

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's a very interesting and exciting time for the Port Theatre Society.

I am pleased to report that, from a governance perspective, The Port Theatre Society is guided by a Board of Directors united in the vision of growing our community through access to the arts.

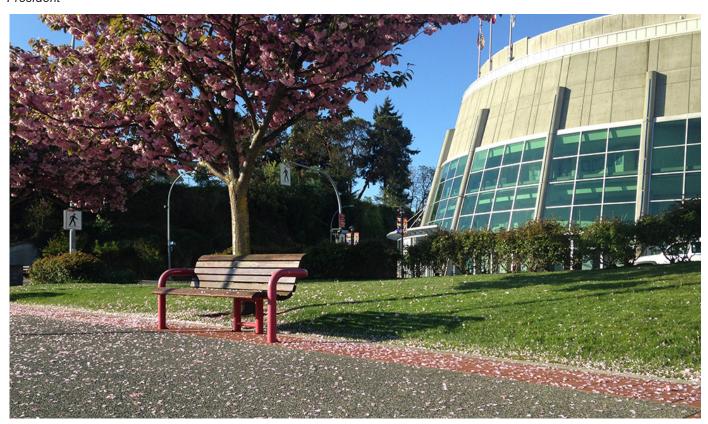
On the operations side of the house, things have been going very well. We had another year of unprecedented attendance to our wide variety of events, including our very own Spotlight Series.

As reported last year at this time, the Board has focused much of its attention on the development of the Community Performing Arts Centre. This project has tremendous community support and in September 2014 Nanaimo City Council voted 8-1 to work in partnership with the Society to fulfill this dream. Support from Council is understandably conditional upon the Society reaching a lofty fundraising goal.

We are working very hard to meet our fundraising objectives. There have been some ups and downs along the way this past year, but we remain fully optimistic and positive. We have completed most of the required design work and fundraising efforts to date have allowed us to spend over \$600,000 on this project without incurring any debt whatsoever. The City of Nanaimo has worked with us to obtain a \$2 million dollar line of credit but we have not yet needed to tap into that resource.

The Port Theatre Society Board of Directors is immensely grateful for the hard work and dedication being put forward by our General Manager, Bruce Halliday, each and every one of the Port Theatre staff members, and of course all of our amazing volunteers. We very much appreciate the strong support coming to us from the City of Nanaimo. Finally, the current Board members are indebted to the strong foundation to this project that was laid by previous Board members and volunteers, going back even to the days before our beautiful theatre was constructed. Collectively, we will reach unparalleled success.

Fred Jacklin President



Across from The Port Theatre, Nanaimo's harbourfront walkway blooms each spring.

2015 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Nanaimo's little secret is getting out... a secret that many of you have known for some time, but the fact is that now word is spreading:

Nanaimo has a youthful, vibrant and creative community that is thirsty for cultural experiences; we are a community with a thriving arts scene that provides substantial economic drive; we are a community that offers an endless diversity of experiences. Nanaimo is poised to become an important cultural destination.

This evolution and maturation is becoming more and more apparent. For the third year in a row, we topped our record attendance and welcomed nearly 113,000 patrons and performers to our theatre over a total of 269 events.

Audiences are exploring new and exciting works from beyond our small island. This included 17 events brought in as part of our nationally-acclaimed Spotlight presentation series. This series is intended to showcase excellent touring acts hand-picked to complement our amazing venue. Many of these works would not otherwise visit our community if they were not brought here by The Port Theatre Society. In fact, the Spotlight Series in 2015 included five Vancouver Island Exclusive performances: the boundary-pushing contemporary dance company Compagnie Marie Chouinard, the world-famous and ever popular Canadian Brass, the international storytelling Guy Mendilow Ensemble, innovative illusionists the Outerbridges and CBC's favourite odd-ball comedian Lorne Elliott. In addition to these performances, the Spotlight Series was filled with a colourful and impressive diversity of acts. International Guitar Night and Harry Manx brought out scores of guitar enthusiasts, Delhi 2 Dublin and The Fugitives demonstrated an energizing mash-up of genres, and The Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India was an extraordinary celebration of multiculturalism in our community. Ballet BC looked stronger than ever in a three-piece programme celebrating their 30th anniversary, Winter Harp celebrated its 14th year at The Port Theatre with 2 performances, and our 5th season of Classical Coffee Concerts saw Sarah Hagen collaborating with a high caliber of guests.

There are many factors that have contributed to the Society's continued artistic, social and financial success. Our Port Theatre team is a dedicated, experienced and knowledgeable family of arts professionals who have earned respect across the country from promoters, agents and artists alike. Our 150+ volunteers are not only family to us but are dedicated ambassadors for the arts. Our current Board of Directors is committed to a single vision of providing inclusive and accessible opportunities for our community. Through their diversity of perspectives, this team works to ensure our sustainability and relevance in the region. We are committed to improving our services and operation of this valuable community facility as a not-for-profit arts organization with an entrepreneurial spirit.

Throughout 2015, we developed and maintained numerous community partnerships including Nanaimo Child Development Centre, Nanaimo Foundation, Nanaimo Chinese Cultural Society, Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society, The Women's Centre, TheatreOne, DNBIA, Haven Society, various VIU departments, SD68, Opera Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music to name a few. These partnerships are integral to the ability for our community to continue to grow and thrive through access to and usage of our theatre.

2015 was a landmark year in many ways, and it is your unrelenting support that ensures the success of live performance in Nanaimo for many years to come. The Port Theatre Society's Board of Directors and staff would like to sincerely thank Mayor Bill McKay and Council, City staff, The Regional District of Nanaimo, The District of Lantzville, The Department of Canadian Heritage, The BC Arts Council, and The BC Touring Council for their faith and support. We would also like to extend our thanks to our community, our members and volunteers, and our many partners and patrons.

Nanaimo's secret is indeed getting out. We are proud to champion and celebrate our community's diversity, tolerance and creative nature. We are proud to experience high calibre works of art. We are proud to let our voices be heard: Nanaimo is a cultural destination.

Bruce Halliday
General Manager

The Port Theatre Society

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of The Port Theatre Society is to stimulate and enhance artistic, cultural and economic activities in the Central Vancouver Island Region through the operations of the performing arts centre on the waterfront in downtown Nanaimo.

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The Port Theatre would like to recognize the following staff, who moved on in 2015, for their contribution to the society:

Samantha Letourneau Marketing & Community

Outreach Coordinator (2013-2015)

(2007-2015)

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(2009-2015)



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The Port Theatre Society gratefully acknowledges the financial support of:

Nanaimo Foundation | The BC Arts Council | The BC Touring Council | The City of Nanaimo

The Department of Canadian Heritage - Arts Presentation Canada Program | The Province of British Columbia

The District Municipality of Lantzville | The Province of British Columbia | The Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Areas A, B, C, E

The Port Theatre is proud to be a member of:

BC Touring Council | Canadian Arts Presenting Association | Canadian Institute of Theatre Technicians
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"The world's most famous brass group" Canadian Brass brought entertainment, spontaneity, virtuosity and fun in November.

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THEATRE ACTIVITY DURING 2015		
	Events	Patrons
January	13	5,845
February	22	10,530
March	25	9,738
April	27	10,148
May	26	13,921
June	35	21,893
July	25	1,420
August	10	1,379
September	12	3,044
October	20	6,934
November	29	15,034
December	25	13,089
TOTAL in 2015	269	112,975

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2014-2015 THEATRE ANGELS SPONSOR

Mid Island Co-op

2015 ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS

Late Mary Holmes | Elaine McDonald



Audiences of the Classical Coffee Concert Series enjoyed the atmosphere of Sarah Hagen's intimate performances with special guests in The Port Theatre lobby

THEATRE ANGELS PROGRAM

The Port Theatre Society's Theatre Angels Program provides tickets to the following social service agencies in the Mid-Island area, who in turn distribute the tickets to clients who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend live performances. Over 1,300 tickets were made available in 2015 to the following 55 agencies and groups.

7-10 Club Nanaimo, Affordable Housing Society, Better At Home Program - Nanaimo Family Life, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Van. Island, Bill's Place Residential Care Brain Injury Society, Nanaimo, Buttertubs Place, Cedar School & Community Enhancement Society, Cedar Seniors Drop-In, Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society Claytree Society, Bridges Nova Program, Clement Centre Society, Dallen's Dream Team Society, Disability Resource Centre, Explorer Program, Forest Park Boys and Girls Club - Child Care, Girl Guides of Canada, Pacific Shores Area, Haven Society, Hepatitis C Society, Island Crisis Care Society, Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Society, John Howard Society, Nanaimo Region, Kiwanis Village, M.S. Society, Mid-Island Abilities & Independent Living Society, Mountain View Group Home, Mt. Benson Senior Citizens Housing Society, Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre, Nanaimo Association for Community Living, Nanaimo Child Development Centre, Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association, Nanaimo Family Life Association, Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors, Nanaimo Organization for the Vision Impaired, Nanaimo Serenity Lodge, Nanaimo Travellers Lodge Society, Nanaimo Women's Resource Centre, NYSA - One Stop Youth Center, Open Minds Open Windows Society, Pamela's Home Society, Parksville Seniors Activity & Drop-In Centre, People for Healthy Community on

Association,
Skaana Community
Resources Ltd.,
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Nation,
Society of
Organized Services,
SOS Seniors,
Supportive Apartment



SOS Seniors, The Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers
Supportive Apartment Spotlight Series in September 2015.

Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre,
Tillicum Lelum Men's Wellness Survivors,
Vancouver Island Mental Health Society,
Vancouver Island University- Clemente Course,
Vancouver Island Vocational and Rehabilitation Services,
VIHA Mental Health & Addiction Services,
VIHA Youth & Family Addictions

"Over the years our clients have enjoyed some wonderful theatre and shows through the Theatre Angels programme. The opportunity for women who are homeless to feel special enough to attend shows at The Port Theatre is amazing and can do so much for their self-esteem. The getting ready and having somewhere to go is a great motivator and makes one feel so much better about one's own situation.

It has also helped promote community through some of our other programmes where we support those who struggle with mental illness.

Thanks for all you do!"

Violet Hayes, Executive Director Island Crisis Care Society

THEATRE ANGELS PROGRAM DONORS

Gabriola Society, Phoenix Centre/Canadian Mental Health

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GROWING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Every year, The Port Theatre Society is proud to partner with many community organizations and events. In 2015, we grew and developed a great number of these relationships. We would like to recognize some of these important partnerships to show how they have benefited our community.



School District 68 elementary students ejoyed a free daytime perfomance thanks to the Schools on Stage program.

ART AND MUSIC IN THE AIR

We're proud to be able to showcase and support local artists in our community. In the summer of 2015, The Port Theatre once again teamed up with the VIU Visual Art Department and the Nanaimo Regional Airport to mount a visual art display at the Nanaimo Airport terminal. First-year art students explored a "history of aviation" theme to suit the space and to allow for the use of "skywriting" style banners that offered highlights for the 2015-16 Spotlight Series.

Meanwhile, The Port Theatre continued to provide showcase space in our theatre lobby for first and third year VIU Visual Arts students, and space in galleries throughout the building for SD68, the Nanaimo Arts Council, Gabriola Fibre Arts Group, Gabriola Photography Club and Gabriola Palette People.

In the summer, music filled the air thanks to pianists from the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music who were invited to practice on The Port Theatre's Steinway Concert Grand Piano to further their professional aspirations and to help maintain the instrument.







The Port Theatre teamed up with the VIU Visual Art Department and the Nanaimo Airport to create an aerial themed art display that also served as a teaser for The Port Theatre's 2015-16 Season.

FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH ARTS INITIATIVE & FREE YOUTH CONCERT

The Youth Arts Initiative was a pilot project launched in Fall 2014 which continued into the Spring of 2015. Six youth from diverse artistic backgrounds learned skills of presenting live performance through workshops and Q&As with Port Theatre staff and community professionals. They presented an evening of free live music, activities and food for youth to celebrate National Youth Arts Week on May 14th, 2015. The event featured two up-and-coming local youth acts who were given the opportunity to play alongside a professional Canadian headliner. The energy and excitement in the theatre that evening was palpable with 650 youth and community members coming together to celebrate youth and the arts in Nanaimo.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Aboriginal Youth Nanaimo | BC Boys Choir | Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society | City of Nanaimo Crimson Coast Dance Society | Dirk Heydemann – HA Photography | DNBIA | Friends of the Library | Festival Nanaimo Gabriola Fibre Arts Group | Gabriola Palette People | Gabriola Photography Club | Haven Society | Hub City Cinema Society Opera Nanaimo | Nanaimo Women's Resource Centre | Nanaimo African Heritage Society | Nanaimo Art Gallery Nanaimo Arts Council | Nanaimo Blues Society | Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce | Nanaimo Child Development Centre Nanaimo Chinese Cultural Society | Nanaimo Conservatory of Music | Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation Nanaimo Foundation | Nanaimo Museum | Nanaimo Youth Services Association | Schmooze Productions | School District 68 South Side Teen Centre | TheatreOne | Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival | Vancouver Island Short Film Festival Vancouver Island Symphony | VIU Alumni Association | VIU International Education | VIU Theatre Department VIU Visual Art Department | Young Professionals of Nanaimo

ISLAND SAVINGS-PUTTING YOUTH FIRST

In 2015, Island Savings' Growing Island Families Together (GIFT) of \$30,000 to The Port Theatre Society over three years continued to benefit youth throughout our community.

Student Work Experience provides opportunities for VIU Technical Theatre students to shadow our professional technicians; the Windows of Opportunity program provides schools in Nanaimo and Ladysmith with professional development days for at-risk students; Schools on Stage gives elementary students access to the theatre and staff for a full day to put on large-scale community performances; and EyeGO to the Arts gives secondary school students a chance to experience live theatre, music and dance for only \$5 per ticket.



Youth Arts Initiative participants learned what happens on stage and behind-the-scenes during two workshops with Port Theatre technicians.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Members: 1,510
Total Membership
Revenue: \$39,333.34

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

Comets Sport, Recreation, and Culture Society Dallen's Dream Team Society Preceptor Gamma Lambda

FINANCIAL

The Port Theatre Society is pleased to share the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2015. As per the Societies Act requirement, these statements were approved by the Board of Directors at their March 9, 2016 meeting. The Port Theatre Society ended the 2015 fiscal year with a \$67,659 operating fund surplus. The Board of Directors have chosen to transfer \$40,000 of the operating surplus to the building fund towards the completion of the Community Performing Arts

Centre (Studio Theatre). The Port Theatre Society continues to operate efficiently and effectively with no accumulated debt.

TICKET SALES

The Port Theatre event ticket sales:

Total tickets sold: 64,774Total dollar value: \$1,907,183

Off-site event ticket sales:

Total tickets sold: 12.264

Total dollar value: \$305,808 There were a total of 55 events equalling 98 performances held at other venues: Beban Park Social Centre, Brechin United Church, Cedar Community Hall, The Coast Bastion Hotel, Diana Krall Plaza, Harbour City Theatre, Maffeo-Sutton Park, Malaspina Theatre, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre, Nanaimo Museum, Pioneer Waterfront Plaza, Qualicum Civic Centre, The Queen's, St. Andrews United Church, St. Edmunds Church in Parksville. Vancouver Island Conference Centre, VIRL Nanaimo

FACILITY

• Fire alarm system replacement

Harbourfront, and VIU Cafeteria.

- Program sound system overhaul

 new amplifiers and signal processors
- New hearing-impaired system New hearing assistance devices
- More speaker and amplifier replacements for main stage

BE SEEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT & SPIN TO WIN

Be Seen in the Spotlight continued to be a fun experience at The Port Theatre's Spotlight Series events throughout 2015. We introduced our new Spin-to-Win wheel to offer chances to win Port Theatre bags, water bottles, 2-for-1 vouchers or entries into a draw for Spotlight tickets. On the red carpet, our professional photographer Dirk Heydemann of HA Photography and co-host Dr. Tonia Winchester, Naturopathic Doctor, kept the energy high by inviting patrons to get dressed up, pose with props, or just flash their pearly whites. Photos were then posted on our website and social networks, available for viewing and downloading.



Patrons at the Lorne Elliott Comedy Show enjoyed their moment in the Spotlight

VOLUNTEERS

With over 175 volunteers, The Port Theatre Society's volunteer roster is one of the largest in Nanaimo. We are privileged to have such dedication within our organization.

The depth and experience of the volunteers ensures the seamless execution of the many events presented at The Port Theatre every year. Volunteers also help the society by working the administration desk during certain weekday lunch hours. They keep busy answering phones, organizing mail-outs, and updating volunteer work schedules. Other work includes laundry duties, writing and editing the volunteer newsletter, sitting on the Health & Safety Committee, and organizing the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Each volunteer's commitment to The Port Theatre Society is integral to the successful delivery of live entertainment to the community.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

In 2015, we were proud to welcome three new youth volunteers who completed The Port Theatre's Youth Arts Initiative program and were invited to become a part of the theatre's volunteer family.

PERMANENT RECOGNITION

We are proud to permanently recognize the accomplishments of our volunteers' hours through a permanent volunteer recognition board in the Mills and Helen Clarke Gallery. This board currently showcases the hours accumulated by our dedicated volunteers up until December 31, 2015 and will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Total volunteer hours in 2015: 11,577

Total volunteer hours since 1998 opening: 242,770



Kristina Raappana received recognition for her contributions as a Port Theatre volunteer at the AGM in March 2015.

MERIT BOX

Volunteers are listed in order of which service levels were reached:

7000 hours:

Doris Arndt

4750 hours:

Judy Palm

4000 hours:

Betty Reynolds Kristina Raappana

3000 hours:

Bessie Harvey

2750 hours:

Garry Speakman

2500 hours:

Jim Gahr

2250 hours:

Doris Childs Rina Cassino

2000 hours:

Evelyn Barth Brenda Mason Beth Michaud Dianne Speakman

1750 hours:

Del Beaveridge Tove Gahr

1500 hours:

Rose Wizinsky

1250 hours:

Melba Harding Marian Hembroff

1000 hours:

Val Duthie

750 hours:

Marica Benvin
Reta Chlan
Chris Crabtree
Reinie Heydemann
Neville Hope
Christa Kurz
John Layer
Anneliese Lott
Liz Monaghan
Stella Robinson

500 hours:

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250 hours:

Patricia Fabbro Betty Short

150 hours:

Roxanne Beckett Sonja Billard Mary Carr Linda Holtorf Norma Waddell Brad Whitehead Marilyn Whitehead



SPOTLIGHT SERIES 2015

Jan 17	International Guitar Night	Sept 27	Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India: The
Feb 3	Classical Coffee Concert: Sarah Hagen, solo		Spirit of India
	5 ,	Oct 5	The Guy Mendilow
			Ensemble: Tales from the
Feb 21	Outerbridge: Clockwork Mysteries		Forgotten Kingdom
		Oct 20	Classical Coffee
Feb 24	Compagnie Marie		Concert: Sarah Hagen
	Chouinard: Henri		with François Houle
	Michaux: Movements &		
	Gymnopédies	Nov 1	Lorne Elliott Comedy Show
Mar 10	Classical Coffee	Nov 11	Ballet BC: Twenty Eight
	Concert: Sarah Hagen		Thousand Waves, New Work,
	with The Bergmann		Solo Echo
	Piano Duo		
		Nov 17	Classical Coffee Concert:
Apr 25	Harry Manx		Sarah Hagen, solo piano
Sept 15	Classical Coffee	Nov 29	Canadian Brass
·	Concert: Sarah Hagen		
	with Ariel Barnes	Dec 12	Winter Harp
Sept 19	Delhi 2 Dublin and The		
	Fugitives		

CORPORATE SPONSORS



























FUNDERS



















COMING SOON: Major fundraising campaign for The Port Theatre's

COMMUNITY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Ready for the next stage in arts & culture in our community? We are.

