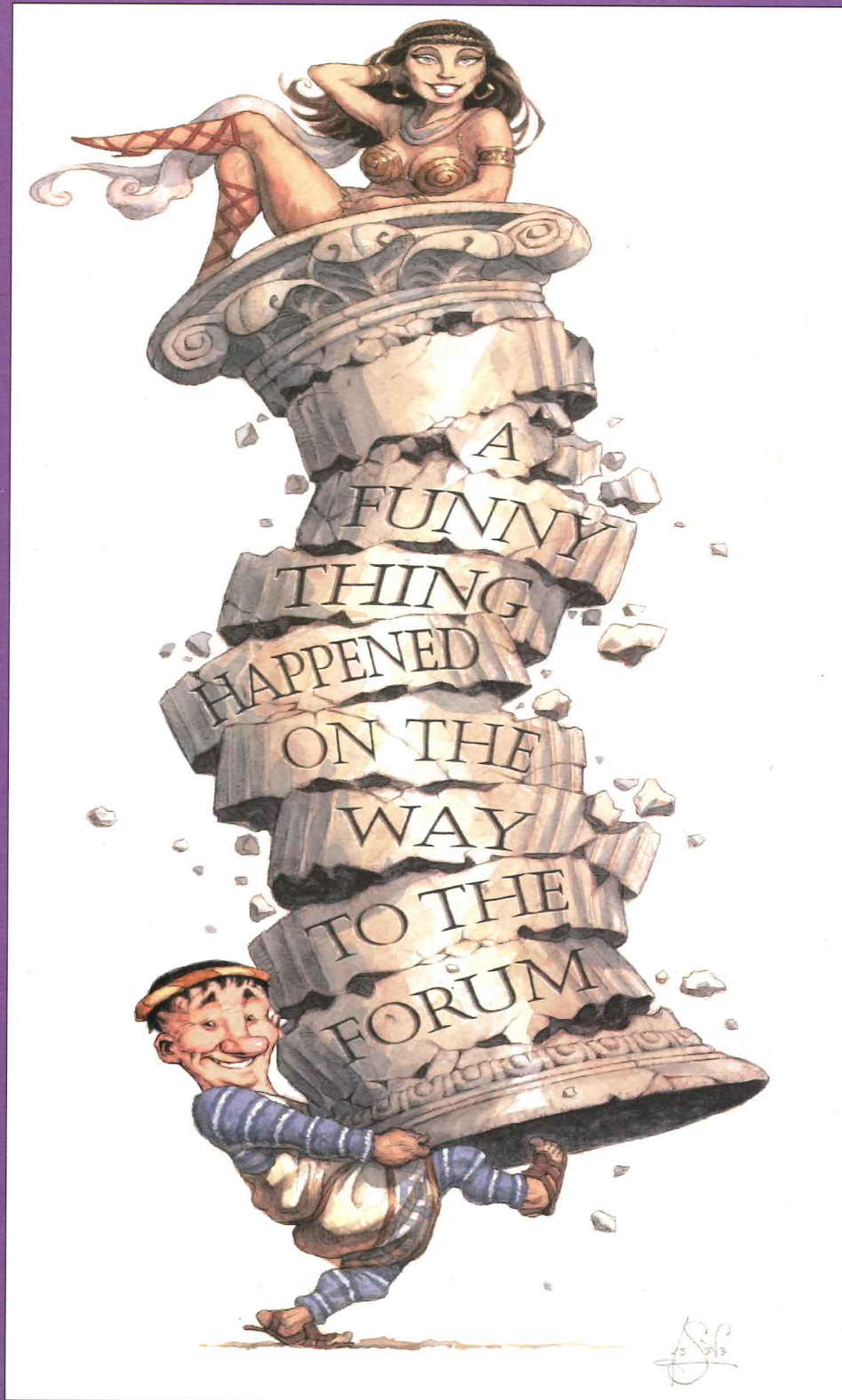


Medicine Hat Musical Theatre Presents ...



May 111 – V, MMVII

Book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart. Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

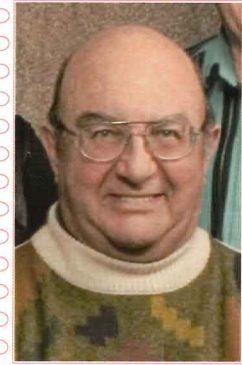
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President's Message

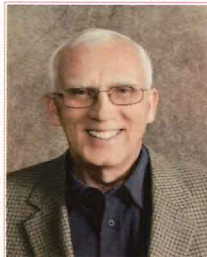
Welcome to Medicine Hat Musical Theatre's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". This spring show is a bonus to our regular production in November.

"Forum" has been showcased on Broadway three times since it was first performed in 1962, winning numerous Tony Awards. It's a rollicking, ribald, and racy comedy, with a cast of characters that you'll love.

Tom Rooke is no stranger to Medicine Hat Musical Theatre. With this, his third major musical, he has assembled a great team of talented actors and backstage crew. It is because of the dedication, patience and perseverance of these volunteers and their families that we are able to enjoy such first-rate entertainment here at the Esplanade. Now, enjoy the show!



Ron Zablocki
President



Director
Tom Rooke



Production Manager
Linda Rooke

Director's Message

Directing a musical is always challenging. Directing a comedy is equally challenging, but with a fabulous cast, a phenomenal group of managers and coaches, and a spirit of community that always comes with amateur theatre, the challenges are overcome and the dream becomes reality.

This musical is pure situation comedy inspired by Plautus, the originator of the genre (200 B. C.). With a book by Larry Gelbart (of *M.A.S.H.* fame) and Burt Shevelove, and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, how could one go wrong?

The cast is awe-inspiring in their dedication and passion to this show as are all the other folks you never see. To be in amateur theatre is to exemplify the true meaning of that word. It seems appropriate it derives from a Latin root—"amare", to love, for truly all involved in this production are doing it for the love of the theatre. Many thanks to them and, on behalf of the entire production team, many thanks to you, the audience. We hope we entertain you. So loosen your togas, relax, laugh, and have a good time!

Board of Directors



*Keith Fischer, Del Lovig, Sharon Regehr, Gordon Kosmick
Derek Martin, Bill Taylor, Ron Zablocki, Pat Jamieson
Missing: Sandra Craven, Gail Williams*

Medicine Hat Musical Theatre

Honorary Life Members

- 1982 Adele Armstrong, Dorothy Jones, Skip MacDonald,
Gail MacDonald, Ian MacDonald, Richard Mells,
Ron Miller, Manfred Sievert, Alex Shand, Eleanor
Townsend, Jean VanWert
- 1986 Wayne Craven, John Dunlop, Tillie Ganden,
Mabel Pedersen, Les Philips, Bob Rose, Bruno Schrein
- 1987 Peter Condon, Eva Weiler
- 1988 Evan Tonin
- 1989 Nora Hackett, Julie Jacober
- 1990 Bill Pringle, Jerry Schimpf
- 1991 Esther Miller
- 1992 Les Becker
- 1994 Grant Bray
- 1995 Sandra Craven
- 1996 Irene Mackie
- 1997 Lois Krassman
- 1999 Bev Bertram, Helen Hall
- 2000 Peggy Bengert
- 2004 Bill Cocks, Doris Evangelos, Bob Gehring, Desmond
Grant, Jan Komanchuk, Gwen Nelson, Brad
Neubauer
- 2005 Linda Arthur, Peggy Kuykendall, Eva Jordon,
Derek Martin, Sharon Regehr
- 2006 Pat Jamieson, Tom Rooke, Ron Zablocki



In Memoriam

- Henry Allergoth, Jean Altin,
Rod Ashburner, Norm Bruins,
Anne Calder, McLaren Ewart,
Noreen Flanagan, Morag Halil,
Dean Hamilton, Lorne Havard,
Wally Hayne, Palmer Huckle,
John Komanchuk, Bea Lewis,
Joe Levinson, Bert Maltin,
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Dr. H. F. McKenzie,
Betty Park, Ed Pedersen,
Marion Shand,
Margaret Phillips, Elaine Ramm,
Eileen Sissons, Isabel Sharp,
Harry Stewart, Larry Townsend

PRINCIPALS



Bruce Sandford

Bruce, a Medicine Hat native, began performing in the 1998 Hatterland's production of "The Wizard of Oz". He played the outstanding role of Judas in "Jesus Christ Superstar", as well as Alfred P. Doolittle in "My Fair Lady", both Medicine Hat Musical Theatre productions. He had the most fun ever in women's underwear in "The Rocky Horror Show" in 2003, and was unscrupulous as Billy Flynn in "Chicago" in 2005.

Bill is a veteran of the local stage with many roles for Hatterland, his high school and college, Firehall and Medicine Hat Musical Theatre. Some of his favourite parts have been: Mr. De Pinna ("You Can't Take it With You") and Inspector Hound ("The Real Inspector Hound"), both for Firehall; and Uncle Max ("The Sound of Music") and Colonel Pickering ("My Fair Lady"), both for Musical Theatre. Bill directed "Cabaret" for Medicine Hat Musical Theatre in 1997.



Bill Cocks



Tielor Van Riper

Although the youngest performer in this play, Tielor is long on experience. He played Jesus in "Godspell Jr", Javert in Medicine Hat High School's "Les Miserables", and A-Rab in Medicine Hat Musical Theatre's "West Side Story". Studying under Joanne Collier, Tielor continues to win awards and medals for his beautiful voice and will be attending provincial festival finals for the second year in a row.



Dana has been in theatre since she was eight. At Medicine Hat High she played in "You Can't Take it With You" and "Little Shop of Horrors". Through Gaslight Theatre she participated in "We Happy Few", "A Christmas Carol" and "Relatively Speaking". A graduate of Hat High in 2006 with the Karen Cunningham Scholarship For the Fine Arts, Dana is enrolled at Medicine Hat College in the Fine Arts program. She recently appeared in the College's production of "The Rainmaker".

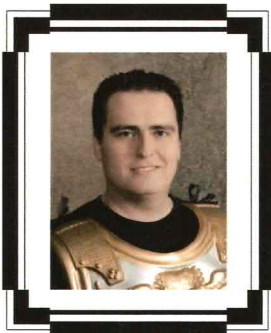


Dana Welz

A resident of Medicine Hat for 29 years, Ray has been on stage since 1988 in a variety of musical theatre, pantomime and other theatre group productions. His wife, Denise, and his two daughters, Monica and Bridgitte, will attest to the fact that Ray has no formal training in music, dance or acting - a compliment to the many musical directors, choreographers and directors Ray has worked with over the years. Favourite performances include, "The Mikado", "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and "Annie".



Ray Hoger

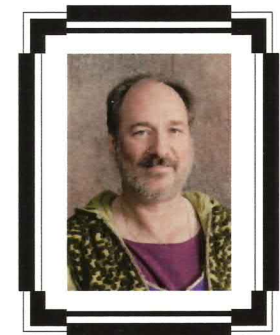


Roy Devore

Roy first performed in "Leader of the Pack", then on to Medicine Hat Musical Theatre's "Crazy For You". He appeared in a few one-act plays, was hilarious in Firehall Theatre's "Noises Off", and assisted backstage on other shows. Most recently, Roy appeared as Stanley Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire".



While better known for his involvement in the Historic Clay District and for his regular newspaper column, Barry gets lured back to the musical theatre stage every few years for a small character or chorus part. He has appeared with Medicine Hat Musical Theatre in "Camelot" (1978), "Fiddler on the Roof", "My Fair Lady", "The Mikado" and "The Best of Broadway".

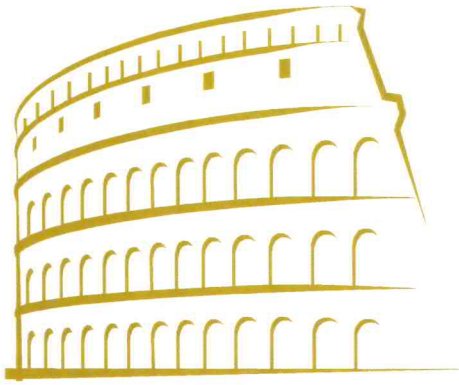


Barry Finkelman



Carolyn Freeman

Carolyn was active in musical theatre on the west coast before moving to Medicine Hat 23 years ago. Since then she has been in several musical productions, continues to sing in several choirs, and works as a Speech-Language Pathologist. Her role as Domina is to re-acquaint herself with the stage and she hopes this domineering role doesn't follow her home.



Comedis Personae

(in order of appearance)

Prologus.....	Bruce Sandford
Proteans.....	Rob McManus, Joey Sabourin
Senex.....	Ray Hoger
Domina.....	Carolyn Freeman
Hysterium.....	Bill Cocks
Hero.....	Tielor Van Riper
Pseudolus.....	Bruce Sandford
Marcus Lycus.....	Barry Finkelman
The Courtesans	
Tintinabula.....	Lorel Grad
Panacea.....	Morgan Bosch
The Geminae.....	Tristan Edmundson & Janelle Harms
Vibrata.....	Mandy Theal
Gymnasia.....	Maureen Roberts
Eye Candy.....	Nicole Shupe & Kathy Carry
Eunuchs.....	Jonathan Northcott & Mark Ogle
Philia.....	Dana Welz
Erronius.....	Lindsay Brooks
Miles Gloriosus.....	Roy Devore
Soldiers.....	Luc D'ippolito, Hugh English
Slaves, Citizens, Sailors, Soldiers.....	Rob McManus, Joey Sabourin
Prologus.....	Ray Hoger



Synopsis and Songs



The time is two hundred years before the Christian era, a day in spring. The place is a street in Rome in front of the houses of Erronius, Senex, and Marcus Lycus. The action is continuous with a single intermission.

Act I

Overture.....	Orchestra
Comedy Tonight.....	Prologus, Proteans & Entire Cast
Love I Hear.....	Hero
Free.....	Pseudolus & Hero
The House of Marcus Lycus.....	Marcus Lycus & Courtesans
Lovely.....	Philia & Hero
Pretty Little Picture.....	Pseudolus, Hero, Philia
Everybody Ought To Have A Maid.....	Senex & Pseudolus
Everybody Ought To Have A Maid (Encore).....	Senex, Pseudolus, Hysterium, Lycus
I'm Calm.....	Hysterium
Impossible.....	Senex & Hero
Bring Me My Bride.....	Miles Gloriosus, Soldiers, Courtesans & Pseudolus

Act II

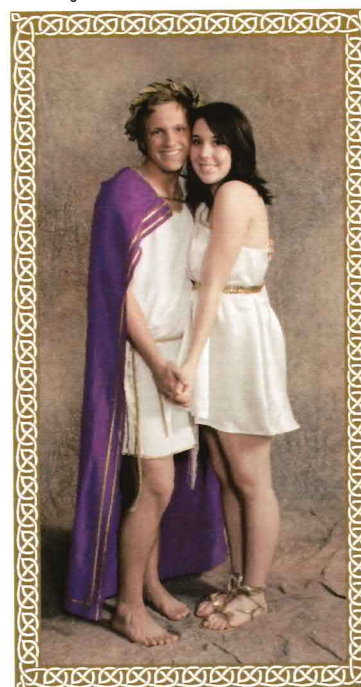
Entr'acte.....	Orchestra
That Dirty Old Man.....	Domina
That'll Show Him.....	Philia
Lovely (reprise).....	Pseudolus, Hysterium
Funeral Sequence.....	Miles Gloriosus, Soldiers, Eunuchs Courtesans, , Pseudolus
Comedy Tonight (Finale Ultimo).....	Entire Cast

Pseudolus & Proteans



Joey Sabourin, Bruce Sandford, Rob McManus

Hero & Philia



Fielor VanRiper, Dana Welz

Senex, Domina & Hysterium



Ray Hoger, Carolyn Freeman, Bill Cocks

Courtesans



Morgan Bosch, Tristan Edmundson

Cast

Marcus Lycus, The Courtesans and Eunuchs



Mark Ogle, Mandy Theal, Lorel Grad, Barry Finkelman, Maureen Roberts, Nicole Shupe, Jonathan Northcott, (sitting) Kathy Carry, Janelle Harms

Miles, the Soldiers & Erronius



Luc D'Ippolito, Roy Devore, Hugh English, Lindsay Brooks

Cast and Crew



The Orchestra



Conductors..... Elaine Nelson & June Reid
Trumpet..... Stephen Bishop
Flute..... Ken Blair
Keyboard..... Val Brower
Bass..... Donald Kolody
Drums..... Chad Pitcher, Mark Steiner
Piano..... June Reid
Clarinet..... Marlene Semrau
Clarinet..... Ken Wahl
Saxophone..... Bill Taylor

*Mark Steiner, Don Kolody, Stephen Bishop, Marlene Semrau,
Ken Wahl, Ken Blair. (sitting) Elaine Nelson, June Reid,
Val Brower. Missing: Chad Pitcher, Bill Taylor*

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Upcoming Theatre Events

*Auditions for Medicine Hat Musical Theatre's
South Pacific
Tuesday, May 8th and Wednesday, May 9th
McCoy High School
7:00 p.m.*

*Medicine Hat Musical Theatre presents
"South Pacific"
November 16 – 24, 2007*

*Medicine Hat Firehall Theatre Society presents
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