

The Grinder Standard

The monthly newsletter for the Members, Sponsors, Media Partners, Cultural Allies, Patrons and Friends of Grinder Productions and its affiliated companies

December 2009

Happy Holidays from Grinder Productions!

What a year 2009 has been. From start to finish this year's plays and other programs have been a whirlwind of activity. We've had highs, we've had lows. We've had good shows, bad shows and shows somewhere in between.

There's been times this year that I didn't know whether I was coming or going, and times when the people in this company have filled me with indescribable amounts of pride at what we've all worked together to accomplish. Thank-you one and all for you efforts big and small.

And we're not done yet. Come on out and join us for Grinder and Friends December 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Ennotville Library. Santa will be there!

So yes, on balance 2009 was a pretty good year (getting married tends to tip the scales that way regardless). But look out – 2010 is going to be our biggest and best year ever. Watch for all the details in our January newsletter.

Thanks again for making 2009 a year to remembers, and I hope you'll stay with us as our exciting journey takes us to new heights in the new year.

Wishing all the best to you and yours,

Eric and Julie Goudie
Creative and Executive Co-Directors
Grinder Productions

Playing this month at Grinder

At the Ennotville Library:
Grinder and Friends
*A holiday variety show for
the whole family*
**December 3rd, 4th and 5th
@ 8pm, December 5th @
2pm**

**Call 519-780-7593 for
tickets, or visit our
online box office –
[click here!](#)**

Gift Certificates!

Once again Grinder Productions is pleased to offer Gift Certificates for sale from now until December 24th. Gift Certificates for a pair of tickets to any show in the Grinder season are just \$24, a savings of \$6 off of regular-priced tickets. Good for any show or any venue.

And for the true theatre lover on your list why not get The Grinder Card? \$100 will get eleven admissions to any show in any venue – a savings of over \$5 per person per show!

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Grinder and Friends

After a long spring, summer and fall Grinder Productions will close its 2009 season with a show filled with music, laughter and plenty of Christmas cheer.

"I've wanted to do a show like this for a long time," says Eric Goudie, Grinder Productions Creative and Executive Director. "Variety shows are a lot of fun, both for the actors and the audience, because you never know what's going to happen next."

The show consists of about a dozen members of the company performing in a variety of acts, including singing, dancing and story-telling. Two short plays will also be on the bill – August Strindberg's "The Stronger" and an adaptation of O. Henry's classic Christmas story "The Gifts of the Magi." Rumour has it that there will even be an appearance by a jolly old fat man in a red suit!

The company will also be selling Gift Certificates at the show (and right up to December 24th) for performances in its 2010 season. Gift Certificates for a pair of tickets to any show in the Grinder season are just \$24, a savings of \$6 off of regular-priced tickets.

The show runs December 3rd, 4th and 5th at 8pm at the Ennotville Library, with an additional 2pm Saturday matinee. Call 519-780-7593 for tickets or purchase them online at www.grinderproductions.org.

Stand by, Mackenzie

This story will be published in 12 installments in the newsletter in 2010, as well as on the blog:

Mackenzie Kern is a skinny 18 year-old with a Grade 12 education, a bookkeeper mother and a lay preacher father. At the end of her last year of high school her best and only friend Bethany moves to the city with her boyfriend, leaving Mackenzie all alone in her whistle stop hometown of Sheridan's Falls.

Bored, broke and completely unsure of where to take her life next, Mackenzie gets a call from the Technical Director of the summer stock theatre troupe that has moved into the Lion's Hall for the summer. He's heard that Mackenzie helped out with the community theatre's production of The Grapes of Wrath last winter - would she like to come and be a part of the crew for a professional show?

Thinking she's just been given a job offer Mackenzie readily accepts, but soon realizes that she's just a volunteer, and that these "professionals" aren't nearly as adept at putting on plays as she thought they'd be.

But on the day before she plans to go to the TD and tell him she's outta there something happens that will make this one summer that Mackenzie will never forget....

Call for Talent:

Do you have a band? A magic routine? Stand-up comedy? Chamber Musician? Own some trick-performing dogs perhaps?

I'm looking for people who are interested in showcasing their talents in a series of lunchtime shows on Saturdays this summer at the Ennotville Library. I'm hoping we can do some short plays in that space as well, but I'd also like to give our members a chance to show the world their unique abilities.

Have you been looking for the chance to let everyone know how talented you are? This could be the opportunity for you! E-mail me and let's talk.

Give the gift of theatre this holiday season!

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Provisional 2010 Season Line-up

The 2010 season at Grinder Productions is shaping up to be our biggest and best one ever! In the January newsletter we'll announce the specific shows, but in the meantime here's a sneak-peak at some of what's in store:

- In Belwood, we've got a season of three shows coming up, including a little "Shake by the Lake," with a production of Shakespeare's tragicomedy Cymbeline
- At the Ennotville Library we've got a few new things planned, but our regular season is coming back with five original shows, running for two weekends each
- Saturdays at the Library will feature a couple of new series, the first of which will be a morning shows for children, featuring some of our younger members
- We'll also be bringing you a series of lunchtime entertainments to highlight some of the individual talents of our members (see call for talent in the story beside this one)
- Finally we're adding a few "Ennotville Late Night" shows, again giving some of our members who enjoy doing shows that are a bit different a chance to shine
- And in the fall of 2010, much, much more!