

# PRIME TIMERS NANAIMO NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017 - Volume 2: Number 12

**Prime Timers Nanaimo is an active, non-profit social group. Our goal is to foster positive interaction for our members by facilitating a variety of social, recreational and educational activities in the Nanaimo and Central Vancouver Island area.**



## Prez News

Merry Christmas to all you PTN members and friends. We are about to finish of our first year. We've had some interesting events! Some were well attended and some not so well attended. It seems that as long as there is food involved, attendance is pretty good, and that's ok. But we need to find ways to mix and get to know each other.

As we grow older, many of us will need friendly support or we die and don't need any support! Think 5 or 10 years into the future and you might see the PTN group as a big part of your life?!

On Sunday December the 3<sup>rd</sup> I have made reservations for 16 or more primers and friends to enjoy a Christmas turkey dinner 'with all the fixens' (For just \$20.00/person – drinks extra)! The fun will begin at 4ish, with dinner @ 4:30. After dinner Santa will fly in for a funny gift event, so please bring a \$10 funny/interesting wrapped gift. And if you could also bring a can of something to donate to the food bank, it would be most appreciated. It's going to be a great time, just the best...LOL

I hate to bring this up, but we need to talk about elections for the PTN Board. This will be coming up on December 15<sup>th</sup> and probably at St Paul's church?! But I'll let you know via Email soon!

We have many positions to fill. After giving it much thought, I've decided I will do another year as President of Prime Timers Nanaimo. I'm hoping we can make it a real election and get other candidates for all positions! We do have a very good Secretary/Treasurer and I'm hoping he will continue?! Doug is doing a great job on the Newsletter and I hope he will continue also, with Bob as past president and George as mentors. I really need a Vice-president who's ready and willing to share some of the responsibilities. We could also favour having 3 members at large, ready to help out when required! We can be very flexible as to where and when we

have the meetings and they can be fun! Responsibilities will not be onerous if everyone helps out.

It's also dues time, so you can pay at the Christmas dinner if you want?! Fee's for 2018 are the same as last year...\$20 for one and \$35 for a set of partners.

Help us make this OUR club guys! And please, don't hesitate to comment on what I say. Feed-back is how we find things out!

The Board & I will always be there to support your activities that interest you.

Text or email me anytime... 250.618.9177 amrick3@gmail.com

**Wishing all PT Nanaimo Members and friends a very Merry Christmas and all good things for 2018!**

Cheers!

Rick

Are you the one who **compliments** the on goings of our Chapter?  
Are you the one who **complains** about the on goings of our Chapter?  
Are you the one who **contributes** to the on goings of our Chapter?

The future of our Chapter lies in your stepping up and volunteering! PLEASE be thinking about this in regard to your involvement in our fellowship. It is not just going to lunches, dinners or events ... it is the chemistry and fellowship along with the sense of accomplishment.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **PUB NIGHT:**

It has been decided that since the Pub Night is so popular, it will now be an **on-going WEEKLY event! Every Monday at 5:00 PM** at the Jingle Pot Pub on Jingle Pot Road at Nanaimo By-pass. Come out and join us for cold beer, good food and great conversation!



\*\*\*\*\*

### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION:**



#### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY!**

We will meet at McDonalds on Rutherford at 09:30 AM on every Wednesday morning. Always a good time for everyone attending!

## **Vancouver Island LGBTQ2S+ Community Response Network**

The first 'Vancouver Island LGBTQ2S+ Community Response Network' meeting to be held:

**05 December at 5:30-7:30 PM**

at the **Harbourfront Library**, 90 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, V9R 5G4.

Parking is relatively cheap and plentiful in the well-signed public parkades nearby. Come 10 minutes early to be able to find your way to the library from the parkade. For this initial meeting for those travelling a considerable distance, subsidies are available. Contact Horst Backé [horstbacke@gmail.com](mailto:horstbacke@gmail.com) for details. Please car pool if possible.

This is a packed agenda and we will need to move through it very quickly to ensure we cover what needs to happen in this initial launch meeting

To celebrate the end of the Seniors Aging OUT project we are planning a special refreshment break. We would also like to prepare for the number of people actually in attendance. **Please let me know if you are planning to attend.** I sincerely hope you do.

Horst Backé

Co-coordinator of the Vancouver Island LGBTQ2S+ Community Response Network

\*\*\*\*\*

### **MEMBERSHIPS:**

It's that time... *renew your membership* for 2018! Fees remain unchanged - \$20 per single or \$35 per couple. You can pay at any of our events or by contacting any of the Directors.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW – November 2017**

### **Ladysmith Little Theatre**

**QUARTET** by Ronald Harwood

*Synopsis:* "Once-popular opera diva Jean Horton creates a stir with her arrival at Beecham House, a home for retired performers. No one feels the uproar more than Reginald, Jean's ex-husband, who still stings from her long-ago infidelity. Most of the other Beecham residents are delighted, and try to convince Jean to join them in a performance of "Rigoletto." Jean, however, knows that she is long past her prime and is reluctant to sully the memory of her once-lovely voice."

This was a difficult play to review. The first act was kind of flat, Cecily was over-exuberant, Reginald was boring, Wilfred was struggling to hold the act together and Jean was coughing a lot; which made me think that she was not long for the retirement home. After intermission the play moved along much better and was more enjoyable. There were moments of good humor but the dialogue still seemed to be stilted. I'll give it 2.5 out of 5.



**The next Ladysmith Little Theatre Production:  
*The Kitchen Witches* by Caroline Smith; Directed by Josee Duffhues**

**Feb 15-March 4, 2018**

Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two "mature" cable-accesses cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other. Together on a TV show called *The Kitchen Witches*, the insults are flung harder than the food! Dolly's long-suffering TV-producer son Stephen tries to keep them on track, but the show becomes a rating smash as Dolly and Isobel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer!

**On Screen at the Galaxy Cinema in Nanaimo**



**DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE by Mozart**

**Conductor:** James Levine, Met Music Director Emeritus

**Featuring:** Golda Schultz (debut)

**Synopsis:** Music Director Emeritus James Levine conducts the full-length, German version of Mozart's magical fable, seen in Julie Taymor's spectacular production, which captures both the opera's earthy comedy and its noble mysticism.

**Encores:** [December 10](#), [December 16](#)

**THE**

**Featuring:** Audrey  
**Synopsis:** The Met



**EXTERMINATING ANGEL Met Premiere**

**Conductor:** Thomas Adès

Luna, Alice Coote

presents the American premiere of

Thomas Adès's *The Exterminating Angel*, inspired by the classic Luis Buñuel film of the same name. Hailed by the *New York Times* at its 2016 Salzburg Festival premiere as “*inventive and audacious ... a major event*,” *The Exterminating Angel* is a surreal fantasy about a dinner party from which the guests can't escape. Tom Cairns, who wrote the libretto, directs the new production, and Adès conducts his own adventurous new opera.

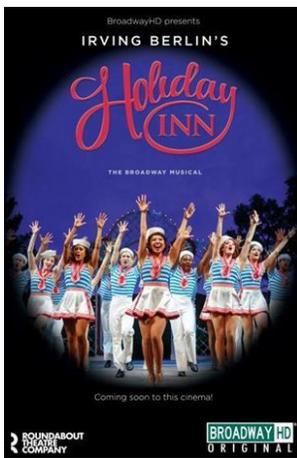
**Encores:** [December 9](#), [December 11](#), [December 13](#), [January 7](#), [January 13](#)



## THE BOLSHOI BALLET - THE NUTCRACKER

*As the clock strikes midnight on Christmas Eve, Marie's wooden nutcracker doll comes to life and transforms into a prince! Soon joined by her other toys that have also come to life, Marie and her prince embark on a dreamy unforgettable adventure.*

A holiday tradition for the whole family, *The Nutcracker* sweeps the Bolshoi stage for two hours of enchantment and magic. Along with Tchaikovsky's cherished score and some of the Bolshoi's greatest artists, *The Nutcracker* remains a treasure not to be missed! **Showtimes: December 10,**



## HOLIDAY INN: The New Irving Berlin Musical – Broadway

**Cast:** Bryce Pinkham, Corbin Bleu, Lora Lee Gayer

**Synopsis:** Jim (Pinkham) leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle down on his farmhouse in Connecticut... but life just isn't the same without a bit of song and dance (Tony-nominated choreography by Denis Jones). Jim's luck takes a spectacular turn when he meets Linda (Gayer), a spirited schoolteacher with talent to spare. Together they turn the farmhouse into a fabulous inn with dazzling performances to celebrate each holiday, from

Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. But when Jim's best friend Ted (Bleu) tries to lure Linda away to be his new dance partner in Hollywood, will Jim be able to salvage his latest chance at love?

**Showtimes:** [December 09](#), [December 21](#),



## YOUNG MARX - National Theatre Live

**Cast:** Rory Kinnear, Oliver Chris

**Synopsis:** Rory Kinnear (The Threepenny Opera, Penny Dreadful, Othello) is Marx and Oliver Chris (Twelfth Night, Green Wing) is Engels, in this new comedy written by Richard Bean and Clive Coleman. Broadcast live from The Bridge Theatre, London, the production is directed by Nicholas Hytner and reunites the creative team behind Broadway and West End hit comedy One Man, Two Guvnors. 1850, and Europe’s most feared terrorist is hiding in Dean Street, Soho. Broke, restless and horny, the thirty-two-year-old revolutionary is a frothing combination of intellectual brilliance, invective, satiric wit, and child-like emotional illiteracy. Creditors, spies, rival revolutionary factions and prospective seducers of his beautiful wife all circle like vultures. His writing blocked, his marriage dying, his friend Engels in despair at his wasted genius, his only hope is a job on the railway. But there’s still no one in the capital who can show you a better night on the piss than Karl Heinrich Marx. **Showtimes:** [December 07](#), [February 03](#),



## Miracle on 34th Street

**Directed by:** George Seaton

**Cast:** Edmund Gwenn, Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Natalie Wood

This irresistible fable has, for many years, become synonymous with celebrating Christmas. The holiday season is in full swing when a cultured gentleman with twinkling eyes, an ample belly, and a snowy beard (Edmund Gwenn) is hired as a Macy’s department store Santa. He claims his name is Kris Kringle, and he soon fills everyone with Christmas spirit... except for his boss, Doris Walker (Maureen O’Hara), who’s raising her daughter

(Natalie Wood) to not believe in Santa. But when Kringle is declared insane, and put on trial, everyone’s faith is put to the test as young and old alike face the age-old question: Do you believe in Santa Claus? **Admission (taxes included):** \$6.99

**Showtimes:** [December 2](#), [December 13](#) @12:30PM

December 2017						
◀ Nov 2017						Jan 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World AIDS Day	2 12:30 Miracle on 34th Street @ Galaxy Theatre

December 2017						
◀ Nov 2017						Jan 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 4:00 PM-PT Nanaimo Christmas Party at MGM Restaurant	<b>4</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>5</b> 5:30 LGBT Community Response Network @ Harbour Library	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe -7:00 PM Reaching Out at Brechin United Church	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Human Rights Day	<b>11</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> PTN <b>General Meeting</b>	<b>16</b> 12:30 Miracle on 34 <sup>th</sup> Street @ Galaxy Theatre
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas <b>No pub night</b>	<b>26</b> Boxing Day	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR!						

REMINDER: Our **CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be one week from tonight on **SUNDAY 03 DECEMBER** at MGM Restaurant (South) - 240 Nicol Street. The fun starts at 4:00PM (-/+ ) and dinner being served at 4:30 PM. Rumors abound that Santa will make an appearance, so please bring a **FUNNY \$10.00** or less gift wrapped **AND** one can of something for the food bank. **ALL** this food (full turkey dinner) and fun for \$20.00. **RSVP** soonest to RICK at [amrick3@gmail.com](mailto:amrick3@gmail.com)

**240 Nicol Street Nanaimo, B.C. Canada**

**250-753-3535**

