

# Encore!

January 2009

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As we begin a New Year I would like to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers who work diligently and often without any particular notice on behalf of the Northumberland Players. Their dedication and hours spent are greatly appreciated.

The Ladies of the Arcade who meet every Monday morning and often a few hours in between looking after our vast costume department and our rentals... Verna Templer, Joyce Graham, Giselle Butcher, Suzanne Mess, Norma Schultz, Nancy Kerr, Barbara Taylor, Mary Smith, Barb Horscroft. Thank you!

The Set up crew and set builders, John and Helen Matthew, Garth Holloway, Tony Walker, Don Young, Sebastin Reisch, Borden Taylor, Ken MacDonald, John Nevin, Lynn Hilborn, Don Prendergast. Thank you!

The teams of 50/50 volunteers. There are many... Thank you!

The Directors, Producers, and Stage Managers for all our shows.... Thank you!

To the Playreading committee....for all the time spent reading plays and designing our season. Thank you!

To the fundraising committee Doug Dewell, Tom Payne, Helen Matthew, Lynne McCall, Shannon Oliver, Lois Skyvington, Mary Jo Curtis... Great job with Moondance! Thank you!

To Carol Anne Caswell and Rainer Vallance who look after the maintenance in the FireHall Thank you!

To Chris Worsnop who organizes our ongoing workshop series. Thank you!

And to every backstage person who volunteers tirelessly to make the magic happen through seven productions a year. Thank you!

And to the Board of Directors who carry the weight and work of the company Thank you!

*AND TO EVERY PLAYER I HAVE NOT MENTIONED MY SINCERE THANKS FOR BEING A PART OF THIS TERRIFIC TEAM!*

Jack Boyagian



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## **Carol-Anne Caswell**

### **Playwriting committee**

The Northumberland Players 1st Annual One-Act (Comedy) Playwriting Competition was closed to submissions September 30.

Two comedies were chosen for staging at the Firehall Theatre when renovations have been completed: Playwrights Amy Foster (The Workfarce) and Steve Stacey Jr. (The Forest Gnome) were also awarded \$100.00.

If you are interested in becoming involved/contribute to these first-time productions, there are a number of ways to become involved. Kindly go to our website [www.northumberlandplayers.com](http://www.northumberlandplayers.com) for volunteer information.

Let me know what you think you would like to do and send me an email: [earthsong\\_7@cogeco.ca](mailto:earthsong_7@cogeco.ca) or call 905-373-0369.

#### 2009/2010 Program

Planning for the Northumberland Players 2009 One-Act Playwriting Marathon (Workshops & On-Stage) Competition is under construction;

1st Weekend: One-Act Playwriting Workshop

2nd:Weekend: Saturday Staging of Productions

Sunday: Adjudication results

If you would like to join the Playwriting Committee, send me an email.

*‘We’re Growing Plays’*

### ***Audition Call***

For the April -May Dinner Theatre production of

**The Affections of May** By Norm Foster

The Best Western Cobourg Inn and Convention Centre

April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, May 1, 2, 3, 2009

**Auditions: Sunday January 18 1:00pm—3:00pm 1st floor**

**Firehall Theatre 213 Second St. Cobourg**

The show requires one woman in her thirties and three men ranging in age from 30's to 40's.

*Please come with a prepared audition monologue*

Directed by Nancy Little

*A marvellous night for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual*

## *'Moondance'*

*Shake off those winter blahs and party the night away  
with the amazing musical talents of the band,*

## *'MID LIFE CRISIS'*

*An evening of music, dancing, entertainment  
A silent auction, raffle and door prizes!*

*Sink your teeth into sumptuous cheeses from*

*Herma's*

*&*

*delectable desserts (made by the members of the Northumberland Players!)  
with coffee compliments of the*

*Kick off your shoes and join the fun!*

*All to benefit the Firehall Renovation, Home of the Northumberland Players*

*Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009*

*8:00pm – 1:00am*

*Victoria Hall, Cobourg*

*\$50.00 per person*

*w/ cash bar*

*Get your tickets early by calling*

*The Victoria Hall Box Office*

*905-372-2210*

*presented by The Northumberland Players*

## The Last Resort a musical by Norm Foster music by Leslie Arden

Auditions were held in December and the cast includes Beth Hunt, Cara Jack, Helen Matthew, Jack Boyagian, Greg Curtis, Chris Sharpe and John  
This hilarious musical comedy will play for 6 performances at Victoria Hall March 27 to April 4th 2009  
This is a winner...don't miss out on getting your tickets.  
Directed by Val Russell, Music Director Caitlin Hayes.

Hair is progressing well under the directorship of Shannon Oliver and Musical Director Caitlin Hayes with choreography by Alina Adjemiian. Tickets are available by calling the Capitol Theatre at 905-885-1071 Don't forget if you are a member tickets are half price for Opening Night call the box office ...and don't forget to Dress UP! You all remember the 60's, The Age of Aquarius, tie dyed everything... find your inner hippie...there is probably something still at the back of your closet you could not part with...come out and join in the fun Friday, February 27th.

Tickets for **ON GOLDEN POND** by Ernest Thompson are selling very well (we are already past 1200 seats sold). This touching, funny, show stars original Players Betsey Stanley and John Winkworth as Norman and Ethel Thayer...you won't want to miss these performances! Supporting Cast includes, Christine Stone, Ron Tollett, Remi Mireault and Neil Torrie  
Produced by Jack Boyagian and Directed by Dave Clark  
Call the Best Western and book your seats now...show opens January 23 (to February 8 2009) call 905-372-2105 for reservations.

Northumberland Players Youth Theatre  
**March Break Camp**  
**Monday March 16 to Friday March 20, 2009**  
**9:00am until 4:00pm**  
**ages 8 to 12 yrs / \$160.00**  
Teaching performance techniques through theatre games, mime, movement, monologues and a final presentation.  
please call the Players to reserve a space 905-372-0577  
FireHall Theatre  
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## Proposed Spring Workshops

### "Stage Presence" by Heather Stubbs

"CURTAIN UP! An interactive workshop to polish your Stage Presence."

Participants will increase their skills in the four elements that create great stage presence and poise:

1. BODY (posture, breathing)
2. VOICE (tone, diction)
3. RELATIONSHIPS (with fellow performers, with the audience)
4. ADRENALIN (Let the "butterflies" HELP you fly!

#### Bio:

An exciting performer since childhood, Heather has thrilled audiences with her leading roles in musical comedy and opera in both Canada and England. She toured extensively, giving concerts throughout Canada and the United States. In 2006, she created her own one-woman show, "Heartsong", now a popular concert for fundraising events.

She holds a Bachelor of Music degree (Voice Performance Major) from the University of British Columbia and studied at the London Opera Centre in England. She also holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Toronto, and has extensive teaching experience, both in public schools and in her own private music studio.

As a speaker and presentation skills trainer, Heather draws on a lifetime of performing experience and provides a lively, insightful and thought-provoking experience.

The second is a workshop on play writing proposed by Carol Anne Caswell featuring a local playwright. This would fit in well with our 2nd Annual Playwriting Contest which will be organized again for 2009.

The third is on Stage Management. This is my own recommendation I would approach a professional SM I know who works in the GTA, name of, believe it or not, Dave Glover (not our Dave of the Human Bean).

Chris M. Worsnop  
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*If anyone has suggestions for Workshops please contact Chris, we have had great response from the membership and people from other theatre groups for all of the workshops he has organized this past year...many thanks Chris!*