

Front of the Line ~ SPRING 2016



Spring has sprung at the Metro Theatre. This is a wonderfully busy time of year for us as we stage COMIC POTENTIAL; rehearse TOWARDS ZERO; and launch our 54th SEASON.

We are thrilled to unveil an exciting season of theatre for 2016 – 2017. Whether you are new to theatre or a lifelong supporter, an evening out at the Metro Theatre is guaranteed to enrapture and entertain.

“HAYWIRE” (Eric Chappell)

- a hilarious British comedy/farce – Sept.17- Oct. 8

“SENSE AND SENSIBILITY (Jon Jory)

- a dramatization of Jane’s Austen’s first novel – Oct. 29 – Nov.19

“CROSSING DELANCEY” (Susan Sandler)

- charming, American family comedy- Jan. 21- Feb. 11

“GUILTY CONSCIENCE “(Richard Levinson and William Link)

- American thriller- Mar.4 – Mar. 25

“STRAIGHT AND NARROW “(Jimmie Chin)

- British comedy/drama set in Manchester- April 22- May 13.

BECOME A SUBSCRIBER !

With the support of many sponsors, the Metro Theatre produces world class theatre that is affordable and accessible to patrons of all ages. Few things rival the raw emotions, imagination and entertainment of live theatre.

Your subscription comes with:

- Your choice of seats.
- No-cost seat exchange.
- Reduced price on bar drinks.
- 10% off on certain Metro rental shows
- Opportunity for early –bird Panto tickets so you get the best seats !
- Exclusive VIP membership, entitling you to invitations to celebrations like the 500th Gala show in November
- EXTRA VOUCHER at NO CHARGE – so you can invite a friend along at no cost to one of the regular season plays.

Season Subscription prices:

- Adults – \$105.00 or Seniors and Students – \$92.00

SUBSCRIBERS – Don't forget to pick up your renewal package when you come to our final show, Agatha Christie's "TOWARDS ZERO". You can fill out the form at the theatre , phone it in, go on-line, or mail it in.

You asked for **EASY FLEX OPTIONS:**

4 Flex -Pack – 4 vouchers to any play in the season

- Adults – \$93.00 Or Seniors and Students – \$81.00

You can upgrade to a **5- Flex -Pack**

- Adults – \$108.00 Or Seniors and Students -\$95.00

For maximum flexibility purchase a **10 Flex -Pack – 10 vouchers in any combination to plays for this season**

- Adults – \$210.00 Or Seniors and Students -\$190.00

Individual regular ticket prices to Metro plays remain the same as this season value priced at:

- Adults – \$24.00 Or Seniors & Students – \$21.00

A Metro Tradition for more than 25 Years ~ **CHRISTMAS PANTO**

“ROBIN HOOD AND MARION ” (Catherine Morrison) – Dec. 16- Jan. 7

- Adults – \$27.00 Or Seniors & Students – \$24.00 and Children under 12 -\$17.00

Consider giving someone special, the gift of entertainment and buy them season tickets. It’s an amazing season that will make you proud to “ **Find Yourself at the Metro Theatre**”. We hope you’ll join us to celebrate a true Vancouver success story as we embark on our 54th season!

CORPORATE FLEX PASS

Corporations can purchase 25 tickets for \$300.00 to be used in any combination they wish for the 2016-2017 season. All tickets could be used for the same show or spread out over the remaining shows. The pass is totally flexible and does include the Christmas Panto. You must be a business to take advantage of this offer. Please call the box office (604) 266- 7191 or order on line under Corporate Flex Pass.

LIGHT UP THE FACE OF METRO !

Metro Theatre is a non-profit society that has been producing great entertainment since the early 1960’s. We continue to have a significant impact on the Vancouver theatre landscape through training some of Canada’s finest theatre professionals and showcasing awesome local and newly discovered talent.

We would like to replace our “original” marquee with something newer and brighter! With all the new residents to Vancouver, many in the Lower

Mainland don't know we're here, so we plan to take advantage of our stellar location with new signage.

Please consider making a donation for this project on-line Donate.metrotheatre.com, by phone at the Box Office 604 266 7191, or mailing in a cheque. **All donations are tax deductible.** Thank you for your continued support of the Metro Theatre.

CURTAIN CALLS:

We started our year 2016 with the charming family comedy "Over the River and Through the Woods." This heart-warming comedy, delighted and moved audiences to both tears and laughter.

This was followed by the "Dynamite Theatre" production of Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods". This company is a pre-professional theatre program of younger performers who tackled this challenging and famous musical. It ran from Thurs. Feb. 11 – Sun. Feb. 14 .

The late winter was topped off by the raucous comedy/drama "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress". This play continues the tradition ("Bridesmaids", "Spy", "Trainwreck", "Horrible Bosses" – to name a few) of women behaving badly. Five bridesmaids get together after the wedding and during the reception and "dish the dirt" to each other.

Now Playing is Alan Ayckbourn's "Comic Potential". This satire is a story set, in the not too distant future on a TV "Hospital Soap Opera". All the actors in the TV series are "actoids" – robots that have been programmed to act. One, a female robot named "JC – F31-triple 3" shows an unexpected ability with humor – she has "comic potential". A young screenwriter who has written a TV script, wants it produced and the actoid, (whom he calls "Jacie") to perform in it. But the young man and robot – companion are forced to escape the studio, and while on the run, fall in love. This perplexes and confuses them both! The play runs Thurs. – Sat. until April 16, (at 8:00 PM) with 2 Sun. matinees on April 3 and 10 . (at 2:00 PM)

IN THE WINGS:

We follow "Comic Potential" with a magic show – "Magique" ! Experience some of the most astonishing feats of modern magic and witness the

impossible... done in a full scale eye-popping visual theatrical manner. It is sure to amaze and runs from Thurs. April 21 until Sat. April 23 – at 8:00 PM. Tickets are available through the Metro Theatre box office .

We are thrilled to stage Agatha Christie's "Towards Zero" for the last show of our regular season. This script has been unavailable for many years, but Metro Theatre secured special permission for the rights. It's sure to be a crowd pleaser ; a standard Christie with all the elements she is known and loved for; unusual of clues, lots of suspects, and a diabolical plot with unexpected twists!

TOWARDS ZERO opens Sat., April 30 and runs, Thurs. – Sat. until May 21 (at 8:00 PM) with 2 Sunday matinees on May 8 and 15 (at 2:00 PM)

Don't forget we now offer a "Director's Talk & Cast Chat" on the first Friday performance after opening weekend. (May 6th for Towards Zero). We have a special CHAT planned as the members of the Metro Board will be on hand to talk about our upcoming season. Take the opportunity to stay after the curtain comes down and ask questions.

The Metro Theatre has more in store after our season officially closes: we are more than our plays and a Panto ! There is "Acting Up" Theatre Company for children, renting the theatre on May 26, 27, 28, and 29.

This is followed by our yearly rental from the Vancouver Montessori school for their school-end concert and Graduation ceremonies on June 13 and 14 .

The Soul2 Sole Dance company appears on Metro stage on June 16, 17, and 18 . If you love tap you will love this show. Dancers range in age from 5 – 80 years old!

The next day, Sun., June 19 (at 2:00 PM) Metro hosts the Chinese Opera company. Beautiful costumes and sets, and traditional instruments showcase this entertainment.

Theatre and scene shop space is available to rent through the summer months. If interested, contact the Technical Director, Les Erskine, at TD@Metrotheatre.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Metro Theatre is fueled by volunteers. We are always looking for friendly , outgoing people to help make our patrons' theatre experience the best it can be. Whether you're interested in taking tickets at the door or working backstage we would love to hear from you.

For working Front-of-House please email inquiries to tickets@metrotheatre.com

For all other inquiries please contact TD@metrotheatre.com.

BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR

Thanks to our corporate sponsors, theatre arts are alive and well. Your generous donations bring joy and culture to our community. Whether you are interested in sponsoring one particular show or a whole Metro season, there are many good reasons why your business may wish to be involved with the Metro Theatre.

Metro is a strong member of the Lower Mainland community.

- We offer our Christmas Pantomime to at-risk children and their families (about 150 each year) as well as refugee families in Vancouver and Burnaby areas .
- We are also involved in a student internship / work experience program affiliated with the VSB to teach and train high school students .
- Plus, Metro hosts a large variety of educational children's acting classes : " Acting Up ", "Soul2Sole " dance, School graduation and year-end programs (Vancouver Montessori School), Teen and Youth theatre groups ("Dynamite Theatre of Delta),and Improv groups, among others.

By partnering with us, your corporation is contributing to the continued success of a modern theatre venue with a tradition of over half a century.

For information about making a corporate donation or partnering with Metro Theatre as a sponsor, please contact Les Erskine at admin@metrotheatre.com.