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Theatre School News

Manitoba Theatre for Young People
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Editorial: Showing Up

A well-known film director once said "90% of success is showing up." That is encouraging to me — success is not due to superhuman talent or luck so much as the willingness to get involved, to make an effort, to say "yes" to an opportunity. Here's a quick list of ways to increase the depth and quality of your involvement, and open the door to getting more out of your experience at MTYP:

- *enter the T-shirt Design Contest and (if you're in an upcoming show) the Top Seller Contest.
- *buy tickets to the theatre school series of plays — see student actors on the MTYP Mainstage.
- *bring family members to open classes the week of December 10-16.
- *see *A Year With Frog and Toad* over the holidays.
- *write an article for this newsletter, or fill out a comment card and deliver it to the new comment box at Jessee Havey's desk.
- *join the Stage Door Club and the Secret Agency.
- *bring indoor shoes to your class, practice your lines and homework assignments, and get to class on time.

If some of these things make you think "what's that?" or if following a list isn't your style, next time you come to class, why not pause at the front counter and meet Jessee, our theatre school administrator, or ask to speak to Kent, Rebecca, Ron, or Loc from the office, our chat with our friendly box office staff, and ask about these things? We'll do what we can to help you make your experience at MTYP this year a great one.

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CALLING ALL NEWSHOUNDS!!!

Our **Theatre School News** staff wants your input, and you'll take home some prizes for your efforts.

Here's the scoop; ink up a review, an article, a cartoon, anything that's theatre/film related. Drop it off at the **box office**, or e-send it to: ksuss@mtyp.ca.

Everyone whose contribution is printed in the newsletter will receive a prize pack, consisting of M.T.Y.P. T-Shirts, books, and a few surprises.

SHOW US YOU HAVE THE **WRITE** STUFF.

TOP SELLER CONTEST BEGINS JANUARY 1ST!

When your family and friends buy tickets to see your show in the on the MTYP Mainstage, just have them give your name at the Box Office, and our friendly staff will keep track of how many ticket sales each actor has to their credit.

Once we reach the date of performance, we'll identify the winners and send them a voucher for a free week at MTYP Summer Theatre Camp.

One winner will be announced for every show for which tickets are being sold: *Merry Tyll and the Three Rogues*, *Early Man*, *Dragon of the Winds*, *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, *Aldous Huxley's Brave New World*, and Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, and send them a voucher for a free week at MTYP Summer Theatre Camp 2009.

Review: *Riϕh*, MTYP's new pop-rock musical for teens, music and lyrics by Olaf Pyttlik, book by Vern Thiessen, MTYP mainstage November 19-27

My name is Marcella Garcea Britton from Elton Collegiate. I got the great pleasure of being able to do two days of work experience at Manitoba Theatre for Young People. I was asked to do a review on the show and I thought it was fascinating. It's a modern day play about being grateful for what you have and not taking things or people for granted. It also told you about how media affects teens so much in this day and age. The actors/actresses were very good and entertaining it is a very enjoyable show for all ages and teaches a great lesson as well. I think everyone should come see the great musical *Riϕh* that they put on here!

(Riϕh will tour Manitoba Schools from February—May, 2009)

You can win a free week at camp by entering the MTYP Summer Theatre Camp Image Design contest!!

In celebration of our upcoming tenth anniversary at The Forks, we would like you, our artists-in-training, to come up with a picture image and a saying that we can use on our summer camp brochure and on the summer camp t-shirt.

Here are two recent examples of images and sayings:

1. the saying for Summer 07 was "Widen Your World" — the image on the brochure was of a ring of children holding hands around a globe.
2. for Summer 08 we used the phrase "Step into the Spotlight" — the image on the t-shirt (you can see it in the glass case behind the lobby counter) is two masked characters stepping out onto a stage.

We are eager to see your ideas: You can submit a piece of original artwork, a short saying, or both. If we select your artwork or saying, we'll give you a gift of a free week at MTYP Summer Theatre Camp 2009!

Winning entries and honourable mentions will be displayed at MTYP and published in the newsletter.

Contest deadline: January 16, 2009.

Bits & Bytes:

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK fundraiser update. We plan to complete installation of the mirror wall in Richardson Hall over the holidays in December. We will be upgrading our video equipment as well, and will report on developments in that exciting program. If you have books at home that you have not purchased, please return them — we have a waiting list of people who want to buy them. (Makes a great stocking stuffer!)

Holiday gift idea #2

T-SHIRTS continue to be on sale at the front counter. \$15 all sizes.

Holiday gift idea #3

The soundtrack of *A Year With Frog and Toad* is available on compact disc. \$20 plus tax at the MTYP box office.

Congratulations to three actors from the Young Company —Jaclyn Kuffel, Lynette Bonin, and Sheila Burstow, who appeared on the MTYP Mainstage in the recent world premiere of *Riϕh*. (see review in this issue) See them in *Brave New World* in April, 2009.

Congratulations also to Melanie Brouzes, who has been MTYP's Drama Resource Coordinator for the last 4 years. Native Earth in Toronto is currently producing Melanie's play *A Very Polite Genocide*. Nativeearth.ca

On Sunday, December 7, the Link (Theatre School and Aboriginal Arts Program's joint student council) hosted a coffee house in our lobby. 16 acts entertained an enthusiastic crowd. Two thirds of the more than \$200 raised from the sale of baking at the event will be donated to Resource Assistance for Youth (RaY). info@rayinc.ca

Please be reminded that MTYP cannot be held responsible for belongings left in the lobby during shows and classes, including winter coats and boots. You are welcome to bring those items into class with you.

Dates to Remember

December 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, & 16 Open classes for family and friends: last day of 22-week theatre school classes before the winter break.

January 5, Monday: All fall 22-week classes back in session.

January 1, Thursday: Tickets for all shows in the Theatre School Series go on sale. \$9 all seats.

January 10, Saturday: Winter 10-week classes begin.

February 21—22, Saturday—Sunday:

IMAGINE 24/7: 7 plays about peace by teens in 24 hours. Intense weekend of creating theatre, open to all teens.