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I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Submitted by: Holly McGimpsey and Gord More, Producers

Victoria audiences love musicals!

Only one week into the run, Langham's production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* is already a resounding success. We had sold-out houses before opening.

The unique double casting of this show has been highly successful in many ways. First, audiences are buying tickets to see both casts, then during our first weekend a cast member was ill so the corresponding character from the other cast stepped in and saved us from cancelling a sold-out performance. What a bonus!

The two casts and crew have been delightful to work with and our talented musicians in the 'pit' are extraordinary! The show runs until Feb 8th, although tickets may be gone by publishing time.



🌹 Flowers Cast & Crew



❤️ Hearts Cast & Crew

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Good news though - we have added another 2pm matinee on Saturday, February 7 so if you're quick, you might be able to get tickets to see this fun musical.

To check for ticket availability, visit our website at www.langhamtheatre.ca or call our Box Office at 250 384 2142



Message from the President

Submitted by: Caroline Herbert

As I write this message, daffodils are poking up in my garden, and the first signs of spring are appearing. It must be February on the West Coast!

Musicals are back at Langham - how exciting it is to welcome a musical back to the theatre! Congratulations to directors Alan Penty and Danya Anderson, musicians Jim Hill and Sara Partridge, the hardworking cast(s) and crew, and everyone involved in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* for making it all happen. The first opening night was a rollicking, fun-filled evening, with local tidbits and updated dating scenarios. I look forward to seeing a sold-out run. A special thank you to Shelly Slawow for pulling together two Opening Night Receptions. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who helped solve and clean up the mystery leak in the downstairs hallway! Luckily, it was a manageable spill and a good reminder to keep tight lids on liquids stored in the theatre.

In the coming months, this space will feature messages not only from the President, but also from other members of the Board. I would like to give others the opportunity to share their appreciation for, and insights into, the theatre.

Sending wishes for a Happy Valentine's Day, enjoy the love.
Cheers,

Caroline



Notice from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Langham Court Theatre has formally accepted the notice of resignation from Member-at-Large, John Varszegi. We would like to sincerely thank John for his dedication, hard work, and tireless efforts in bringing community projects to the Langham stage. His commitment and the time he invested in developing the Community Stage initiative, were genuinely appreciated. We wish John every success in his many current and future projects. The Board will be seeking to appoint a candidate to serve the remainder of John's 2026 term.

Shakespeare in Love Auditions Notice

Submitted by: Gord More and Holly McGimpsey

Think you'd make a good Henslowe, Queen Elizabeth or Shakespeare? Auditions for our final show of the season are being held February 10th and 12th.

This is by appointment only.

Read the linked description at www.langhamtheatre.ca/participate/auditions and then email ProducerGord@gmail.com to book a time.

*Shakespeare
is Love.*
THE PLAY

Based on the screenplay by **Marc Norman** and **Tom Stoppard**
Adapted for the stage by **Lee Hall** | Music by **Paddy Cunneen**

Directed by **Heather-Elayne Day** | Music Direction by **Kathy Alexander**



A Final Note on *Unity (1918)*

Submitted by: Simmi Behal

Unity (1918) wrapped up its run on December 7, 2025, and what a journey it was.

Huge thanks to the incredible cast, creative team, crew, front-of-house volunteers, and everyone who came out to support the production. This one stayed with people long after the lights went down. For those who were there, you know it wasn't just a night at the theatre. It was an experience. One audience member (Michael Kenyon) captured that feeling beautifully in a letter we received after the show. Here's a short excerpt that says it better than we ever could:

"I walked out of Langham Court Theatre with the knowledge that I'd witnessed something special... In the end, I was simply taken in and along through the quiet & sometimes crazy solo and group moments. By life and its representation on the stage. This is art. This is two hours of true feeling. This is collaboration at its highest and most dedicated level."

He went on to reflect on how stepping out of 1918 *Unity* into present-day Rockland felt both jarring and strangely familiar. A reminder of how much has changed and how much hasn't. His closing words summed it up perfectly: "I felt human amongst humans across generations."

That sense of shared humanity, collaboration, and deep care is exactly what made *Unity (1918)* so special. Thank you to everyone who helped bring this story to life and to everyone who sat with us, felt it, and carried it back out into the world.

Casting for Murder News

Submitted by: Carol-Anne Moore & Jacqollyne Keath

The cast and crew are hard at work finessing their Murder Mystery skills. Director/SM Jacqollyne is thrilled with the hard work so far. Half the cast are already off book!

We are having a lot of fun bringing this play to life for everyone to enjoy. Actors Tess, Megan, Ben, Nadia, Dave, Kevin, Ty and Kaylee are a dream cast. Enjoy the photos and see you March 12-29!



Theatre Inconnu presents *H2O* by Jane Martin

Submitted by: Clayton Jevne

H2O by Jane Martin runs at Theatre Inconnu from February 18 to March 7.

Directed by Don Keith, starring Emme Sait and Nolan Fidyk.

After arriving to the City of Angels, an aimless young man catapults to movie stardom and into Hollywood's sleazy celebrity culture. Banking on his fame (and name), he is soon selected to appear on Broadway in *Hamlet*. Given full casting approval, he embarks to New York City to seek out his Ophelia and encounters his muse and his match - a young evangelical Christian woman set on getting the role...and saving his life. *H2O* transports audiences into the reclusive, madcap world of Jane Martin's drama/comedy/love story about self-destruction, notoriety, and the dark journey to purity and salvation.

"This play is so moving and effective, so completely and entirely unforgettable." – Washington Times

Tickets and information can be found at www.theatreinconnu.com

Theatre Inconnu is located at 1923 Fernwood Road, Victoria, BC

Langham Court Readers' Theatre is Going Places, Literally!

Submitted by: Claire White,
Interim Artistic Director of Readers' Theatre

Since December 2025, we have performed the play *Fourteen* by Alice Gerstenberg at Dawson Heights Residential Home, at a private Christmas Party in front of over 30 people, and at Rosebank Gardens Seniors Home, and have raised \$200 in donations for Langham Court Theatre.

Claire and Martin White, along with UVic student Edie Davies, were interviewed on Gregor Craigie's *On the Island* (CBC Radio) on January 4 about how Langham Court Readers' Theatre and UVic are fostering intergenerational community collaboration. Following the interview, a dozen people of all ages stepped forward to join Readers' Theatre as actors, playwrights, directors, and in other supporting roles.

In February, we will perform *Fourteen* for the Cordova Bay 55+ group and have been invited back to Silver and Sage (St. Luke's Church's 55+ group). In March, we will perform *He Said and She Said*, also by Alice Gerstenberg, at Rosebank Gardens Seniors Home.

The Readers' Theatre Reading Committee is reviewing over a dozen scripts to select the two main stage shows for the 2026 season. The committee will meet in early February, with the selected plays announced in the March newsletter.



If you're interested in what we're doing and would like to join in the fun, no previous experience is necessary. Please contact Claire White at readerstheatre@langhamtheatre.ca.

Upcoming Student Readers' Theater Event at Langham

Submitted by: Mitch Barnes

Join us at Langham Court Theatre on Saturday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. for a free Student Readers' Theatre event featuring two presentations by Greater Victoria School District students: *Gracie Takes Up Crime Solving*, a 1940s George Burns and Gracie Allen episode performed by students from Monterey Middle School, and *The Invisible Man*, performed by students from Colquitz Middle School.

Seating is free and available on a first-come, first-seated basis. Enjoy an evening of entertainment by the stage stars of tomorrow!

Additional details: there will be no bar, and as this is a free event, tickets will not be issued.

Student Readers Theatre Evening
Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026
7:00 p.m.
at Langham Court Theatre
Come see students from Monterey and Colquitz Middle Schools perform "Gracie Takes Up Crime Solving" and "The Invisible Man"
Admission: Free !

The poster features two cartoon detectives. On the left is a woman detective wearing a trench coat and a hat, holding a magnifying glass. On the right is a man detective wearing a trench coat, a hat, and sunglasses, holding a pipe. The background is a light pink color with a red carpet leading towards the text.

Exclusive Staycation Offer for Langham Court Theatre Members

Submitted by: Gloria Di Iola



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We are delighted to extend a favourable rate of \$189*, plus tax, to Langham Court Theatre Members for stays until the end of April, 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.

The Union Club of British Columbia
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News from the Costume Loft

Submitted by: Misty Buxton

Langham Court's construction crew do more than just construct sets: the Costume Loft is always changing and evolving so that we can stock as much stuff as possible for our customers. To this end there have been a number of behind the scenes construction projects happening over the past 6 months to help with storage.

The construction crew has been absolutely accommodating with all our requests no matter the scale or time involved. Head carpenter Mike is always a joy to work with and no project has ever been questioned or turned away. I'd also like to give a big thank you to volunteers Alfred and Dennis who just recently took on a large request for storage space in our sewing room. They completed the job practically the next day and even added some extra features I didn't even think to ask for. Thank you again to all our Langham Court Theatre volunteers that help out the Costume Loft throughout the year. I want you to know that everything you do to help us out is greatly appreciated!



Thank you to all our lovely donors over the last couple of months:

- Arabella Martin
- Pauline Rittenhouse
- Teva Scheer
- Heather Magee in memory of Mavis Mayne
- In memory of Anne Porter
- In memory of Lyn Densmore
- In memory of Neela Paige
- Carolyn Heiman in memory of Martha Heiman

Camosun College students Pop-up event

At the end of last November an Anthropologist student came into the Costume Loft looking for garments that would represent traditional Victorian era mourning attire. After further communication with her instructor Nicole Kilburn, it was explained that the pop-up event, happening at the Craighdarroch Castle, was the final project of her course Anthropology of Death. The project was to be an immersive and interactive presentation surrounding the practices and traditions attached to death during the Victorian Era. The aforementioned student, Cloe W. with other fellow students, were in charge of the fashion element and explaining the meanings and what they represented to not just the mourner but also to society.

In our last correspondence with Nicole Kilburn, she attached pictures from the event and reported "I wish you could have seen the glow on the students' faces, Cloe and Karter were SO excited to be teaching what they had learned, and your contribution bolstered their confidence." The Costume Loft is always delighted to loan out our garments for educational purposes and to help students express themselves and their knowledge.

To read more about the event please see their own news page: camosun.ca/news/camosun-college-anthropology-students-bring-death-castle-exhibit-craighdarroch

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Membership Perks - Moxies

Submitted by: Gloria Di Iola

Brunch - Lunch - Dinner!

Drop by the Box Office to pick up your Moxies Discount Card with which you and three friends will be entitled to a 15% discount on a meal. The card is reusable and valid to the end of Langham's 2025/26 season (June 7, 2026). There are some restrictions however - Dine in only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer excludes alcoholic beverages by law.

Call 250-360-1660 to make a reservation for brunch, lunch or dinner (preferably Sunday to Thursday) and mention Langham Court Theatre. Present your card upon arrival at [MOXIES](#) located at 1010 Yates Street.

While you're picking up your card, check out our newly renovated lobby and Box Office. They're looking great! Be sure to watch future newsletters for more Special Member Offers we are working on. Enjoy!

"James Mullinger is Britain's greatest gift to Canadian comedy." Montreal Times

JAMES MULLINGER

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Langham Court Theatre

SATURDAY, JULY 11 | 7:30PM

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JAMES' FIRST SHOW EVER ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

"JAMES MULLINGER IS BRITAIN'S GREATEST GIFT TO CANADIAN COMEDY." STUART NULMAN, MONTREAL TIMES

JAMES MULLINGER

LIVE ON TOUR 2026!

JUL 14 SAINT JOHN, NB
Saint John Theatre Company
(Unplanned, Unscripted, Off-The-Cuff)

JAN 15 SAINT JOHN, NB
Saint John Theatre Company
(Unplanned, Unscripted, Off-The-Cuff)

JAN 16 SAINT JOHN, NB
Saint John Theatre Company
(Unplanned, Unscripted, Off-The-Cuff)

FEB 12 FREDERICTON, NB
Comic Sutra Comedy Club

FEB 13 FREDERICTON, NB
Comic Sutra Comedy Club (Matinee)

FEB 13 FREDERICTON, NB
Comic Sutra Comedy Club (Evening)

FEB 21 OXFORD, NS
Capitol Theatre

APR 1 PICTOU, NS
deCoste Centre For The Arts

APR 17 HALIFAX, NS
Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

JUN 12 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Small Halls Festival

JUN 13 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Small Halls Festival

JUL 11 VICTORIA, BC
Langham Court Theatre

JUL 16 WOODSTOCK, NB
Dooryard Arts Festival

AUG 22 TATAMAGOUCHE
Grace Arts Centre

SEP 17 CAMPBELLTON, NB
Campbellton Comedy Festival

SEP 18 CAMPBELLTON, NB
Campbellton Comedy Festival

SEP 19 CAMPBELLTON, NB
Campbellton Comedy Festival

SEP 26 MONCTON, NB
Capitol Theatre

OCT 30 FREDERICTON, NB
The Playhouse

NOV 7 CHESTER, NS
Chester Playhouse

NOV 25 OKANAGAN VALLEY, BC
Train Wreck Comedy

NOV 26 OKANAGAN VALLEY, BC
Train Wreck Comedy

NOV 27 OKANAGAN VALLEY, BC
Train Wreck Comedy

NOV 28 OKANAGAN VALLEY, BC
Train Wreck Comedy

DEC 17 SAINT JOHN, NB
Imperial Theatre

TICKETS: jamesmullinger.com

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A Note from Lawyers on Stage Theatre Society

Submitted by: Sara Ramshaw

Lawyers on Stage Theatre Society (LOST) extends its deepest gratitude to Langham Court Theatre whose collaboration with LOST contributed so much to the success of our sold-out December 2025 fundraiser, William Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*.

This year's production was directed by local Family Law lawyer and Shakespeare specialist, Stuart Wright, and comprised of a cast and crew of around twenty-five legal professionals & others who volunteered their time to make the show the success that it was.



You can view the full program at lawyersonstage.com/2025-the-winters-tale/.

The artistic and financial success of the production, which raised thousands of dollars for our two charities – Victoria Women's Transition House Society and NEED2: Suicide Prevention, Education and Support – would not have been possible without Langham's support.

Huge thanks go to Mike Kuss and the Langham Court Theatre (LCT) Builders who rapidly transformed the set of *Unity (1918)* into the one for *The Winter's Tale*. Thanks also to the LCT Costume Loft and Misty Buxton (Manager) for assisting with costuming the large cast and to Jean de Cartier (Manager) and the LCT Prop Loft for help dressing the set. KC Johnson, the LCT Front of House Manager, was invaluable in helping set up the LCT Lounge to sell LOST merchandise and run a silent auction to raise further money for charity, as well as tending bar during our after-party in the Lounge! As always, the production would not have been possible without the LCT Lighting Hang and Focus Crew, led by the spectacular Justice Karrie Wolfe. And last, but certainly not least, huge appreciation goes to Dick Newson for his assistance with the Box Office and acting as liaison between LOST and LCT, and to the Langham Board of Directors for their continued support and encouragement.

LOST is extremely grateful for all the Langham love. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

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