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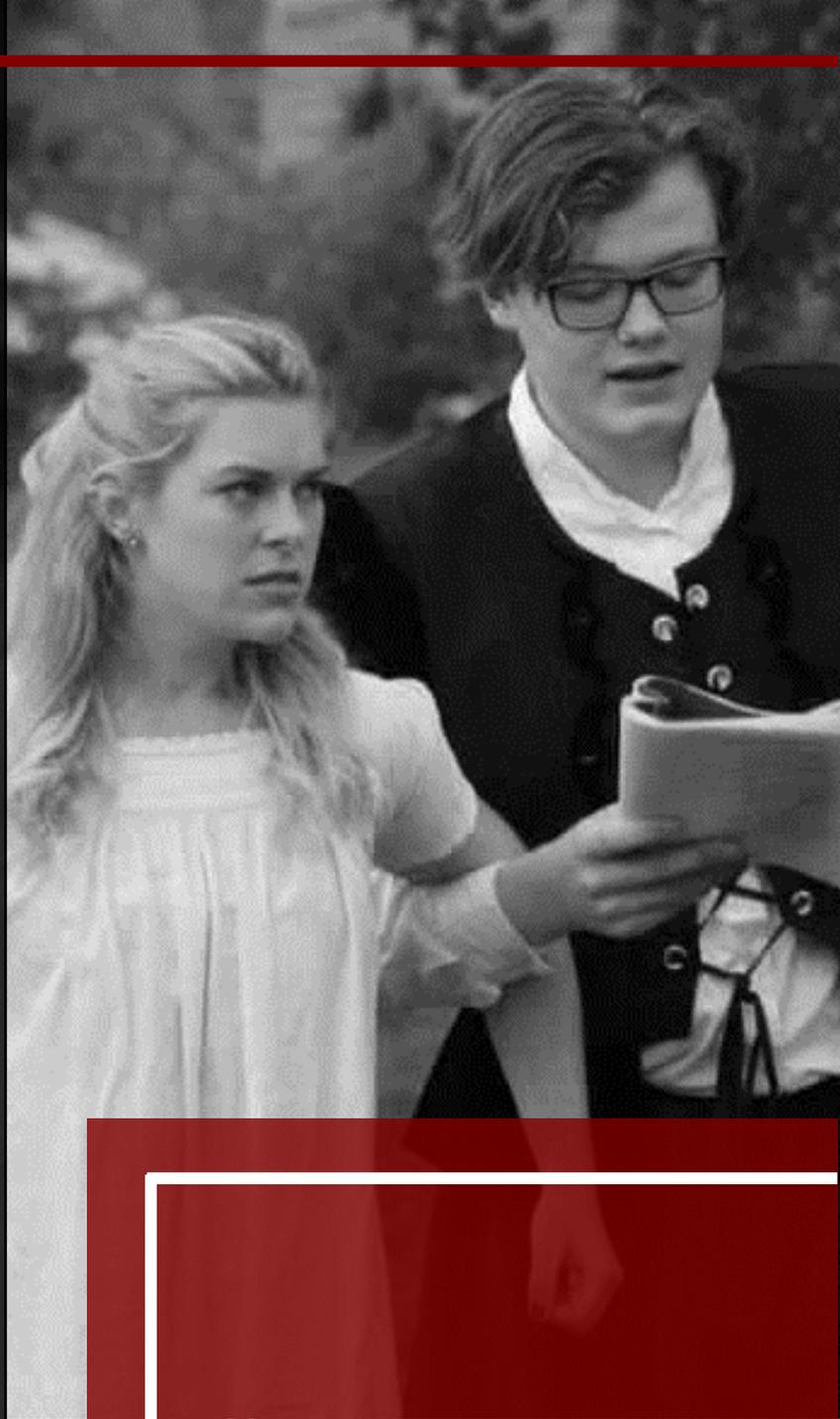
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**"Community
Theatre
at It's Best"**

ECT is Seeking a New Rehearsal Space

Elora Community Theatre (ECT) is seeking a new storage and rehearsal space after what we can only describe as a tough year.

In the summer of 2020, something you may have heard called COVID, shut us down. As ECT depends on performance sales to assist with rent, we unfortunately could no longer afford our rehearsal space in West Montrose and made the ultimate decision to pack our bags. At that time, we were incredibly lucky to be offered some free storage space from Skyline at the plaza on Tower Street in Fergus. We would like to extend a huge thank-you yet again for the wonderful storage space we have been utilizing over the past year.

We are happy to say that revenue is finally coming back in again due to outdoor performances and a planned indoor show at the end of the year, "COVID gods willing". As such, we are now looking for a more permanent home for rehearsals, storage, and to build sets when needed. Elora Community Theatre will need about 3,000 sq. ft. of heated space, with plumbing to suit our groups needs, but most importantly rent needs to be reasonable.

If anyone has a lead on a location, whether in Centre Wellington or not, please to reach out to ECT via email at ectinformation@gmail.com.

ECT has moved spaces approximately five times over the past 10 years and we would really like to find something more long term that we can finally call a home.



ECT's Outdoor Theatre – Photos from “A Red Plaid Shirt”



New Local Theatre in the Community

There is a new not-for-profit organization joining the local community. Ayr Community Theatre is excited to be bringing live community theatre to Ayr and the surrounding area. They are looking forward to promoting the arts by incorporating local talent including the youth community, which will provide an educational resource for anyone with an interest in the performing arts. They feel that bringing live theatre to Ayr will continue to bring the community together, as well as provide new diverse opportunities for the local population.

The amazing founding members of Ayr Community Theatre; Diana Barber, Michele Di Tomasso, Dan Payne, George Schmidt and Vivienne Rayne, each have a background in theatre and/or community involvement and they are all extremely excited to see you at their shows.



Their first show as a community theatre group is going to be "All Together Now" - a global event celebrating local theatre playing live November 12-14th 2021. They are currently looking for auditions, which need to be submitted by midnight September 3rd, 2021.

Monologue of the Month

This month we bring forward a monologue from *A Question of Sex* by Arnold Bennett. In this scene, George reveals to his sister, May, that their Uncle will provide a hefty allowance if he was to have a boy.

George

Male (Age 20-39)

Strain! If you knew the strain I've been bearing for months past!

Haven't you noticed the dark rings under my eyes, the unnatural brightness of my orbs, the hectic flush on my cheeks, the bald spot on the back of my head?

Strain!... My dear sister, I have a secret and terrible woe -- a woe which, with courage worthy of an Englishman and a parent, I have shared with none.

May, I am undone! I feared it. I have feared it for many weeks.

Listen. Five or six months ago, Uncle Francis said that if it was a son, he would settle ten thousand pounds upon it.

And if a daughter? He coldly declined to consider the possibility of such a thing.

You know the special brand of ass he is sometimes. I said nothing to anybody, not even to my wife, for I felt that it would worry her. Imagine my condition of mind, my agonising suspense.

Do you wonder that I have been wakeful night after night?

Do you wonder that, from pure weariness and fatigue, I should fall asleep on this very afternoon of my undoing? Oh, May! To be a father is not so simple and pleasing as the superficial observer might fancy.