

Debert's Meers and Roberts HAVE LEAD ROLES IN ALICE IN WONDERLAND



Debert's Sophia Meers (front left) and Hailey Roberts (front right) have lead roles in Truro Theatre Society's upcoming production of Alice in Wonderland. Others involved in the performances at the Marigold Centre on Sept. 15th and 16th are: Middle (l to r) Nicholas LaPierre, Cian McCarron, Kate Van der Meulen, Alex Cook, Courtney Cook; Back (l to r) Eamon McCarron, Stephanie MacNeil, Amber Anderson, Allison Cook, Joel Hughes McKay, Ana Cook, Breanna Roy, Darlene Blair and Emily Dennis. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

The Truro Theatre Society (TTS) will present Alice in Wonderland at the Marigold Centre with two performances on Saturday, Sept. 15th at 2PM and 7PM and one on Sunday, Sept. 16th at 2PM.

This creative theatre group was founded in October, 2011 by Truro-Bible Hill MLA Lenore Zann and now has a membership comprised of over 90 individuals from all ages and backgrounds.

Zann says she felt there was a need for a group like this in the Truro area after her involvement with performances of Our Town and Secret Garden. "These sold out shows were so much fun for the audience members, as well as the cast, and there was a great deal of enthusiasm about continuing with live theatre," she says. "I started a Facebook page to see how many people might be interested in forming a theatre group and overnight 55 people were signed on. Thirty-five people, three quarters of which were children, came out to the first meeting. They all wanted to perform for a live audience and so the Truro Theatre Society was formed."

This year's Alice and Wonderland is produced by Lenore Zann and features a cast of 17. Two leading roles have been cast from the Debert area. Sophia Meers will play big Alice and Hailey Roberts has the role of little Alice. Stephanie MacNeil and Darlene Blair are the Co-Directors with Dave Dickie providing Light and Sound.

Darlene Blair is very enthusiastic about the upcoming performances. Rehearsals began in June and have been really stepping up throughout the month of August. She says everyone volunteers their time and talents to bring the productions to the stage. "We are especially grateful to Cobequid Educational Centre for lending us costumes for Alice in Wonderland. This has certainly been a big help," says Blair.

A small group of actors attended the Mad Hatter Blueberry Tea on August 25th

3 PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED AT THE MARIGOLD CENTRE.

Saturday, Sept. 15TH at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 16TH at 2 p.m.

at Saint James United Church in Great Village, sponsored by the Great Village Community Centre.

Tickets for Alice in Wonderland are available for \$15 per person at the Marigold Box Office on Prince Street, Truro. Proceeds will support the Truro Theatre Society's future productions.

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Ships Log... Lots more events in September

By Gleneida Canning

Well, September is fast approaching, this summer has flown by. As we wrap up our two mainstage shows here at the Ship's Company Theatre, we are not finished with our season yet... not by a long shot. We still have lots of events coming up. On Saturday September 1 we are happy to welcome Richard Donat to our stage. Mr. Donat is a star of Nova Scotia film, television and stage. He will be reading from the humorous writings of Stephen Leacock. Our Labour Day Laughs show begins at 8pm and tickets start at \$15.00.

Back to School means school trips at the Ship we are once again running a show with matinees for school groups. Beginning on September 7 we are showing Shakespeare on Trial, a funny fast-paced show that explores William Shakespeare's relevance in the world today. We have several schools booked in for this production which runs until September 12. We still have openings for groups and individuals alike. This is a great show for all ages.

On September 21st we hold our annual Golf Tournament at the Parrsboro Golf Course. If anyone is interested entering a team, or sponsoring a hole please get in touch with us to register. Spending the day at the Parrsboro Golf Course is certainly a pleasing thought. We hope to see lots of golfers out that

day. If you are lucky enough to get a hole in one you will be the lucky winner of \$25,000 to use towards the purchase of a new or used car from O'Regans.

On September 15th at 1pm Rumpelstiltskin comes alive with the Maritime Marionettes. A 50 minute performance filled with color, magic and excitement. This show is a wonderful experience for everyone to enjoy!

Our Tribute to Fall Dinner is scheduled for September 16 at Bare Bones Bistro in Parrsboro. If you purchase your tickets before September 4 you will receive \$10.00 off.

September 21, 22 and 23 the stage comes alive with the "Man in Black"... Cash is Back!! A musical tribute to the one and only Johnny Cash, you won't want to miss this.

Two additions to our fall line up include the CD Release tour of Whitney Rose. Whitney is currently playing

in Toronto and will be touring this fall with her new CD. <http://www.cameronhouserecords.com/gallery/whitneyrose/> check out Whitney's music. Whitney will be appearing on stage at the Ship's Company Theatre on October 4 at 8pm.

We are also very happy to be partnering with the Parrsboro Band Association to present Canadian Folk Legend Valdy. Valdy will be performing on October 11 at the Ship's Company Theatre, show starts at 8pm.

We would like to thank the Shoreline Journal for giving us the opportunity to talk about what's happening at the Ship's Company, and we also thank the public for supporting the Ship's Company Theatre. For more information about upcoming events check us out on facebook or www.shipscompany.com. Until next time...

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