



## **“Sleeping Beauty - the Panto”**

### **Fun For The Whole Family**

This Christmas and New Year, St Luke's Church Hall at 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road will once again resound with cries of “Oh yes, I can”, “Oh no, you can't”, and “Look behind you”.

St Luke's Players will be celebrating their 60th Season by presenting their third annual panto - “ Sleeping Beauty.” This British - style entertainment, that is fast becoming popular in Canada and particularly Victoria, starts traditionally on Boxing Day and runs until January 4.

Aimed at children of all ages (from 4 to 94!), this uproarious family entertainment is just right for a post-Christmas outing. Escape from the current economic woes for a couple of hours. Sit back, loosen your belt after that turkey dinner and immerse yourself in fun, frolic and fantasy.

There are modern-day fairies promoting conservation, clean air and a healthy lifestyle, a prince, princess, king, queen, ladies in waiting, various small animals and even a horse! Audiences will be encouraged to join in the fun by booing the Wicked Fairy, laughing at Dame Titania and encouraging Prince Charming, as he fights his way through the impenetrable forest that has grown up around the royal palace, to wake Sleeping Beauty from her 100 year sleep.

This local production contains all of the familiar components found in panto, including singing, dancing, jokes, chase sequences, audience participation, colourful sets and costumes and, of course, a happy ending.

The enthusiastic cast of over 30 (ranging from 5 year olds to seniors) has been rehearsing since late October, along with even more volunteers who have been working on the many behind-the-scenes tasks, such as the sets, costumes, lighting, props, make-up, publicity, and the concession

Tickets for the matinees and evening performances are very reasonably priced at \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Students & Seniors and \$5 for Children 5 and under. They can be obtained at Ivy's Book Shop in Oak Bay Village, Petals Plus Florist at 3749 Shelbourne Street, or at the door (subject to availability). You are advised to buy your tickets early as last year's panto played to sold-out audiences.

For further information please call 250 884 5484