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Save the Date!

Scene Shop Visit	Monday, March 6, 7-9 pm
Presidents' Luncheon and Show & Tell	Monday, April 10, 12-3 pm
Dress Rehearsal <i>Saint Joan</i>	Tuesday, May 2
Garden Tour	Saturday, June 10
Summer Celebration	Monday, July 17, 5-7 pm
Cricket	August / September TBA
Prop / Costume Warehouse Visit	September TBA
Members' Day	Monday, October 23
Annual General Meeting	Sunday, November 26

For more information, check out our events page:
www.shawguild.ca/events



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2017 season!

The first thing I want to do is to say a huge "Thank You" to Arlene Carson, now Past President, for all she has done as your President over the last two years and also for her years of service on the Guild Executive Committee prior to that. She will be a hard act to follow and I will be depending on her for assistance and advice in the days to come.

This season promises to be an exciting one. As with theatre in general, our Festival faces strong competition from many other providers of cultural and recreational activities. We must do all we can to promote our Theatre to our families, friends, business associates and really to anyone we meet and talk with.

A great way for us to support the Shaw, and also for those we know who might not be Guild members, is the **Seasons Pass**. This must be the best deal around for all who love theatre. Not only does the pass allow us to see all plays as many times as we wish but it also provides early season financial support to the Festival.

Your Guild Activities Team is also putting together an exciting programme for 2017. Be sure to mark your calendars for the first events of the year:

- **The annual Scene Shop visit on Monday, March 6th**
- **The Presidents' Luncheon on Monday, April 10th**

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or ideas that can improve on what we do please feel free to contact myself or any member of your Executive Committee. Our contact information is on the Guild website and the back page of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the season.

JULIAN RANCE, PRESIDENT

Hosting Captains

We are recruiting new Hosting Captains for the 2017 season. If you are interested in volunteering as a Hosting Captain, please let me know.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING CAPTAINS

- Must be proficient with Excel spread sheets and have Excel version 2010 or later installed on their computer.
- Must have excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Should have served as a host for at least one year before becoming a Captain.
- Are required to spend approximately 15 - 20 hours to perform their duties.

DUTIES FOR HOSTING CAPTAINS

- Hosting Captains are given theatre schedules and a list of prospective hosts. Each Captain has approximately 60 hosting spaces to fill. They must complete this in a specified time, and send the completed list to the Hosting Chair.
- Two to three days before the hosts are scheduled, the Captain must phone them to ensure that they know the dates, times and theatres where they are scheduled to host.

Penny Augustine, Hosting Chair
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MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of our members who have renewed to date!

You should have received your new name badges in the mail, at Members' Day or at the AGM.

If you have not renewed, please fill in the membership form, available on our website. Include your cheque and send it to:

Shaw Guild Membership
PO Box 83
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
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If you have questions or concerns or are not planning to renew this year, please contact me.

Jane Calver,
Membership Chair
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Members' Day

Guild members came out in record numbers for Members' Day on October 24, 2016.

Over 160 people filled the Maxwell Studio Theatre to hear Tim Jennings, Executive Director, and Tim Carroll, Artistic Director, speak about the success of the 2016 season and the powerful playbill planned for 2017.

We also learned more about our new leaders as they shared stories of their backgrounds, visions and priorities for the Shaw. To round off the afternoon, members gathered for a reception in the Macdonald Heaslip Lounge following the meeting.

Members' Day represented the final Activities event for 2016 and my final event as Activities Chair. For the past three years I've had the privilege of working with a team of amazing volunteers who used their creative talents and organizational skills to produce entertaining and informative gatherings for our members.

Due to their efforts, we experienced a 51% increase in attendance at events from 2013 to 2016. Hats off to team members: Marilyn Allevato, Mona Babin, Linda Baines, Diane Chisholm, Kent Chisholm, Keith Mills, and Kate Verweij.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Shaw Guild launches 2017 Calendar of Events with a Scene Shop visit

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017
7 - 9 pm

Watch for more details coming in February

Garden Tour Update



The 12th Annual Garden Tour will be on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Garden Tour is the major annual fundraising activity of the Guild. Revenues from the tour go into the Shaw Guild Endowment Fund, or for allocation by the Shaw Guild Executive for specific projects to benefit the Shaw Festival.

Watch for an e-blast early in March looking for Garden Tour volunteers. Members are encouraged to sign up then for a half or full day tour assignment. Approximately 140 able-bodied, enthusiastic volunteers will be needed to welcome visitors strolling through eight amazingly different gardens *never shown before* on a Shaw Guild Tour.

Additionally, new this year will be rest stops with spectacular views, refreshments and facilities:

- RiverBrink Art Museum
- Reif Estate Winery
- McFarland House
- Our very own Shaw Festival Wooded Meadow and Secret Garden

Master Gardeners will be in attendance at the gardens.



Tickets are \$25 and are available to purchase online at shawfest.com/gardentour, or by calling the Shaw Festival Box Office at 1-800-511-7429.

**Franca Moss, Fundraising Chair
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Shaw Festival 2017

FESTIVAL THEATRE

Me and My Girl

Can a Cockney man give up his old life - and love! - to join the upper class? The sparkling and fun British hit musical.

APRIL 5 - OCTOBER 15

Saint Joan

Who was Joan of Arc? The saviour of France ... or a deluded country girl? Bernard Shaw's greatest play about the most remarkable teenage girl in history.

MAY 3 - OCTOBER 15

Dracula

What if your darkest fear was your deepest desire? Sexy, funny and scary, Bram Stoker's Gothic classic will leave your senses on fire. Tighten your corsets ...

JULY 8 - OCTOBER 14

COURT HOUSE THEATRE

1837: The Farmers' Revolt

A modern Canadian classic about the uprising that paved the way for nationhood.

MAY 7 - OCTOBER 8

Androcles and the Lion

Waiting to be thrown to the lions (literally!) has never been funnier. An interactive twist on Shaw's tale.

JUNE 6 - OCTOBER 7

Wilde Tales

Magical. Touching. Wildly imaginative. Four Oscar Wilde tales to delight your inner child.

JUNE 8 - OCTOBER 7



ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE

The Madness of George III

If the Head of State loses his head, what happens to the State? The funny and touching true story of King George III.

APRIL 11 - OCTOBER 15

Dancing at Lughnasa

Irish playwright Brian Friel's life-altering masterpiece about five unforgettable women.

MAY 14 - OCTOBER 15

An Octoroon

Hilarious. Uncomfortable. Vital. An edgy new American comedy set on a slave-owner's plantation.

JULY 16 - OCTOBER 14

MAXWELL STUDIO THEATRE

Middletown

Surreal. Offbeat. Tender. Hilarious. And impossible to describe. This tale of "normal" townspeople is anything but.

JULY 13 - SEPTEMBER 10

1979

Michael Healey's razor-sharp – yet humane – new comedy about Joe Clark: the prime minister who barely was.

MAY 1 - OCTOBER 14

"I believe in theatre that's unpredictable, that's different every night – that talks with you, not at you."

- Tim Carroll,
Artistic Director

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CONGRATULATIONS GARDENERS!

The Shaw Guild Gardeners were presented a volunteer award by the Niagara-on-the-Lake town council in recognition of their hard work.

Shaw News

The Shaw Festival recently announced that Jason Bendig is the new Head of Wardrobe.

Jason brings with him a very strong back ground in Costume construction management having spent 16 years with Seamless Costumes in Toronto for Mirvish Productions, supervising such notable productions as The Lion King, Mama Mia, War Horse and the Sound of Music. Jason also has a background in not-for-profit performance with the Canadian Opera Company, Necessary Angel, Stratford Festival and the Canadian Children's Chorus. He is a graduate of York University in Theatre Production Costume Design (BA Hon.)