

# The Grinder Standard

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

**October 2009**



- "Marriage is Murder...?"

It's been another long and harrowing month here at Grinder –whatever happened to things slowing down a little in the fall?

But now that the leaves are turning and the weather is cooling I'm pretty sure that things will start slowing down for the winter. We're going to keep running right up to December 5<sup>th</sup> this year (with "Grinder and Friends" at the Ennotville Library!) but after that things will be pretty quiet over the winter months... at least on stage.

This winter will be all about rebuilding the company. After a summer of economic hardship and my own mixed sense of creative fulfillment it's clearly time for some reflection and renewal. Time to take a step back, re-group, and get things right.

I have always seen the future not as an unknown, but as an opportunity. I'd like to make the most of this opportunity, and create a future we'll all be excited to share a part in.

## **Fall Line-up**

### **By Jove!**

*(or Philemon and Baucis)*

*A Sensational Elora Event*

**Directed by Eric Goudie**

*One show only*

October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Elora Centre for the Arts

**Call 519-846-5638 for tickets or visit**

[www.sensationalelora.com](http://www.sensationalelora.com)

### **Marriage is Murder**

*A murder-mystery comedy by Nick Hall*

**Featuring Eric and Julie Goudie**

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ennotville Library

### **Grinder and Friends**

*A Holiday Celebration*

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ennotville Library

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

... from the "Family Friendly Sensational Elora" Newsletter:

**sensational elora**   
A FESTIVAL OF THE SENSES

**Grinder Productions  
Presents...  
BY JOVE**

By Jove is one version of an ancient legend about the rewards of sharing. The great god Jove, having given the people wealth, plenty and fruitful crops, decides to test their generosity. Disguised as beggars, he and his son, Hermes, wander the land seeking comfort but find none. Except at one home where you can share in the meal they are served. This interactive play is a perfect event for families.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Location:** Elora Centre for the Arts  
**Tickets:** \$15 Adult, \$5 Child

**For more information and to purchase tickets for Sensational Elora Events please visit [www.sensationalelora.com](http://www.sensationalelora.com)**

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**Husband-and-Wife Hatchet Job  
coming to the Ennotville Library**

It's going to get a little intriguing in Ennotville this October.

Grinder Productions is pleased to present ***Marriage is Murder***, a mystery-comedy by Nick Hall as the first show of the fall and winter season at the Ennotville Library.

This murderously funny comedy is about ex-spouses Paul and Polly Butler, two murder mystery writers that penned a few bestsellers when they were married, but have failed to make much use of their talents on their own. The secret to their success (and perhaps their marriage) was that they tested out the murders in their books... on each other!

This play is filled with comic twists and turns right up to the very end. It is part murder-mystery, part farce and part reality, with both characters walking an extremely fine line between "acting" their murderous ideas and actually carrying them out.

Starring in this show are Eric and Julie Goudie, in their first show together as husband and wife. While they may not share Paul and Polly's animosity towards each other just yet both actors can sympathise with their character's plights:

"Yes, she does have a lot of little sayings that I find annoying sometimes," says Eric.

"Christmas to Murgatroyd, I do not!" retorts Julie.

The show runs October 15th, 16th and 17th. Call 519-780-7593 for tickets or online at [www.grinderproductions.org](http://www.grinderproductions.org).

### **Fergus Grand Theatre Renovations Update:**

If you've been in downtown Fergus over the past few weeks you may have noticed that the front of the Fergus Grand Theatre has been turned into a construction site.

I'm pleased to report that some badly-needed work is finally been done on the building with the installation of a new HVAC system on the roof. Along with the new system there are several other less dramatic but no less important fixes being undertaken.

This work is happening at the same time that a new collaborative, the Users of the Fergus Grand Theatre, is in the process of implementing a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to purchase new equipment for the building, as well as provide training opportunities for everyone who uses the theatre. Watch for more information about the work this grant is doing in future editions of this newsletter.

I'm very excited to see this work finally being done at the theatre. Like many people in our community I've spent years waiting for this time to come. While the work isn't finished yet, this project it's a very, very good start. Kudos to Centre Wellington staff and council for making it happen.

## **Directors Wanted**

Calling all directors and wanabe directors out there!

Grinder Productions is looking to expand its pool of artistic associates - people who are ready, willing and able to take on high-level creative projects for the company. If you are interested in...

- Becoming a producer for a Grinder Productions show, season or venue
- Directing a play
- Working as an assistant Director on a play
- Working on a play as a Choreographer, Musical Director, Fight Captain or other creative specialist

... then I want to hear from you!

Directing a play requires more time, effort and commitment than most of the other things we normally ask of our members here at Grinder, so obviously it's not for everyone. But for a special few, it can be the most rewarding thing they've ever done.

I can't direct every play we do, so I need more artistic talent for our 2010 season. If you've directed with us before and would like to do so again just let me know and I'll find you an appropriate project. If you've directed before with other companies let's get together over coffee and see if we can find some common creative ground.

And if you've never directed before but are interested in learning, let me know and we'll meet to see if you've got what it takes to embark on the process of learning this most rewarding (but oftentimes trying) of crafts.

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