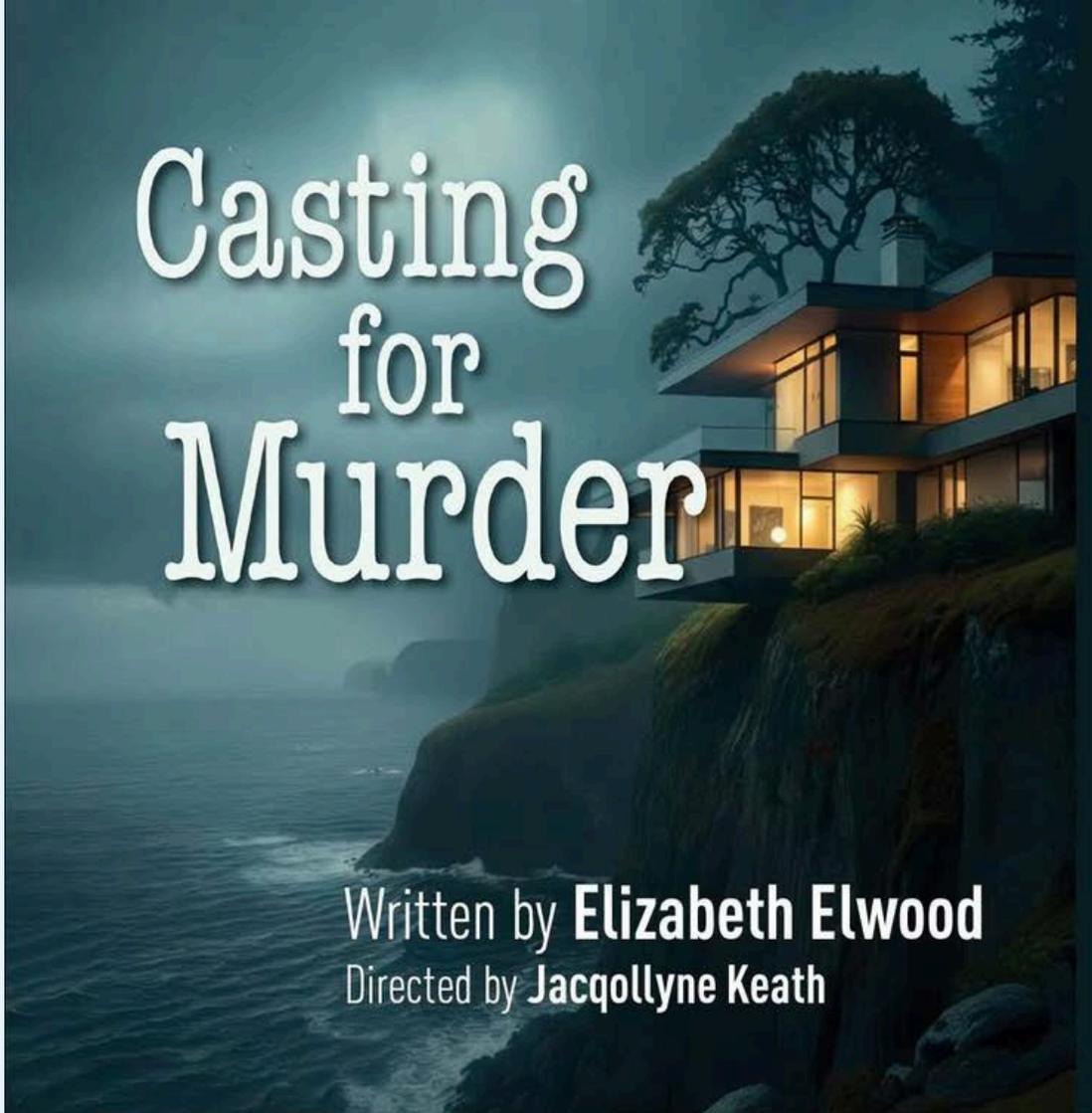
Submitted by:
Carol-Anne Moore

“On an isolated Gulf Island,
the bodies begin to fall...”

Casting for Murder is searching
for a stage manager for the
production.

If interested, please email
Carol-Anne Moore
hitherandyon@shaw.ca

The show will run from March
12th to 29th, 2026 with the
preview on March 11th.



Casting for Murder

Written by **Elizabeth Elwood**
Directed by **Jacqollyne Keath**

Happy
Holidays

