

The Greely Players Newsletter August 2016

**Annual General Meeting
Sunday September 11, 3pm
with Pot Luck gathering to follow**

Come out and enjoy a pot luck supper with GP friends at Michele Piironen's residence. The meeting is open to all members of The Greely Players.

Bring a main, salad or dessert to share, your favorite beverage and a lawn chair. Please **RSVP to Michele at michief@rogers.com**

Election of Officers: There are 11 positions on the Executive Board. The following people are willing to let their names stand for re-election for the coming year:

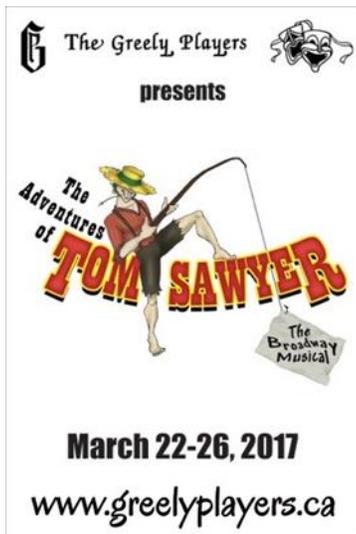
Joel Rahn	Michele Piironen
Natalie Currie	Janice Jenness
Joan Bruce-Nibogie	Lise Page
Rick Cooney	Sue Armstrong-Laycock
Michael Versluis	(Past President – Holly Villeneuve)

We have a vacancy on the executive team and are looking for enthusiastic volunteers. See our website at www.greelyplayers.ca for meeting agenda details.

Disney's Beauty and The Beast wowed Audiences

This classic "tale as old as time" warmed the hearts of the mainly sold-out audiences and sent them home happy and humming those memorable tunes. Co-producers Michele Piironen and Natalie Currie put together an outstanding production team that set the stage for the amazing cast. Tim Gordon's dazzling set and lighting, the costume team's wonderful costumes, and the spot-on directing of Gord Hawkes and his brilliant actors created true magic on stage.





Our 2017 Production: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

Information meeting: Sunday Nov. 6; 1:30pm
at the Greely Community Centre
Appointments for auditions will be taken at the meeting or
after by telephone.

Auditions: (By appointment only)
Saturday and November 12 and 13th
Check the website for detailed audition information.

SHOUT OUT TO JOIN THE GP CHOIR

5th Annual Christmas in the Village Concert

Saturday, 3rd December 2016, 7:00 pm
@ Parkway Road Pentecostal Church, Greely

Weekly rehearsals start Wednesday, 14th September, 7:00pm to 9:30pm
at South Gloucester United Church, 2536 Rideau Rd (corner of Albion & Rideau)

Contact: Gale Ramsden, Music Director, gail.ramsden@gmail.com
Heather Wyche, Producer, heatherwyche@gmail.com



Four Bursaries Awarded for 2016

Cameron Plant, Taryn Waldorf and Sonja Peters receive their bursary awards from President Joan Bruce-Nibogie on August 24th. Absent was the 4th award winner, Matt Chin.

Cameron Plant is heading off to Humber College for the Radio Broadcasting program. He followed his father Tom and sister Claire onto The Greely Players' stage when he took on the role of "Augustus Gloop" in the 2011 production of *Willy Wonka*. The next year he returned as "Friedrich" in *The Sound of Music*, and in 2013 was a chorus member in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Cameron credits his time with The Greely Players as the inspiration to pursue the arts. "I would have never been inspired to do so had it not been for the initial spark that The Greely Players gave me. The Greely community introduced me to the world of the arts and the passion that goes with it. I am very grateful for that."

Taryn Waldorf joined The Greely Players in grade 8, taking on the role of "Louisa" in *The Sound of Music*. She returned for *Once Upon a Mattress* and in 2015 was cast as "Wendy" in *Peter Pan*. Taryn explained that she was encouraged to audition for Canterbury's Drama program, and has never looked back. She will be attending York University's School of Arts in the Theatre program.

Taryn is an accomplished young lady as she has taken 7 years of vocal lessons, 5 years of dance, plays piano, saxophone, soccer, speaks fluent French and maintained a 92 average during high school. As if this weren't busy enough, she has also managed to take on roles with other theatre companies alongside of her extensive work as a CHS Drama student.

"I am looking forward to this next exciting stage in life," Taryn said.

Sonja Peters joined The Greely Players in 2011 playing "Veruca Salt" in *Willy Wonka*. She was lucky to have participated in a drama program in her elementary school, where she caught the bug for performing. She has performed in numerous vocal competitions and was the recipient of a Kiwanis Scholarship for Voice.

A graduate of Canterbury High School's Vocal Music program, Sonja will be attending Wilfred Laurier University for Music. She might eventually be interested in getting into music therapy, but she's going to wait and see where her interests lead her.

Matt Chin was a graduate in South Carleton High School, where he was introduced to dance, and eventually won the Emily Keogh Dance Leadership award in his final year.

He joined The Greely Players on stage with his mom Julie in *Anne of Green Gables*. The following year he played the Prince in *Cinderella* and rounded off his Greely stage appearances as "Scarecrow" in *The Wizard of Oz*.

"With The Greely Players I learned the basics of performing," explained Matt, "including how to work with a cast, and of the professionalism that is expected when interacting with fellow performers, directors and production team members."

Matt completed a degree in nursing at U of O, but all the while performing was his love. He appeared in six Orpheus productions, including a lead in *A Chorus Line*. He also attended two Broadway Experience courses in New York City during the summer and has now been accepted into the prestigious Sheridan College Music Theatre Performance program.

We know he has the drive and talent to succeed as he pushes toward his goal of appearing on a professional stage.