

BITS AND BITES RIVERCITY TS AND BITES PLAYERS



Campbell River Community Theatre
1080 Hemlock Street, Campbell River

Presents an Evening of One-Act Plays

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The Way Of All Fish

By Elaine May

Directed by Susan Wydenes.

Mr. Compatible

By Amy Zipperer

Directed by Sara O'Haver

The Raft

By Stephen Leacock

Directed by Bill Walton

***A Little Something
for the Ducks***

By Jean Lenox Toddie

Directed by Marg Branscombe



President – Bev Sievwright

Rivercity Players Society is pleased to present four One-Act plays to our patrons. One-Act plays can offer our members that have not acted or performed before a chance to be part of a production. Thank you all for being part of *Bits and Bites*.

We are pleased to announce that Rivercity Stage will be hosting the North Island Zone Festival in May of 2020. It is the 60th anniversary of Rivercity Players and we plan to celebrate. Watch for upcoming publicity about this wonderful event.

A heartfelt thanks to our patrons and members for their continued support of Rivercity Stage.



Stage Manager – MaryAnn Stenback

MaryAnn loves to be involved with a play from the very beginning. She has stage managed or assisted in stage management for Rivercity Players and Shoreline Musical Theatre Societies.

Productions include *84 Charing Cross Road*, *Drowsy Chaperone*, *Jenny's House of Joy*, *Over the River and Through the Woods*, and *Shirley Valentine*.

MaryAnn is honored to be part of *Bits and Bites*.

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THE WAY OF ALL FISH

MR COMPATIBLE

***There will be a 15 minute Intermission
Treats will be served in the Lobby***

THE RAFT

A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR THE DUCKS

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***Rivercity Players gratefully acknowledges the following
for their generous donations in 2019***

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***Rivercity Players would also like to acknowledge
the following for their valued assistance***

Campbell River Mirror • Habitat ReStore
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***Grateful thanks to all of our many volunteers who keep
the theatre and productions running***

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THE WAY OF ALL FISH

by Elaine May

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

The Way Of All Fish – This play is a ping-pong power game played between a self-absorbed executive and her seemingly drab secretary.

Set in the New York office of high-flying businesswoman Ms. Asquith, who has everything – a multi-million dollar corporation, a hectic social life, a designer wardrobe and an efficient exercise regime. Yet she longs for companionship. Finding herself without plans she decides an evening with her secretary, Miss Riverton, is better than no company at all.

Her secretary, Miss Riverton, is hard-working and devoted, yet behind those favorable traits lies a rather complex mind full of dark ideas. Simply she wants to be “famous”. It is when Miss Asquith invites her to a quiet dinner in the office that this other darker side of her character is revealed.

This play has mild adult themes.

Directed by Susan Wydenes

Susan started with Rivercity Players 18 years ago acting in *Cocktails at Pam's*. Since then she's acted in a number of One-Acts and a role in *84 Charing Cross Rd*. *The Way of All Fish* will be the third play that Susan has directed.

When asked what she likes to do in theatre Susan says "I love both directing and acting. With directing I enjoy creating the vision for the play and seeing that vision come to life."



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Kelly McDonald (Ms. Asquith)

Kelly McDonald discovered a passion for the theatre when she was given a part in *Calendar Girls* in Williams Lake.

Since then she has been in several productions with River City Players and has enjoyed herself immensely, as they are a fabulous bunch to work with.

Always the attention seeker, she looks forward to entertaining you.



Cleo Corbett (Miss Riverton)

Cleo is thrilled to be joining Rivercity Players. Corbett trained with Vancouver Youth Theatre, which ultimately led to a variety of professional TV roles in shows such as *The Hitchhiker* and *The Wiseguys*. She later found a passion for musical theatre, and embraced the role of Usherette in *The Rocky Horror Show* (Schmooze Productions, Nanaimo, B.C.), Velma in *Chicago*, Miss Hannigan in *Annie* and Motormouth in *Hairspray* (all with Golden Nights on Broadway, Golden, B.C.).



In her non-theatrical hours, Cleo is an urban planner for the City of Campbell River and spends time with her two beautiful energetic boys and supportive husband. Being new to Campbell River, Cleo hopes to become more immersed in the rich theatre and music scene the city has to offer.

RainCoast School of Musical Theatre Presents The Disney's Little Mermaid



May 8th & 9th 7:00 pm

May 9th 2:00 pm

Tidemark

MR COMPATIBLE

by Amy Zipperer

Produced by special arrangement with Brooklyn Publishers LLC.

Girl has been experiencing frustration with the whole dating scene and decides to treat finding love like a business complete with spreadsheets.

She arranges a date with Eric, but he has other ideas.

Directed by Sara O'Haver

Sara is making her debut as a director with Mr. Compatible. She has been a number plays at Rivercity with her latest being *Bright Side of Being Blue* and *84 Charing Cross Road*.

Sara has also been involved with other productions in various capacities, back stage and front of house.



**Shoreline Musical Theatre Society
Presents**

MARY POPPINS

The Broadway Musical



Nov 21,22,23 7:30pm Sat Nov 23 2:00pm

Tidemark Theatre Tickets \$30 Under 12 \$25

Jen McGowan (Girl)

Jen is excited to be back on stage as Girl in *Mr. Compatible*. A true thespian, Jen most recently worked backstage on Rivercity's 2019 Festival entry *Shirley Valentine* where she and the backstage crew took home the award for best backstage crew. Past credits include Cindy Savage in *Self Help*, Jenny in *Jenny's House of Joy* and Candy Starr in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Jen would like to thank her beautiful daughters Paige and Kianna for their continued support and hopes you enjoy the show!



Douglas Craig (Eric)

Doug caught the acting bug when he was cast as Santa in his grade 3 Christmas play.

He has been involved in the performing arts ever since as both an actor and a musician. His last role was Dr. Bradman in Rivercity's production of *Blythe Spirit*.

Doug is also appearing in *Bits and Bites* as Horace Borus in *The Raft*.



Many Thanks from Rivercity Players for your generous donation of a new table saw to replace the one that was stolen from outside the Stage Door

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THE RAFT

by Canadian humorist Stephen Leacock

The play takes place on the high seas, where castaway Harold Borus is floating on a raft, where he is happy to be joined by fellow castaway, Edith Croydon.

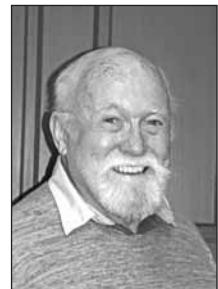
The BBC produced The Raft as a TV short film in the 1930's.

Directed by Bill Walton

Bill has acted in and directed shows off all genres from musicals to tragedies, comedies to drama. He was attracted to *The Raft* because of the absurd humour it contains.

Although Stephen Leacock was employed as a professor of Economics and Political Science, he was also regarded as one of Canada's great humourists.

The Raft was written in 1924, Bill hopes you will still find it as funny as he does.



COMING NEXT YEAR

**Rivercity Players will host the North Island Zone Festival
May 16-23, 2020**

All performances will be at the



*2020 will also be Rivercity Players
60th Anniversary
so look out for some fun.*

As always Rivercity Players welcomes volunteers in all areas so

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Karen Stevan (Edith Croyden)

This is Karen's first play with Rivercity Players and is her first time on stage since appearing in her law school revue many years ago.

Although Karen works by day as a lawyer, her first love is the theatre, whether as an audience member or production participant.

She feels fortunate to be in such a fun and engaging play and to have the opportunity to perform on the Rivercity Stage.



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Multiple-Award Winning Gerry McAtee*

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A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR THE DUCKS

by Jean Lenox Toodie.

(Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.)

A Little Something for the Ducks is a surprising twist on smoozing for the senior sector. This is a heartwarming comedic story of a zestful, youthful courtship. Irma is sixty-eight and Samuel is seventy-nine. They put their moves on each other in a minuet that is a joy to behold..

This delightful play won both the John Gassner Playwriting Contest and the Princeton Players One Act Playwrighting Contest.

Directed by Marg Branscombe

With some urging from her good friend Lorna Pennock, Marg started her theatre adventure with Rivercity Players in the early 1990's. Stage managing, learning to paint sets, looking after props and costumes and producing. She acted in two plays and in a few studio night productions and enjoyed just generally learning the craft and the art of the theatre. Early in the 2000's Anne Young of Antics Theatre invited Marg to take on the role of Sybil Fawlty in *Fawlty Towers*. Marg never looked back and after playing the character for the better part of 15 years Marg says "She stills loves the lady".



Marg thanks Rivercity Players for this opportunity to direct and is pleased to present this heartwarming play.



**This Evening of One-Act Plays
is dedicated to
BRIAN WELCHMAN**
December 3, 1934 – September 14, 2019

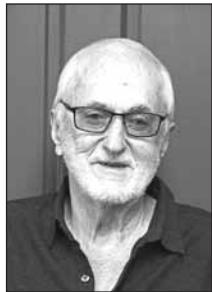
"A Valued Part of Rivercity Players"

R.I.P. Brian

Stu Morrison (Samuel)

Stu's acting career began in 1986. He has been in close to 60 productions, including musicals, dramas, comedies and as a professional with Showcase Theatre.

A Little something for the Ducks is his last kick at the cat (or duck)!



Lori Andrews (Irma)

Lori is very excited to have a role in *A Little Something for the Ducks*. Lori has been very active with Rivercity Players as a board member and volunteer coordinator.

Lori has been involved with Improv classes and decided to try out acting – the One-Acts offering a perfect place to start.

What an experience learning the process of auditions, to rehearsals to opening night!

Our Production Crew

Co-Producers.....	Lynne Macara, Bev Sievwright
Directors.....	Susan Wydenes, Sara O'Haver, Bill Walton, Marg Branscombe
Stage Manager	MaryAnn Stenback
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Muzz Sanders, Denise Johnson
Set Painters.....	Doug Andrews, John Hawkins, Jewel Buhay, Sandi Loomans
Set Dressers	Linda Von Zuben, The Directors
Props	Linda Von Zuben
Prompter	Val Wood
Costume Coordinator	Heather Gordon Murphy
Technical Director.....	Doug Andrews
Lighting and Sound	Doug Andrews, Ken Beattie
Construction Crew.....	John Hawkins, Doug Andrews, Gerry Wright, John Phillips,
Publicity Director	Tim Myerscough
Publicity Crew	Alison Liebel, Glen Clark, Linda Von Zuben
Ticket Sales	Bev Sievwright, Glen Clark
Programs, Posters	John Hawkins, Bev Sievwright
Photography.....	Jessica Bettenson, Alistair Taylor
Front of House Manager	Bob Tonkin
Volunteer Director	Lori Andrews
Front of House Volunteers.....	Thank you all

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RIVERCITY PLAYERS 2019 – 2020 Season



Evenings of One Acts – October 16 - October 27, 2019

A Christmas Event at Rivercity Stage - December 15, 2019

Steel Magnolias – February, 2020

Present Laughter – May, 2020

Rivercity Players hosts the North Island Zone Festival: May 16-23, 2020

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