

## **ACT MANITOBA - SPRING BULLETIN 2020**

### **Change to ACT Leadership**

As arranged at the ACT AGM in October, Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, Judy Arnason has stepped down from and Anthony Ducharme has taken on the position of ACT President. The handover was originally planned to occur at this year's ACTFEST, which was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19. Judy will continue on the Board in the Position of Past-President, to provide experienced advice.

### **ACT Board Says Farewell to Past-President**

Unfortunately, with the change in the ACT Leadership, the Board bids farewell to David Johnson, former Past-President. David joined the Board in 2002, and has served as a Regional Rep, Insurance Liaison, Vice-President (x2), President (x2) and the Past-President (x2). We wish him well in his future endeavours.

### **New President's Message**

A few words from our new president Anthony Ducharme:

*Hi all,*

*I hope everyone is staying healthy, by following the recommended precautions appropriate to their lifestyle. This new environment may have far reaching effects on all our theatre lives, from stage management, action, a director's and actors dilemma. It will also effect our theatre management and audience capacities.*

*We, as performers have always rose above global adversities in the past and found ways and means to provide entertainment to our audiences in times of stress. We adapt. People need an escape from their day to day stresses, to wander into the world of imagination, if only for a brief moment in time.*

*You provide that electrification to connect with their emotions through your performance and characterization, and provide them a release through empathy of, laughter, sorrow, utter disgust or hated, for your character. They must connect with your character and feel what your character feels. You can use this time to really get to know your character fully. Study and develop the walk, the talk, and idiosyncrasies.*

*Stay safe, live well and like your Mother always asked you,  
Did you wash your hands?*

*Anthony Ducharme  
President, ACT*

### **New Email Address**

ACT MB in the process of changing it's official email address to [mail@actmanitoba.mb.ca](mailto:mail@actmanitoba.mb.ca). The old address ([actman@mts.net](mailto:actman@mts.net)) will only continue to receive email and forward them on until the end of August, so please amend your contacts list accordingly.

## **ACTFEST 2021**

Shoestring Players of Winnipeg has requested and been selected by the ACT MB Board to host ACTFEST 2021. Details to follow as they ramp up operations.

## **Performing Arts Have A Long Standing History in Manitoba**

The Manitoba Historical Society has an interesting article on their website originally written in 1986 entitled *The Performing Arts As A Field Of Endeavour For Winnipeg Women 1870-1930* by Carol Budnick with the University of Manitoba. Check it out at: [http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb\\_history/11/performingarts.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/11/performingarts.shtml)

## **Is Your Theatre Group Required To Collect GST/PST?**

Most groups would response "We're not a business or we're a non-profit, so we don't have to collect GST or PST". Unfortunately, the details are more complicated than that and you should be aware of the differences. Check out the details in this article from our Treasurer Scott Cameron at: <http://actmanitoba.mb.ca/documents/GST-PST.pdf>

## **ACT Manitoba - Facebook Page**

For the latest on ACT Manitoba and our member groups, don't forget to check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/actmanitoba>

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