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# The Sizzler

Greetings fair Thespians of the South Island Zone. This news letter is primarily for you. You may of course share it with other Zones... but you definitely should get dibs for the first read.

So October is upon us which means that the department stores already have their Christmas displays up, it's time to renew your club Theatre B.C. membership, leaves are starting to fall and curtains should be rising on productions through out the South Island Zone.

Whose doing what you ask?

Well Yellow Point opens on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this week with Alan Ayckbourns 'Snake in the Grass' a thriller with more twists and turns than a drive over the Malahat. This runs from the 14<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> with performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The production has been directed by Brian March and features the combined talents of Barbara Metcalf, Kyla Mitrovic and Wendy Wearne

The Ladysmith Theatre Society has already opened with Terence Kelly's 'Stella' starring the enchanting team of Mort and Ellen Paul. Their run ends on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Do check out their new web site by Googling 'The Ladysmith Theatre Society'

Peninsula Players open their season with the musical 'Godspell' directed by Dick Mells. This much loved musical promises to be a crowd pleaser. It has run dates of Oct 29th, 30th, 31st and Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

Pender islands Solstice Theatre society is putting on the ever popular 'Our Town' with run dates of Nov 13, 14 and 15.

Kaatza lakeside is opening their season with 'Sing a Song of Sixpence'. A pantomime by Norman Robbins Keep an eye on their web site for run dates.

Finally, an update on our SIZ festival 2010. This will be hosted by The Vancouver Island Players in Ladysmith. Dates for the festival are from the 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of May with the Awards Night being on the 23rd and the Adjudicator Workshop being planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> which is Victoria Day. We are looking forward to welcoming Jeff Hyslop as our SIZ Festival adjudicator this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. We are hoping to host a couple of workshops this year so please let me know what and when your club members would be interested in attending. I would also like to do some fund raising within the zone to help boost our Mainstage bursary awarded to the best production @ festival. Please feel free to distribute this letter amongst your club members. Also if I have been remiss in omitting a clubs information or in misquoting run dates etc....please forgive me.....I have been doing battle with a real swine of a virus and my head is a bit muzzy.(At last that is the excuse I am using this month. I'll have to think of something else for next month)

I would encourage all of you to travel in packs to see other clubs productions. In an age where more and more funding is being cut from the arts, it seems all the more important to band together and support each others artistic endeavours. In the words of Henry J Kaiser "Problems are only opportunities in work clothes"

Wishing you all a happy and relaxed October

Wendy Wearne (SIZ Chair)



