

# Elora Community Theatre

**MAY, 2019**

Elora Community Theatre

presents an all Youth Cast!



**Fergus Grand Theatre**

June 21-23, 2019

Tickets available online

or call the box office (519) 787-1981

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~ Elora Community Theatre is producing  
an all youth cast musical production!

*Wonderland! (The  
musical misadventures of a girl  
named Alice through the  
looking glass)*

*directed by Deb Stanson and stage  
managed by Eileen Mclaughlin*

*An all youth production by  
Elora Community Theatre! 36  
local youth!*

*Wonderland!* is an unabashedly silly adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*. With hip-hopping music, it is an upbeat, coming-of-age story that audiences of all ages will adore! You'll recognize some of your favorite familiar characters of Alice's Wonderland along with meeting dozens of new ones: a baseball team, a gospel group called The Responsibilities, a train conductor, star-struck tourists, plastic light-saber wielding knights and much more.

June 21 -23 at the Fergus Grand Theatre  
Tickets available by calling (519) 787-1981 or  
online [fergusgrandtheatre.ca](http://fergusgrandtheatre.ca)

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Report from directors of SHORTHANDED: Jim Monaghan and Kimberley Young.....

"The cast and crew would like to thank all the people that came out and supported our show. We appreciated your laughter, applause and standing ovations throughout the run. They would also like to thank all the people that donated and helped make this show a success both artistically and financially."

For the record, the winners of the Shorthanded raffle were:

- Matt Deyell of Elmira won the pair of Maple Leaf Tickets for 2019/2020 regular season.
- Wally (Wayne) Thompson of Puslinch won the four tickets for a performance of Drayton's "Glory".
- Mary Manning of Damascus won the bag of Mary Kay Products.
- Paul Haffner of Waterloo won the basket of items from Fergus/Elora businesses and groups.





Thanks to Bill Longshaw for the wonderful photography!

## 50/50

\$1,258 was raised from our supportive crowds at **Shorthanded**.  
Thanks to the fabulous volunteer ticket sellers for their great work!  
*(submitted by our trusty treasurer Suzanne Trivers)*



## HOT OFF THE PRESS

**769 People attended !**  
**Congrats to Jim and Kim, cast and crew!**

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## Shakespeare in the Park Two Summer Shows



6th season!  
ECT Shakespeare in the Park 2019!



### MERCHANT OF VENICE

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Deb Stanson and David Tanner

To be performed **July 5-7 and July 12-14** at Bissell Park, [Elora](#)

Antonio, a merchant, agrees to loan money to his friend Bassanio so he can woo his beloved Portia. However, Antonio's money is tied up in his ships out at sea. He visits the moneylender Shylock to acquire the necessary funds. Shylock dislikes Antonio, but he agrees to lend Antonio the money on the condition that if he defaults on the loan, Shylock is entitled to a pound of Antonio's flesh. Ultimately, Shylock can't collect on his end of the deal because of the harm that would be done to Antonio, and Bassanio marries Portia.

## ANNOUNCING!

### CAST

<b>Antonio</b>	Shayne Coffin
<b>Salarino</b>	Kevin Johnston
<b>Bassanio</b>	Erik Van Dyke
<b>Lorenzo</b>	Corey Sanders
<b>Gratiano</b>	Hayden Tallon
<b>Portia</b>	Laura Hunter
<b>Nerissa</b>	Corrie Shoemaker
<b>Shylock</b>	John Dibben
<b>Morocco</b>	Acey Kaspar
<b>Launcelot</b>	Nick Haney
<b>Gobbo</b>	Gary Bryant
<b>Jessica</b>	Alexandra Porter
<b>Arragon</b>	Al Strong
<b>Tubal</b>	Jim Monaghan
<b>Jailer</b>	Jim Monaghan
<b>Duke</b>	Alex Kanarek

**Director** Deb Stanson  
**Director** David Tanner

**July 5-7 & 12-14**

Friday 7:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday 3:00 pm

**Bissell Park, Elora**

Admission by donation

Contact Deb Stanson at (519) 496-6481 for more information!



## ROMEO AND JULIET

Unfortunately, we were unable to cast this show for the summer. We hope to be able to present Romeo & Juliet at another time.



WEBSITE WOES from Suzanne Trivers

### **Receiving Newsletter**

Hopefully you and everyone you know is now successfully receiving the newsletter. We are still working on the new website and things are not smooth yet. To access past Newsletters go to the Elora Community Theatre website where you can access any ECT newsletter published every month.



As part of our work to improve our electronic communication with you, our members and supporters, we have moved to a new email sending platform called Cyberimpact. This is a Canadian provider that follows Canadian anti-spam laws and stores all of our information on Canadian servers. We want to make sure that we protect the personal information that you share with us.



We have heard your concerns about our current electronic communications and we ask that you bear with us as we address the issue. Always a challenge when we are all volunteers.

Take care, Suzanne Trivers  
[suzannetrivers@gmail.com](mailto:suzannetrivers@gmail.com)

Missed an ECT Newsletter?



**Announcing: Our Elora Community Theatre Coming  
Season  
at the Fergus Grand Theatre**

**Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus**

*By Andrew J. Fenady*

*Based upon the teleplay by Val DeCrow and Andrew J. Fenady*

**Directed by Deb Stanson**

**December 13-15 & December 20-22, 2019**

Inspired by a simple, poignant letter written over 100 years ago by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon to the editor of the *New York Sun*—and by the timeless editorial response printed on the front page of the *Sun*. Virginia wondered and wrote: "Dear Editor, I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the *Sun*, it's so. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" Ed Mitchell, the *Sun's* editor, gives the assignment of answering Virginia's letter to Frank Church who, until his wife and baby died last Christmas Eve, was the *Sun's* best and most dependable reporter. *Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus* is a play for young and old, magically reaffirming life's highest beauty and joy—"the eternal light with which childhood fills the world."



## **AUDITIONS** (Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus)

Friday June 14th 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday June 15th 2 pm - 4 pm

No preparation necessary

Cold read from the script

Open audition.

Children from age 8- 12 (male and female)

Adults age 25- 80 (male and female)

Contact Deb Stanson [debstanson@gmail.com](mailto:debstanson@gmail.com) for more information

(Read on for the February and May Shows)

Auditions to be announced in future newsletters)

## **Mom's Gift**

*By Phil Olson*

**Directed by Stan Jensen**

**February 14-16 & February 21-23, 2020**

In this comedy with a heart, Mom has been dead for 11 months and shows up at her husband's birthday party as a ghost with a mission. Like Clarence in "It's A Wonderful Life," she has to accomplish a task to earn her wings. Only what the task actually is, is a mystery. There are so many things to fix. The problem is complicated by the fact that the only person who can hear or see Mom is her daughter who has been ordered by the court to spend Dad's birthday with him as part of her Anger Management Program. One by one the family's secrets are peeled away revealing a shocking truth that surprises even our ghost.

## **Little House on the Prairie *the Musical***

*Book by: Rachel Sheinkin*

*Music by: Rachel Portman*

*Lyrics by: Donna di Novelli*

*Based on the "Little House" books by Laura Ingalls Wilder*

**Directed by Acey Kaspar**

**May 1-3 & May 8-10, 2020**

Through the magic of live theatre, the musical follows the Ingalls family's journey westward and settlement in South Dakota where Ma and Pa Ingalls hoped to make a better life for their children. It tells the story of their struggle to keep their land claim. In story, song and dance, we see the Ingalls suffering the hardships of winter blizzards and prairie fires as well as rejoicing in the settlement of land and town. Most of all, the story follows Laura as she



couples are endless! If only Fred Baxter (one of the husbands) can figure out what is ailing him! Self-diagnosis at it's best!

**CAST**

All are late 50's to mid 60's

**MARTY:** A retired High School English teacher

**DEB:** Marty's wife, retired

**FRED BAXTER:** Friend of Marty and Deb, Gladys's husband. Retired.

**GLADYS BAXTER:** Friend of Marty and Deb, Fred's wife. Also retired.

The audition will be a cold read. See you there!!

Directed by Trish Starodub

November 1 - 16, 2019

**GUELPH LITTLETHEATRE presents: The Man Who Shot Chance Delaney May 23-June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 519-821-0 270 [www.guelphlittletheatre.com](http://www.guelphlittletheatre.com)**

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**Elora Community Theatre Remembers Past Members:**

**Rosemary Tait:** Board member and Publicity Committee member for many years.

**Nellie Webb:** Actor in ECT's "The Glass Menagerie", "Our Town", and "The Curious Savage", and ECT supporter through the 1980s.

**Paul Bell:** Actor in ECT's "The Odd Couple", designer for "An Inspector Calls". And actor in Theatre on the Grand's "On Golden Pond".

**Florence Borovoy:** Makeup person and Board member for many years; actor in "Tales of "Elora"1974 and "This Can't Be Love" 1992; recipient of an ECT gold pin for many years of commitment.

Please contact me if you'd like to submit ECT info for future newsletters.

[jwheelerb@cogeco.ca](mailto:jwheelerb@cogeco.ca)Julie

## Interested in a new opportunity?

We would like to recruit new volunteers for a couple of areas...one being publicity for our shows and also we need someone to write the newsletter each month after this September.

Please contact us if you are interested.

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The grass is green; blossoms abound on this last full weekend in May. Hope it's a good one for you!



Thanks as always to Adrian and Laura Baker and to Suzanne Trivers, who make sure you receive this newsletter through our website, whether it be spring, summer, fall or winter and who faithfully get it posted on our ECT website every month. Because of this, you can always check back and see past ECT Newsletters.

Julie





