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Lights Up!

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About KWLT

KWLT is dedicated to providing theatre in the community. If you want to get involved with anything from directing to acting to technical work to front of house or just reading the occasional play let us know. Of course audiences are always important (we have to pay the bills somehow).

For more information about KWLT, KWLT events, or how you can get involved, please call the Theatre at 519-886-0660 or email us at info@kwlt.org. You can reserve tickets for any of our shows by calling ahead or emailing us at boxoffice@kwlt.org. Please don't forget to include your name, the number of tickets you would like, and the performance date. Tickets will be held until 15 minutes before the show's start time.



KWLT President's Address

What you hold in your hands is something that many of us have hoped to see for a long time. The return of our regular newsletter, **Lights Up!**, is the return of something that our theatre has lost in recent years and many of its members have missed. In the coming months, this newsletter will be a place to learn about upcoming shows, learn some new insights into the theatre, and hear more news coming from the Board.

When the 2007-2008 Board of Directors first met after this year's Annual General Meeting, the thing I most wanted to focus on was renewed communication with our membership, and I was pleased that this was also on the minds of many other Directors. Tim Jackson excited everyone at the meeting when he announced his intention to revive the **Lights Up!** newsletter; his main goal for the future is to see this through as our Newsletter Editor. Newcomer Melissa Fraser has taken on the mantle of Director of Communications and has already started looking for fresh and new ways to manage lines of communication. Adam Sanderson, our new Publicity Director, has established a standing committee to explore new ways to get our name out in the community.

You may have noticed that for several months at the start of this year, our website at www.kwlt.org wasn't very healthy. A few software glitches took our website offline, and a team consisting of Dave Clegg, Dustin Windibank and I worked hard for several weeks to solve the problem and restore the website. While we worked in the shadows, our then-Director-of-Communications Cam MacLeod kept the updates coming with an expertly crafted "temporary site".

Now that the site is back up, keep checking for updates as we're moving into some exciting months ahead - the 2006-2007 season wrapped up with the Travelling Show (Ode to Humanity) and the 2007-2008 season is about to start! Also be on the lookout for new features appearing on the site in the coming months.

This season is going to be about communication and getting the word out - both to members and to the community as a whole - that KWLT is still here in the community and the show will go on.

Josh Hoey
President,
KWLT



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Visit KWLT on the web at www.kwlt.org

...From the editor

Welcome to the 2007-2008 season and the first edition of the **Lights Up!** newsletter. With this relaunch, I thought I would try a different look and feel for the newsletter. If you have any comments you would like to share, feel free to contact me by email at lightsup@kwlt.org, by regular mail at the KWLT's mailing address, or catch me at any of our productions.

One of my goals for this year's newsletter is to help keep all our members informed about the goings-on of KWLT. If you have any stories, past or present, you would like to share with the membership, please consider submitting an article for an upcoming edition of the newsletter.

This newsletter will also be published electronically and should be available on the KWLT website at www.kwlt.org. Paper copies should be available in the lobby at our performances. If you would rather receive a paper copy of the newsletter than electronic one, be sure to let me know and we will send out a paper copy of the newsletter to the address we have in your membership file.

This season looks to be another one with lots going on. We have so far six scheduled productions, the rebuild continues and look for other events such as workshops and a BBQ! If you want to help out in any way, be sure to contact KWLT and indicate your interest.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has offered their support behind the newsletter relaunch. Thanks to those who have contributed to this issue, those that have pointed me to past issues of **Lights Up!** and to you, our members, for supporting the organization.

Tim Jackson
Lights Up! Editor



Ode to Humanity on the Fringes

Tim Jackson

KWLT's production of "*Ode to Humanity, or the History of the Human Race, Abridged*" went on this road this time, entered in the London Fringe Festival (www.londonfringe.ca) between July 27 and August 6 and the Hamilton Fringe Festival (www.hamiltonfringe.ca) between August 10 and 19.

The show had developed from the original four person cast during its premiere at the KWLT July 2006 One Acts. There are some additional sequences, some new cast roles and the challenge of double casting the roles to work with each of the Fringe schedules.

Financially, the show ran in the black for the London Fringe and it was great way to complete a very successful season for KWLT. Thanks go out to the wonderful cast, Brendan Flood, Anthony Lajoie, Kelly McNeely, Lindsay Palmateer, Andrew Salter, Adam Sanderson, Arsenyk Ustaris, Dustin Windibank and Michael Kearns, for a job very well done.

Congratulations to everyone involved with this show who helped to make it a success!



Some of the comments left on the London Fringe Website by audience members:

"A clever show which not only pokes fun at various "important" historical moments, but also lampoons our society's skewed, Euro-centric take on history"



"All in all, an enjoyable show, and a good laugh!"

"This show is just plain and simple fun from start to finish."

"You will never think history is boring again after viewing this play"

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KWLT 2007-2008 Season

OCTOBER ONE-ACT WEEKEND

Oct 18-20, 2007 8pm, Oct 20, 2007 2pm

MRS. BOB CRATCHIT'S WILD CHRISTMAS BINGE — By Christopher Durang

Directed by Rob Legood

Auditions: Sep 17-19 (7-10pm)

Performances: Nov 29-Dec 1, Dec 6-8, 2007 8pm

JANUARY ONE-ACT WEEKEND

Auditions: Nov 19-21 (7-10pm)

Performances: Jan 31-Feb 2, 2008 8pm, Feb 2, 2008 2pm

ROMEO & JULIET — By William Shakespeare

Directed by Graham Yeates

Auditions: Jan 7-9 (7-10pm)

Performances: Apr 3-5, 10-12, 2008 8pm

JUNE ONE-ACT WEEKEND

Auditions: Apr 14-16 (7-10pm)

Performances: Jun 12-14, 2008 8pm, Jun 14, 2008 2pm

THE THREE MUSKETEERS — By Willis Hall

Directed by Anita Kilgour

Auditions: Mar 24-26 (7-10pm)

Performances: Jul 17-19, 24-26, 2008 8pm

KWLT can be reached at 519-886-0660 or info@kwlt.org

KWLT Calendar

If you have any KWLT related events you would like to add to the calendar, please send the details to the editor at lightsup@kwlt.org.

September

15 - KWLT BBQ and fundraiser

At 9 Princess St. E.

17-19 - Auditions for Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild

Christmas Binge

U of Waterloo, Room HH334

October

18-20 - October One-Act Play Weekend

At the St. Jacob's Church Theatre

19 - Submission deadline for next **Lights Up!**

November

19-21 - Auditions for January One-Act Play Weekend

Location TBA

29-Dec 1 - Performances of Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild

Christmas Binge

At the St. Jacob's Church Theatre

Look for the next edition of **Lights Up!** in November.

Visit KWLT on the web at www.kwlt.org for the complete calendar, show listing and other valuable resources!

Fundraising Update — Chris Rovers

As Vice President of Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre, I am in charge of fundraising and have thus reformed the Fundraising Committee. Currently on this committee are myself, Dave Clegg and Dustin Windibank. Our efforts this summer will be preparing to approach local businesses for support to complete the fundraising necessary to complete work on the 9 Princess Street East rebuilding project. We are looking to raise a hundred thousand dollars to finish this project and make it the best building for theatre we possibly can.

To this end, we are currently preparing a portfolio with which to sell companies on the importance of KWLT and on the return they and the community can get from donating to our efforts. We expect that we will have this portfolio ready by the end of August and will be looking to begin earnest efforts to approach corporate donors in the early fall. Anita Kilgour has agreed to spearhead these efforts and we are very grateful for her work in this department.

In addition to this project, we will be having a fundraising and awareness raising barbeque on September 15th, 2007, at the 9 Princess Street East site. Dustin Windibank will be running the barbeque. We will have food, a silent auction, music, games, site tours and information — hope to see you there.

As a reminder, KWLT Stars! are still available for a personal donation of just \$250. Donors get their names on a chair at the new theatre, an invite to the grand opening gala and more! Donations (in any amount) can be made online at www.kwlt.org/donate/ through CanadaHelps.

If you would like to help out with fundraising efforts or have any questions or concerns, please drop me a line at vp@kwlt.org.

Rebuild Update — Chris Rovers

Hi, everybody! Welcome to the first of what should be many rebuild updates this fiscal year. For those that don't know me, I'm Chris Rovers and I'm the Building Manager for KWLTL, as well as the Vice President. We've got new things going on with our building site at 9 Princess Street East in Waterloo, so let's take a look.

The Rebuild Committee was reconstituted at the first board meeting of this term, with an eye to getting some more work done this year. Currently on the committee are myself, Amos Boratto and Dustin Windibank.

Right out of the gate, we've signed a contract with Silver Birch Contracting to bring in our new water main. Last winter, the City of Waterloo brought the water main to our property line and Silver Birch will be bringing it the rest of the way into the building. We will then be looking to our sprinkler contractor to put in the riser and a tap. All of this is to upgrade our water main from the standard ¾" size to the larger 4" size necessary to install the sprinkler system, a city code requirement. When all is said and done, we expect to have spent around thirty thousand dollars on this upgrade, with another ten thousand to install the sprinkler system itself. Of that total, we have spent about fifteen thousand already. It is our intention to complete the water main installation, though not the sprinkler installation, this summer.

Once the water main is installed, we will be finished excavations in the front yard. Our next priority, then, is to install gutters on the canopy to prevent damage to the new brick. Amos Boratto has kindly offered to co-ordinate that task. As well, once the excavation is complete, we can look at being a good neighbour and corporate citizen and improve the appearance of our front lawn. Expect to see a call for volunteers to help with landscaping, prior to the September barbeque.

One task we would like to do this fall is to install the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. This will give us more flexibility working in the space, particularly through the winter. We are unsure at this point whether or not we will have raised sufficient funds to pursue this task. Dustin Windibank has volunteered to spearhead this project.

If you would like to help out or have suggestions or questions, please feel free to email me at vp@kwlt.org. Thanks!

Give us your feedback!

Let us know how we did with this newsletter!

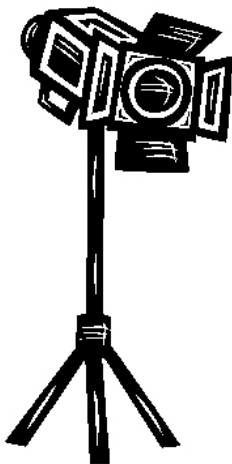
We would like to distribute future versions of *Lights Up!* electronically, however do feel free to contact us if you would prefer to receive a paper copy of this newsletter. Please contact the Editor at lightsup@kwlt.org or leave a message on the KWLTL phone line at 519-886-0660.



A snapshot of 9 Princess St. East, about Oct/06



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