

# The Grinder Standard

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

**February 2009**



*- Pre-show antics from the cast of Hans Brinker...*

I've been doing a lot of thinking lately about the concept of renewal. This past month has seen a new year, a new president for our southern neighbours, and here at Grinder a whole host of new members as a result of our open auditions.

But the renewal process means much more to me than that. I want to use my time this winter not just to build relationships with our newest members but to reconnect with some members that I haven't seen in a while. Sometimes I just have too many people to keep track of, and a relationship I cherish falls by the wayside. Sometimes people get sick, move away, or their life gets too busy to be involved in projects for months or years on end. Sometimes things don't go as planned on a show, and a member and I end up needing some time apart for a while.

Whatever the reasons, I keep telling the world that there's a place for everyone at Grinder Productions, and I intend to stick by that in the days and months ahead.

So to the newbies, welcome. To the veterans, welcome back. Let's make some magic together.

## **Coming soon at Grinder**

*Fergus Grand Theatre:*  
**Beat the Winter  
Blahs**  
*Comedy/Variety show*  
Featuring new and  
old Grinder Talents  
**Saturday, January  
31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm**

**Call 519-787-1981  
for tickets**

*Elora Centre for the  
Arts:*

**A Midsummer  
Night's Dream**  
*A romantic comedy*

By William  
Shakespeare  
Directed by Eric  
Goudie

**March 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Call 519-780-7593  
for tickets**

*Fergus Grand Theatre:*  
**Winter 1-Acts**  
*Various shows with  
new Grinder directors*  
**March 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Ennotville Library:*  
**The Heart of Eden and  
Hitchin' at the  
Junction**

*Hopeless Romantics*  
Written and Directed  
by Eric Goudie

**March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**