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Metro Theatre presents *What I Did Last Summer* May 17 to June 14

Metro's final show of its 51st season is a charming tale set in the summer of 1945

(April 28, 2014) Looking for a night at the theatre that's reminiscent of summertime back in the good ol' days? A.R. Gurney's *What I Did Last Summer*, opening on May 17 at Metro Theatre, might just be the ticket for you!

What I Did Last Summer is a play about Charlie, an incipiently rebellious fourteen-year-old. The setting is a vacation colony on the shores of Lake Erie. The time is 1945, during the final stages of World War II. Charlie is summering with his mother and sister (his father is fighting in the Pacific) before going off to an expensive boarding school in the fall. He takes a job as a handyman for local bohemian art teacher Anna Trumbull, a former member of the 'upper crust' who begins to expose Charlie to radical ideas about love and life. In time, these ideas persuade Charlie to reject the idea of going off to school. The result is a family crisis, and a showdown between Anna and Charlie's conservative mother that raises as many questions as it answers.

Director Rita M Price calls *What I Did Last Summer* "a 'feel good play' about a family in the days before the internet and cellphones. Even though the characters are facing situations seemingly borne out of their age, the themes are in a sense timeless. That's what so magical about this show – their stories are still extremely relatable, and relevant."

This production is directed by **Rita M Price**, stage managed by **Larry Smith**, and features:

Joe Hinks as Charlie
Patricia Braun as Grace
Robyn Bradley as Anna
Kaitlin Stoneman as Elsie
Julia Siedlanowska as Bonnie
Lucas Simon as Ted

Kick off your summer by joining Charlie (and his friends and family) in reminiscing of a summer from long ago. You'll be glad you did!

[Metro Theatre](#) is proud to present *What I Did Last Summer* May 17 to June 14, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8pm, with two Sunday matinées at 2:30pm on June 1 and 8.

Tickets are \$25 for adults or \$22 for students and seniors, and every Thursday you can buy two tickets for \$32. You can reserve through the box office, 604-266-7191, or purchase online at [Eventbrite.ca](#).

Details of the run:

- Tickets are \$25 for adults or \$22 for seniors and students, with a special deal every Thursday.
- Tickets to the preview performance are just \$12. The preview is on Friday, May 16, and is the cast and crew's final dress rehearsal before the show opens on the 17th.
- Tickets are available through box office at 604-266-7191 or online at [Eventbrite.ca](#).
- Metro Theatre is located at 1370 SW Marine Drive in Vancouver.

Links:

What I Did Last Summer [Facebook event page](#)

Metro's website – [What I Did Last Summer post](#)

Metro's website – [homepage](#)

Metro's website – [reviews of our shows](#)

Photos on [Metro's Flickr page](#)

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ABOUT METRO THEATRE

Metro Theatre (The Metropolitan Cooperative Theatre Society) is a registered non-profit cooperative society, and is fueled by volunteers. Its mission is to promote and develop theatre arts on a non-professional level.

Metro Theatre was created in 1962, and has produced more than 480 shows, including nearly 50 musicals, over the past 50 years. Sometimes referred to as the "humble little theatre," Metro ironically has over 300 seats and puts on seven shows a year, more than all other non-professional theatre companies in North America and many professional ones.

Metro Theatre is wheelchair-accessible and provides assisted-listening devices upon request. It offers season subscriptions as well as individual reservations online and at the door.

Metro is located at 1370 SW Marine Drive, at the base of the Arthur Laing Bridge in Vancouver. It's accessible by transit, and has free and paid parking nearby.

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