



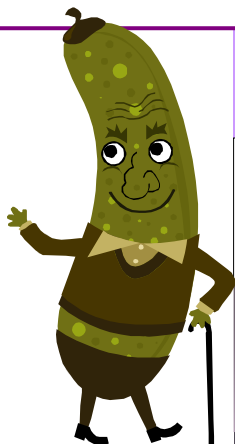
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**November
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Theatre School News

Manitoba Theatre for Young People
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: LESLEE SILVERMAN

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HAPPY NOVEMBER Y'ALL! Hope all you readers are doing fine, and excited about your MTYP classes. This month there are auditions for upcoming extra-curricular shows. I thought I'd share my top five tips on how to impress that Director on the other side of the table (assuming at your audition, The Director is sitting at a table, of course).

Number Five

Don't be late. That tells everyone you'll be late for rehearsals, and perhaps performances.

Number Four

Bring a picture. A big, nice pic is a bonus. The picture will remind The Director who you are and what you did.

Number Three

Fill out the Audition Info Sheet Correctly (avoid spelling mistakes). It doesn't hurt to bring your own resume as well.

Number Two

SPEAK UP! They want to hear the words coming out of your mouth.

Number One

Listen with your ears. Give The Director what is required, and don't hold back. You will be directed to "tone it down", if need be.

Also, not so much a tip, but just a side-note. Remember, it's not the end of the world if you don't get THAT role. There will always be other auditions down the road. Just keep on truckin'!

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(all good advice, but who is Pickles?? - ed.)

Dates to Remember

November 15, Saturday: Auditions for Junior Extra-curricular show: *Merry Tyll and the Three Rogues*, directed by Keri-Lee Smith.

November 16, Sunday: Auditions for Teen Extra-curricular show: *Early Man*, directed by Lisa Martin.

November 21

Rich
opens



November 23, Sunday: The MTYP Coffee House Variety Show: Now in Decaf! (see poster on reverse)

November 29, 30,

December 3, 4, 8, & 9

Final Day for 10-week session Fall Classes.

December 5, Friday: Early Bird Full Payment Discount & financial assistance deadline for Winter Session classes



December 5
A Year With Frog and Toad opens

December 6, Saturday: First rehearsal for extra-curricular Junior Show.

December 7, Sunday: First rehearsal for extra-curricular Teen Show.

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 10, Saturday: Winter 10-week classes begin.

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Auditions: Spot the Scams

Auditions: the gateway for performers; an opportunity to build your skills and perhaps even earn some cash. There are many great audition prospects in Winnipeg, but there may also be con-artists or scams waiting to take advantage of a performer's dreams.

Here's one major warning sign: If you've been to an audition and told that you're heading to "the next level"... for a certain amount of money... head for the door! NEVER PAY for an acting job, an audition, or representation.

How do you spot a scam? There are many indications, but first and foremost, arm yourself with information. Who is the group? Where are they based? Google their name, and if it's a scam, there's a good chance it will show up. There is a good article on ehow.com with some tips – search for "audition scam".

And if you discover a scam – let us know! MTYP's Theatre School will spread the word and keep our students informed.

By Heather Jordan, MTYP Instructor

HEY FOLKS! It sure is wet outside these days! Have you got your extra indoor sneakers packed for your acting class?



A clean pair of shoes sure beats slipping or stubbing your toes in your sock feet, or mucking up the new carpets with your winter boots!

Bits & Bytes:

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK fundraiser is nearing its completion, and MTYP Theatre School would like to thank everyone who helped raise money for upgrades to our musical theatre program! What a wonderful effort, and a deeply appreciated gift of your time, energy, and money! 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.

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

TEENS — the world premiere of *Riçh* is coming up, and MTYP teens have free tickets (one benefit of being a member of MTYP!) To get your free ticket, visit the box office and tell them you want your STAGE DOOR CLUB ticket to the show! **Even if you're not a teen, it's not too late to join the Stage Door Club and see the rest of the MTYP season FREE!**

How do you like the newsletter so far? We want to build habits for a sustainable future by **going paper-less** in as many ways as we can. For this issue of the newsletter, we'll print only 100 copies, available at the front counter. As our email list of students gets more complete, we'll try to reduce the number of printed copies to zero! That means less paper used needlessly, and more trees for all of us to enjoy (and more oxygen to breathe!).

Check out MTYP's Youtube account for the latest student projects, interviews, and surprises!

On November 23rd, an event so extreme, it can only be called...

The MTYP Coffee House Variety Show NOW IN DECAF!

Do you have a cool talent? Can you sing, dance, tell jokes, juggle, or play an instrument? Or maybe something utterly unique? Well then,

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 7-9 PM IN THE LOBBY

Is your chance to show it off!

ADMISSION: \$3

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