



# CRANBROOK COMMUNITY THEATRE

Since 1964

## Acting Out

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Opening night for Sunshine Boys April 27
- The Abbott Awards Gala, May 27
- Auditions June 10 and 12
- Donations to our Legacy fund anytime

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### The Sunshine Boys

This year, the CCT season took a “bite out of the Big Apple”. We visited the gritty streets of 1950’s New York with *A View From The Bridge*, went behind the scenes of Broadway’s biggest flop in *The Producers* and enjoyed the glitz and glamour of *Plaza Suite*.

But now, we return to New York’s vaudeville days for our final performance of the 2017/18 season. Neil Simon’s *The Sunshine Boys* is directed by CCT veteran, Bob McCue (*The Odd Couple*, *Skin Flick*.) *The Sunshine Boys* tells the story of two cantankerous vaudeville comedians who, for 43 years, were a headline comedy act before calling it quits. After more than a decade in non-speaking retirement they are convinced to reunite for one more TV show...even though they can’t stand each other.

Tickets for the performance are available at Lotus Books for \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. Performance dates are April 27, 28, May 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12 at 7:30 P.M. with a special matinee performance on Sunday May 6 at 2:00 P.M..

### Auditions For 2018/19

Our 2018/19 season will be announced on May 27 during the Abbott Awards ceremony at Key City Theatre. Once again, we have worked very hard to bring you three varied productions with something for everyone. Auditions will take place on Sunday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 12 with the potential of call-backs on Wednesday, June 13. As usual, we will be holding general auditions for all three of our upcoming shows.

### Parade

We are happy to announce that after a number of years absence, Cranbrook Community Theatre is back in the Sam Steele Days Parade. Please watch for us. We think you’ll love what you see! And please support us with a wave and hello.

While you’re there, pick up a flyer for our next theatre season, 2018-2019.

If you are a member or patron of Cranbrook Community Theatre and would like to be in the parade with us, please call Melodie at 250-489-3779. If you would like to contribute the use of your pickup truck and perhaps drive it, too, please let Melodie know. We’d love to hear from you. Enjoy the parade!

### Theatre Quotes

*I think film and television are really a director's medium, whereas theatre is the actor's medium.*

Christopher Eccleston

## CCT Presents: The Abbott Awards

Following the final performance of *The Sunshine Boys*, voting will open for the 1st Annual *Abbott Awards*. Named after Cranbrook legend and CCT founder, Bud Abbott, The *Abbott Awards* will celebrate the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in our productions.

And you, the CCT Membership, will decide the winners. An email will be sent out to all of our members allowing you to vote for your favourite performances, technical achievements and productions. For those not using email, a paper copy will be mailed with full instructions.

Then join us at the Key City Theatre on Sunday May 27 for the awards ceremony and silent auction where the coveted *Buddies* will be handed out. In addition to the celebration of the past season, The *Abbott Awards* will also be where we announce our 2018/19 season.

### CCT Legacy Fund

The Cranbrook Community Theatre Legacy Fund has been established with Cranbrook & District Community Foundation! Our goal is to achieve an endowment status of \$10,000.00 to help sustain our theatre society in perpetuity.

As supporters of CCT, please donate to our Legacy Fund. It's another way to show your love and support for community theatre. No contribution is too small. Help us continue to offer live, community theatre for today and always.

**Donations by cheque should be made to Cranbrook and District Community Foundation.** On your most welcome cheque, please identify us by name on the memo line, Cranbrook Community Theatre Legacy Fund. Add a cover letter or card with further information if you like. We'd certainly like to hear your thoughts about your donation. You will receive a thank you from us directly.

Your donation is tax deductible! You will receive a tax receipt from Cranbrook and District Community Foundation.

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## President's Message

The Cranbrook Community Theatre (CCT) has been very busy this year with *Plaza Suite* wrapping up in February and *The Sunshine Boys* starting in April.

The Board of the CCT has been working hard on establishing an endowment fund through the Cranbrook & District Community Foundation. In late February we signed the official documents and we are now on the way to building our portion of the fund.

The Board has also completed a Built Heritage Fund Grant application which, if successful, will allow us to repair the outside of the building.

We have also been very busy at the Board level and have completed our Code of Conduct, Harassment Policy, and our Mission Statement.

We hope to keep everyone updated on what the CCT is doing throughout the year by sending these timely newsletters.

*Peter Schalk, President*

## CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua, a free, family friendly show set in the early 1900s of Cranbrook is an opportunity to invite theatre goers young and old to perform in or join our audience.

CCT has revived Chautauqua over the past few years. Chautauquas were travelling road shows of entertainment and edification in Canada in the late 1880s through to the late 1920s. They travelled the summers from town to town across the prairies, into the north and west of the country.

A core group of professors, teachers, professional musicians, others made up the Chautauqua team. They might speak about the invention of the telephone or typewriter or that sort of thing. Cultural performances might include a classical piano or violin, or a recitation of classical or contemporary literature.

Local people were encouraged to step up and perform as well. Some of this talent might include playing guitar or banjo, or even the fiddle and spoons. Sometimes local people would perform songs and recite poetry or perform short skits.

CCT's Chautauqua aims to be true to the spirit and intent of the early ones. Chautauqua will fall on a Friday evening this year, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Studio. Remember, it's free and family friendly! It's a drop-in event. Come and go as you like. Chautauqua runs from 5:30 – 8:30. Come out and have some fun! This is a registered Sam Steele Society event. Please watch our website, Facebook and the local media for updates and reminders.