

# Lights Up!

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**KWLT President's Address**

Another summer is upon us and another season is drawing to a close. The 2007-2008 season has so far seen KWLT continue its great tradition of shows, successful both financially as well as artistically. Our three full-length performances this year have been or are being directed by long-term staples of the theatre, but all have shown or will be showing strong performances by veteran and newcomers alike.

A large part of the season's success has been the work of our Artistic Director, Melanie Card; and our Executive Producer, Mike Kearns. These two have organized a strong season and have, behind the scenes, diffused several emergencies before they became serious problems.

Financially, the 2007-2008 season has done well. We have had successful show after successful show – the full-lengths and the one-acts have all posted profits – and that's helped put the theatre into a secure position to move forward with the rebuild.

We are entering a new period of rejuvenation in our rebuilding efforts. In May, the membership decided to take out a line of credit in order to finance the rest of the reconstruction of 9 Princess St. Even though it may take some time to fully secure the line of credit, we still have the money in the bank right now to continue to move forward and we are currently doing so. This month, we are in the middle of replacing the heating and ventilation, and we have lined up contractors for structural and stucco work.

We have already been pre-approved for the line of credit and are working at the final steps necessary in order to arrange the financing. Instrumental with getting this far have been Dave Clegg, Chris Rovers, and Erin Windibank who have spent countless hours pouring over our finances to make a strong statement to the bank.

Thank you to everyone on the Board of Directors and in the company. It was a joy to be President this year.

Josh Hoey  
 President, 2007-2008



KWLT's last production for the 2007-2008 season is *The Three Musketeers* (see page 3 for all the details).

Stay tuned the the KWLT website for details about our 2008-2009 season. They will be available after the AGM on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Also stay tuned to the website for details about the next issue of *Lights Up!*

### **...From the editor**

So here we are, the fourth and final edition of **Lights Up!** for the 2007-2008 season. As it turns out, this issue is a bit smaller than the rest as I have run into some time crunch issues to get the newsletter ready for the AGM.

There hasn't been a lot of feedback about the newsletter, but I am thankful for the positive comments that have been made. One thing I'd like to see more often in next season's newsletters are stories from and about KWLT's shows and events. That will be much easier to accomplish with a little help from people involved in KWLT's shows and events. Even if you don't think you can write a good article, send in some details about what happened, or even a funny story that can be shared and the editor's desk can help spread the news to the rest of the membership.

In closing, I'd like to say it has been an honour to sit behind the **Lights Up!** Editor's desk and to have revived the newsletter. I've had a lot of help from many individuals along the way and would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude for their efforts. Also a thanks to the board of directors for keeping their support behind the newsletter. Hopefully there will be many more issues in the future.

If you have any comments about this newsletter, any previous newsletters this year or have some comments for an upcoming newsletter, I'd like to hear from you.

Tim Jackson  
**Lights Up!** Editor

### **Fundraising Update**

**Chris Rovers**

We've had some major news in the fundraising and financial world - at the Special General Meeting of the membership held in early May, it was decided to obtain a Line of Credit to complete the rebuild. We're in the process of finalizing these details and we hope to be able to sign even more rebuilding contracts soon. This line of credit comes with responsibilities and we're looking to the KWLT membership and the larger K-W community to help us with this rebuild project.

As I mentioned earlier, one way to help us is for you to consider your finances and donate directly - either one-time or monthly. This donation from the membership is extremely important. Not only does it provide us an income stream that will be critical for us to pay down the line of credit, it demonstrates to external agencies - governments, businesses and non-governmental organizations - the extent to which the members of the KWLT community care about their theatre. It encourages them to help us out. Lots of details can be found at : <http://www.kwlt.org/donate>

Another way you can help is by networking for and with us. There are a lot of people in the community that can help us - and some of them you might know. We're looking out for people that can help us with materials or time donations, with money donations or with organizational help. Talk about us to your friends and family, help us reach out to people that might be able to help. Another possible way to help would be to volunteer to contact businesses or individuals on our behalf. Please let us know if you'd like to help in that way - the Fundraising Committee is working on this and can always use more volunteers. If you or someone you know might have things we need, there is an updated the list of things we need for the rebuild on our website. Please take a look : [http://www.kwlt.org/What\\_We\\_Need.150.0.html](http://www.kwlt.org/What_We_Need.150.0.html)

One of the best ways you can help us is just to talk about us. There are a lot of people out in the community at large that just don't know our story. You could wear a button (available for sale at our shows and at the AGM) or a t-shirt to show off your involvement in this great group. We've set up an online t-shirt shop at <http://kwlt.spreadshirt.com> to help get those conversations started. They are digitally printed, print-on-demand t-shirts, that means we don't need to tie up our limited money in inventory - and that will help keep our money focused on the rebuild and on shows. The t-shirts don't generate much money, but we think they will generate some buzz about KWLT.

Thanks very much for your attention. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Chris Rovers  
VP / Fundraising Chair, KWLT  
[vp@kwlt.org](mailto:vp@kwlt.org)

## KWLT proudly presents...

*The Three Musketeers*, by Willis Hall, adapted from the novel by Alexandre Dumas

A lively swashbuckling romp, this tongue-in-cheek version of the classic story follows the story of D'Artagnan, a poor Gascon youth who goes to Paris to join the Musketeers and make his fortune. He is befriended by three of the Musketeers, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, sharing their adventures and foiling the evil plans of the Cardinal Richelieu and Milady DeWinter to expose the love affair between Queen Anne and the Duke of Buckingham, discrediting her. Slick, sexy and full of sword fighting, KWLT proudly presents this comic romp of the glory days of France.

"This has always been one of my favourite stories," says director Anita Kilgour. "*The Three Musketeers* was a huge influence on me growing up - the willingness to take risks, the value on friendship and loyalty, and the sheer over the top cheesy romanticism of it have a lot to do with who I turned out to be."

Rehearsals have been going on since early April, unlike most KWLT shows, due to the need for extensive sword fighting practice. "The vast majority of the cast at one point or another picks up and swings a sword, so we've been working for two months now on the fighting. As a volunteer company, not everyone knew how to do this kind of stage combat to start, so Nick Oddson, our Fight Choreographer, has been hard at work teaching everyone how to make it look easy, while keeping everyone's, audience and actor, safety top of mind. There are times when I watch the fights and I am so excited, I'm dancing in my seat. All their hard work is going to definitely pay off."

"The script itself is pretty cheesy," Anita adds. "Hall's stayed true to the original flavour of Dumas' book, while contriving to shorten it from a hefty story to a play-sized romp. We're sticking with that spin of the show as well as trying to incorporate the audience by literally surrounding them with the production at times. A couple small warnings, though - there is some partial nudity during points in the show, as well was a lot of sword fighting very close up. Please - keep your hands and feet in the ride at all times, and enjoy the show!"

Performances Dates: July 17-19, 24-26. All shows 8pm.  
St. Jacobs Church Theatre, 1376 King St. N., St. Jacobs, ON

Tickets: \$15, \$10 for KWLT members  
Group and Eyego rates available  
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## 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](mailto:lightsup@kwlt.org).

### June

12-14 - June One Act Play Weekend - *At the St. Jacobs Church Theatre*

18 - KWLT's Annual General Meeting - **\*change\*** 7pm *at University of Waterloo, Hagey Hall Room 280*

### July

17-19 - Performances of *The Three Musketeers* - *At the St. Jacobs Church Theatre*

24-26- Performances of *The Three Musketeers* (week 2) - *At the St. Jacobs Church Theatre*

More information about the 2008-2009 season will be available after the AGM.

Visit KWLT on the web at [www.kwlt.org](http://www.kwlt.org) for the complete calendar, show listing and other valuable resources!

## Rebuild Update

### Chris Rovers

Hello, everybody! We've had a busy little while in the rebuild world and I'm here to tell you about it. As I wrote the last rebuild update, our contractors were just finishing the water main installation. Since that time, they have indeed finished and our floor has been repaired and replaced.

Our volunteer rebuilders have been in to work on preparing the site for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning installation (and generally clean the place up) and we've signed a contract with those installers and they are now at work, installing new furnaces and duct work throughout the space. Once we have heat in the building, we'll be much more free to work at any time throughout the year. They are almost done their work and we're looking forward to having a climate controlled building.

As well, the heat will allow us to install a backflow preventer - required by the city code - so that we can once again work on plumbing. Supply plumbing is the last thing we need to finish before we can put up drywall, so we're looking forward to being able to complete that task. Once again, we'll be calling on volunteers to help us out with that effort.

The members of KWLT showed their dedication to this project when they went out the day following a major snowstorm in order to get some city mandated work done. We moved a lot of snow, we cleaned a lot of graffiti and we did it all cheerfully and quickly. The day went very smoothly and we were able to get a lot of work done.

We have signed contracts with SilverBirch contracting and they are now on site, fixing the old Stage One roof parapets to make us again watertight and finally stuccoing the building. With these contracts, the exterior of the building will be essentially complete in the next few weeks. The only thing remaining will be landscaping and detail work - the cedar on the canopy, the flower garden, the lawn and the interlock paving stones.

See you on the build site!

Chris Rovers  
Building Manager, KWLT



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