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What Amazing Students

All members of the team responsible for the splendid designs for *She Stoops to Conquer* were upper level students. Their work created the authentic look and feel of 18th century English country life; no mean feat as this is one of the most challenging periods for theatre designers to effectively realize. These same students have gone on to lend their talents to the upcoming productions in the theatre season. Set designer, **Brianna Bergen**, is now preparing the role of Cleopatra for *The Romans*; this year's Shakespeare. Costume designer, **Jaelyn Hollingshead**, has joined the crew of *Halo* as an assistant stage manager. Sound designer, **Jennifer Kennedy**, is the lighting operator for *Halo* and assistant costume designer for *The Romans*. Lighting designer, **Jessica Geisser**, will be involved as a mentor for *The Directors' Theatre Festival* assisting student directors to sort out their lighting needs. The stage manager for *She Stoops*, **Jill Perry**, will take on the challenging props manager role for *The Romans*.

Members of the *She Stoops* cast are also going on to new roles. **Joanne Abraham** (Miss Neville) recently reprised her solo performance of Wendy Lill's *The Occupation of Heather Rose*. Originally seen at last year's *Directors' Theatre Festival*, Joanne and director **Penny Miller** (now in the PDP program at SFU) presented the play as a fund raiser for nursing students in the Health Sciences department. Joanne is props manager for *Halo*. **Stefanie Swinnard** (Miss Hardcastle) is makeup designer for both *Halo* and *The Romans*. **Steve Krajnyak** and **Andrew McGowan** (Hastings and Marlowe) will play Cassius and Brutus in *The Romans*. And, **Darcy Knopp** (Tony Lumpkin) will play

Enobarbus in our Roman project. Members of the Hardcastle household: **Dan Azevedo**, **Kaitlin Straker**, **Greg Voth** and **Tim Pierotti**, will be prominently featured in *The Romans* cast. Some of these same students will be honoured for their outstanding contribution to the Theatre department at the January 22 matinee performance of *Halo*

We truly have amazing students in our program. Please support their talent by attending *Halo*, *The Romans* and *The Directors' Theatre Festival*. You will enjoy their work and you will help them develop into the artists, teachers and cultural leaders of tomorrow.

Ian Fenwick

Theatre Department Head

Where Are They Now?

Shirley Wilson (nee Paulsen) (Stage Manager: *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, 1986) was recently elected to the Abbotsford School Board.

Wil Watchorn (Jack Lane : *The Herbal Bed*, 2002) Is presently working in Taiwan , teaching English in a Taiwanese elementary school.

Marco Giguere (Antonio: *Pentecost*, 1998) Has been working steadily on stage and TV in Quebec , including, most recently, a principal role in a popular Radio Canada TV series *UnTuer Si Proche*. Marco is also adapting *La Mort de Judas* and *Le point de view de Ponce Pilate*, from the novel by P. Claudel, into a stage play.

Maureen Sawasy (Stage Manager: *Better Living*, 2001) was recently hired as a tour manager and administrative assistant for Daine Kadota Arts Management, who represent groups such as Uzume Taiko and Hard Rubber Orchestra.

Jamie Tait (Ginette: *Les Belles Soeurs*, 1991) was stage manager for the Green Thumb Theatre tour, which visited high schools throughout the province during November and December of 2005.

James Ashcroft (Marvin Shipley: *The Stone Angel*, 1995) recently appeared in a national Prestone commercial.

Martin Happer, (Orlando: *As You Like It*, 1998) is back in BC, fresh from a stint with The prestigious Shaw Festival in Ontario . Martin will be appearing as Charlie, in the TheatreOne production of Stephen Massicotte's play *Mary's Wedding*, at the Port Theatre in Nanaimo , February 8 to 12. For information call: 250-754-8550

While chatting with Al Pachino, on the set of his latest movie, **Erin Wells** (Puck: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 1995) received a phone call to say that she had been cast in the Electric Company's latest production: *Studies in Motion: the Hauntings of Eadweard Muybridge*, which was created by Kevin Kerr, in partnership with Theatre at UBC and

the Push International Performing Arts Festival. This innovative production will play at the Fredrick Wood Theatre on the UBC campus in Vancouver , January 17 to 29.

Friends of The Theatre Host Great Reception

Kudos are due to our support group The Friends of The Theatre, for their work in producing a wonderful opening night reception for *She Stoops To Conquer*. The food and refreshments were great. Thanks guys! We really appreciated your efforts in arranging one of the best after show receptions ever.

Lori Paul, To Shoot Video Concert in UCFV Theatre

Popular local recording artist **Lori Paul** will shoot her new music video concert in the UCFV Theatre on the Chilliwack campus on Saturday, April 1, 2006 , from 7:30 pm. to 10.30 pm . Tickets will be on sale to members of the public who would like to experience this unique event. For more information contact Lori Paul at 604-819-7464 or Email: loripaul@shaw.ca

Halo Previews and Special Matinee Are Great Value!

Check out the great price of our *Halo* previews on Wednesday and Thursday Jan.11 and 12 - Only \$8. Or, if you would *really* like to save some cash, come to our special pay-what-you-can-matinee on Sunday, January 22 at 2 pm. which has a recommended minimum price of only \$6. Call 604-795-2814 for ticket reservations.



Scene From *Halo*, Jan. 11 to 29

Auditions for Directors' Festival

Auditions for the 2006 UCFV *Directors' Theatre Festival* will take place Tuesday, February 7, 2006 in the theatre on the Chilliwack campus. There will be lots of roles to try out for, as this year's festival will feature nineteen student directed productions. Members of the public are invited to audition.

Summer and Winter Semester Courses

The Theatre department will offer two theatre courses as part of the new expanded 2006 UCFV summer semester program: **Theatre 101**: an introduction to theatre and **Theatre 112**: Acting 11. Contact any UCFV registration office to apply for these courses in March 2006. The Theatre department is also offering an extra section of **Theatre 111**: Acting 1 for the upcoming winter semester starting Jan.9 to April 8, 2006 . Prospective students can register for this course now. There is no audition required.

New Course Based On Theatre For Young People Genre

The recent visit of *Mad Mabel's Christmas* to our theatre and the phenomenal success of our own children's theatre productions at UCFV which include: *Alice Through The Looking Glass*, *Wind In The Willows*, *Anne (of Green Gables)* and *The Secret Garden*, to name a few, underscores the tremendous popularity and importance of children's theatre. With this in mind, UCFV will soon be offering a new upper level course based on the theatre for young people genre: **Theatre 305**. The course has been researched and composed by theatre faculty member Richard Wolfe, who will also be the course instructor.

Volunteers needed for ABCDE Conference

Theatre department head, Ian Fenwick, is putting out a call for volunteers to help with the organization and presentation of the upcoming Association of British Columbia Drama Educators annual Festival, taking place in Chilliwack during May 2006. Anyone interested should contact Ian at 604-795-2838.