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President's Message

Jane Guy

Our annual Christmas panto, *Jack & the Beanstalk* was a roaring success with all the performances completely sold out 2 weeks before Opening Night. What a problem to have - if only all our shows were like that! Many thanks to Directors Dave and Helena Hitchcock and to their talented cast and crew for a successful run. The night I attended, audiences had a great time and were really involved - even a young toddler who kept crawling up onto the stage to get into the action, wanting her moment under the lights. Please check out the website for Panto photos.

Our 3rd production, Ira Levin's thriller/comedy *Deathtrap*, is opening soon on February 24. Director Neville Owen and the cast are busy rehearsing and getting ready to give you a thrill of a lifetime, complete with blood, gore, and twists and turns. You will be kept guessing until the end! The set construction crew are also hard at work getting the set ready. More details can be found later in the newsletter.

Auditions for our last play of the season, Woody Allen's comedy *Play it Again, Sam* will be held on February 21 and 22 from 7:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Audition details are found later in the newsletter.

If you are interested in helping with the production crew, please contact the Director Geoffrey J. Davidson at: gj davidson@shaw.ca or 250 727 8989.

The Play Reading Committee's recommendations for the 62nd Season have been passed on to the Executive who will be making their decision at next week's Executive Meeting. Then Directors will be invited to express their interest in directing the plays.

Once we have secured the performing rights, we will be announcing the season - so watch out for that.

In closing I'd like to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day

Jane



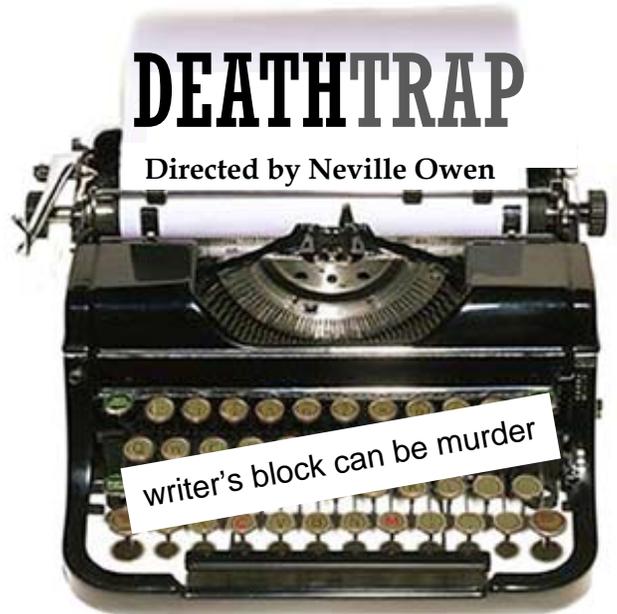
Deathtrap - a thriller/comedy by Ira Levin

Directed by Neville Owen

Seemingly comfortably ensconced in his handsomely converted stable, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a "dry" spell, which has resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds. A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives a script from a student in a seminar he has conducted - a thriller which Sidney recognizes immediately as sure to be a big hit on Broadway. Sidney's plan, which he devises with his wife Myra's help, is to offer collaboration to the student, an idea that the younger man quickly accepts. Thereafter suspense mounts steadily as the plot begins to twist and turn with devilish cleverness. Audiences may feel they know what is going to happen, but with such an abundance of thrills and laughter, they will be held enthralled until the final, startling moments of the play.



Tony Gilsean & Cher Owen
(Set Design and Décor)



Directed by Neville Owen

Feb 24 - 27 at 8 pm

March 3 - 6 at 8 pm

Matinee: Feb 27 at 2 pm

Tickets: Adults \$12 Seniors & Students \$10

- Amica at Douglas House - 50 Douglas St
- Ivy's Book Shop - 2188 Oak Bay Ave
- Petal's Plus Florist - 3749 Shelbourne St
- At the door

Note from the Director:

What a most interesting play to direct. It seems there are more twists and turns to be discovered at every rehearsal! Of course this is mostly due to the talented cast, Chris Harris, Catriona Argue-Black, Ryan May (a newcomer to the Players), Elaine Lewis and Brian Wyvill. *Deathtrap* is a thriller/comedy which some of you may have seen as a movie with Michael Caine, Christopher Reeve and Dyan Cannon.

The backstage work is by Sharon Sutherland who as S.M. I wish to thank for her many helpful comments and she is ably assisted by Pearl Arden as chief props person -what a wonderful collection of weapons she has assembled.

The set - designed, built, and decorated by a hardworking crew of Tony, Cher, Dave, Graham, Jon, Don, Elsie, Elaine, Ian and myself - is a credit to St. Luke's Players.

We look forward to seeing you at any of the performances, Feb 24 - Mar 6.

Neville



Jack & the Beanstalk - by John Morley

Directed by Dave & Helena Hitchcock

As the boos, cheering and cries of "Look Behind You" become distant memories, we would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who was involved with this year's panto - *Jack & the Beanstalk*!

The talented cast of 25, supported by a hardworking production crew of over 50, delighted 10 full houses that were sold out two weeks before the show opened! Actually, due to a number of no-shows at each performance, the front of house staff was able to "squeeze in" everyone who lined up without tickets. So the production was enjoyed by 1,300 enthusiastic audience members of all ages. Another BIG thank you to them! It was interesting to note that when each audience was asked how many had been to a panto before, the vast majority indicated that they had! A clear indication that we have a growing number of repeat customers who are enjoying this St Luke's Players annual family tradition.



Mike Chadwick (Dame Trot), Chris Harris (Silly Billy) and Joanne & Antonia Frappell (Daisy the cow)



This year's production of *Jack & the Beanstalk* was truly a family affair, involving many sets of brothers and sisters, parents and children, husbands and wives, grandparents and grandchildren. In fact, over 30 members of the cast and crew enjoyed some kind of family connection with one another!

Hope to see you in the in the cast, crew or audience for the next panto - whatever it might be!

Tamara Malczewska (Jack) and Nevada Prinz (Princess)

Dave & Helena Hitchcock
Directors

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"PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM"

A comedy by Woody Allen

Sunday February 21 or Monday February 22, 2010

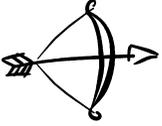
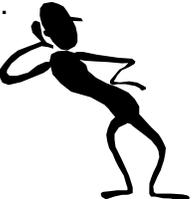
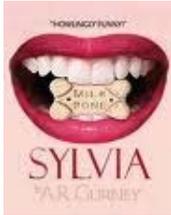
In the Lounge at St Luke's Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill X Road at Cedar Hill Road.

Starting at 7.00 pm.

**Cast: 2 men in their late 20's - 30's,
1 man in his 40's or 50's
8 women in their 20's - 30's**

Performances will be from May 19 - 22 and May 26 - 29, 2010 with a matinee on May 22

For further information, please call the Director, Geoffrey J. Davidson, at 250 727 8989

<p>Wedding Bells: Graeme Thomson to Marilyn in Beacon Hill Park. Some said that vacuum cleaning was in the wedding vows??</p>	<p>Opening night for Langham Court Theatre's <i>The History Boys</i> was well attended by St Luke Players members. It seemed most of the cast and crew for <i>Jack & The Beanstalk</i> were in attendance.</p>	<p>Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming St Luke's performance <i>Deathtrap</i> promising bows, arrows, blood and intrigue.</p> 
 <p>Announcing Rod Gogg marry-ing Sandra Foto November 09</p>	<p>WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN</p>	<p><i>The House On Middagh Street</i>, written by local resident, Judith McDowell, at Wood Hall, Victoria Conservatory of Music with our "dame" Mike Chadwick. Feb 19, 26, 27</p>
<p>The 2009/10 Panto, <i>Jack & the Beanstalk</i> was a roaring success with 10/10 performances sold out. Laughs and songs satisfied all's desire for whimsy.</p>	 <p>Winners of Langham Court's tickets to <i>The History Boys</i>: Mitch Barnes, Zoe Brimacombe and Rosalind Coleman</p>	<p>IF YOU HAVE NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS OR OTHER GOSSIP, EMAIL debratw@shaw.ca . EVERYONE LOVES TO KNOW!!!</p> 
<p>Rebecca Delancey, Jo Barnes, Zoe Brimacombe and Gerald Schieven are in <i>Annie</i> by Black Box Productions and Peninsula Players May 12 - 16</p>	<p>Rosalind Coleman is in Peninsula Players' next performance - <i>Blithe Spirit</i></p> 	<p>Upcoming Langham Court production <i>Sylvia</i> is directed by Rita Humphreys March 3 - 20</p> 
<p>Gerald Schieven is involved in Gilbert & Sullivan's production of <i>The Socerer</i>. March 13 - 28</p>	<p>Connie te Kampe is Music Director for Four Season's <i>Flibberty & the Penguin</i></p> 	<p>Mitch and Jo Barnes are also playing silly roles in <i>Flibberty & the Penguin</i>. Feb 13 - 28</p>



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