

The Grinder Standard

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

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- "Yeah, I know... I can't believe it either"

The long, cold, dreary summer is now behind us. As much as I could say I've enjoyed myself these past few months I cannot. With the exception of one sunny June day this summer saw Grinder Productions lurch from one disaster to another, taking a huge beating, and it's only thanks to the world's greatest wife that I came through it with anything approaching my sanity still intact.

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped us out this summer, either onstage, behind-the-scenes or in the audience. You've were there when we needed you the most. Please read on to learn about all the ways we're rebuilding and renewing this fall, as we prepare to emerge much bigger, much, better, and with new purpose in 2010.

Fall Line-up

By Jove!

*(or Philemon and Baucis)
A Sensational Elora
Event*

Directed by Eric Goudie

*One show only
October 6th at the
Elora Centre for the
Arts*

**Call 519-846-5638
for tickets or visit
www.sensationalelora.com**

Marriage is Murder

*A murder-mystery
comedy by Nick Hall
**Featuring Eric and
Julie Goudie***

*October 15th, 16th
and 17th at the
Ennotville Library*

Grinder and Friends

*A Holiday Celebration
December 3rd, 4th and
5th at the Ennotville
Library*

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

By Jove!

This charming little play, based on an ancient legend from Greek mythology, is all about the rewards of sharing. Jove, the king of the gods, having given the people wealth, plenty and fruitful crops decided to test their generosity. Disguised as beggars, he and his son Hermes wandered the land, seeking comfort but finding none, until they arrived at the humble cottage of Philemon and Baucis.

This show will take place on Tuesday, October 6th at the Elora Centre for the Arts as part of the Sensational Elora Festival. The show will be accompanied by a meal of soup, bread, cheese, fruit, etc, similar to the humble-yet-gracious fare Philemon and Baucis serve to their guests.

This show is the perfect family outing, filled with humour, a little bit of ancient history, and a timeless lesson about remembering those who are less fortunate than yourself.

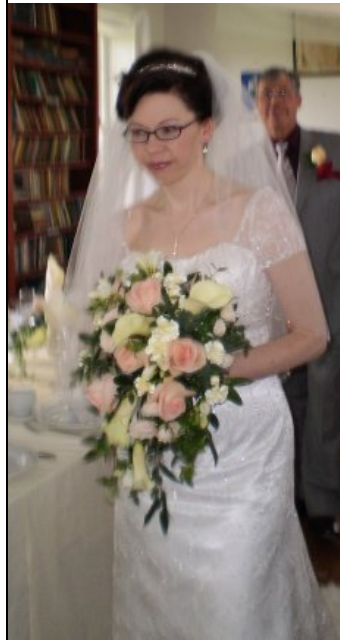
Tickets are \$15 for adults and just \$5 for kids. The show is being sponsored by Collins Barrow, and tickets are available through the Sensational Elora box office, either by phone at 519-846-5638 or online at www.sensationalelora.com.

Marriage is Murder

This is a murderously funny comedy that Jules and I will be appearing in together! Here's an excerpt from the description on the Samuel French website:

Ex spouses Paul and Polly Butler write murder mysteries together. They act out the crimes in Paul's apartment: poisoned chocolates and lethal martinis, alibis and fingerprints, bodies in a trunk and bodies all tied up, daggers, guns and even an axe all contribute to the hilarity. Nobody gets hurt, but their egos take some hits as they find that their marriage was mixed

up with their work. There are many fast paced comic twists as they attempt to outdo and surprise each other and they learn that marriage, like murder, is in the details.



The show will run October 15th, 16th and 17th at the Ennotville Library. Call 519-780-7593 for tickets or get them online at www.grinderproductions.org.

Thanks to Roberta Power for the wedding pictures in this newsletter!

Fergus Grand Users Receive Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant

The lights might shine a little brighter from now on at the Fergus Grand Theatre, thanks to a \$41,500 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The funding will be used over the next two years to address health and safety issues at the theatre through the delivery of workshops and volunteer training programs, as well as the replacement of aging stage draperies and hardware. Funds will also be awarded for marketing to support the development of a vibrant theatre community in Centre Wellington.

This grant will be administered by a newly-formed collaborative, the User Groups of the Fergus Grand Theatre. The group, comprised of many of the Grand Theatre's largest users, has come together in a spirit of cooperation, and seeks to improve not only the quality of the theatre itself but also the quality of the individual shows each group puts on stage.

At this time, the members of the collaborative are the Elora Community Theatre, Wellington-Waterloo Playhouse, the Not So Grand Players, the Fergus Grand Theatre Volunteer Committee, Vision Theatre Productions, On the Spot Productions, Grinder Productions, Centre Wellington Children's Drama and Climbing Vine Productions. Other local theatre groups have also expressed an interest in joining the collaborative to assist in their efforts to effectively deliver this grant.

The grant's benefits will not be limited to Centre Wellington. Theatre groups throughout Wellington, Waterloo and Dufferin counties will be encouraged and invited to send representatives to join the members of local groups in the workshops and training programs that will be offered in the months ahead.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services and sports and recreation sectors.

Grinder and Friends

On December 3rd, 4th and 5th Grinder Productions will present a very special holiday showcase entitled Grinder and Friends. This family-friendly show will feature music, short plays and whatever else we can throw into the pot, all to get you feeling good for the holiday season. I'll even let you in on a little secret – the man in red himself might just put in an appearance!

The show will go up at the Ennotville Library. Tickets will be on sale soon, so keep watching this newsletter for all the details.

