

# Walpole Children's Theatre



## The SPOTLIGHT

Spring 2012

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### 2012-2013 SEASON

The WCT Script Committee has reviewed potential scripts and is proud to announce next season's productions

#### Summer 2012

### *Treasure Island*

by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Adapted by Joseph George Caruso  
Directed by Peter McElhinney  
July 20, 21, 22, 27, 28  
@ Footlighters Playhouse  
Tickets go on sale 5/5

#### Winter 2013

### *Puss in Boots*

by Vera Morris  
Director TBD  
February/March 2013  
@ Footlighters Playhouse

### AUDITIONS



**Saturday, May 5th**  
**Registration: 11:30am**  
**Auditions: 12pm-4pm**  
**Blacburn Hall, Walpole**

\*Auditioners must be between the ages of 10-20

\*Auditioners are encouraged to be available for the entire time, but this is not required

\*Some auditioners may be released at 2:30pm

\*Auditions will consist of improvisation and readings from the script.

### Dear [FIRSTNAME],

WCT had a successful 2011-2012 season! *Jack & the Magic Beans* had the audiences laughing and *Jungle Book* brought Rudyard Kipling's classic adventure to life! For each production, WCT added a new director to the staff (Brian Connolly & Laura Barry). For the third consecutive winter, the performances brought in sold out crowds. The box office continues to upgrade and become more efficient. And most importantly, WCT has a growing number of supporters, like you! We strive to bring quality children's productions to our community. Thank you for your continued patronage and support!

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This past winter, WCT recognized **Paul MacPhee** for his dedication to the group with a WCT Achievement Award. Since 1993, Paul has been the set designer and set constructor for all WCT productions. For 36 productions, he has spent countless hours preparing the sets to create the magical environment for the shows. Congratulations and thank you to Paul for everything you have done for WCT!

### STANDING OVATION

Congratulations to WCT member, **Justin Connolly**, for earning his *10th*

*Performance Award* this past winter. This acknowledgement is given to WCT cast members when they have performed in 10 WCT productions as recognition for their dedication and commitment to the group. His most recent roles were "Tabaqui the Jackal" in *Jungle Book* and "Smee" in *Peter Pan*. Justin is performing in the role of *Rooster* in Ursaline Academy's production of "*Annie*" in May. Also, he is starring in "*The Full Windsor*," which will be shown at Walpole High School's film festival in May.

**Joyce MacPhee** is performing in "Viva Las Vegas" opening at the [Starline Room in Stoughton](#) April 28th. She is participating in a workshop of an original musical "*Paragon Park*" which will premiere at [the Company Theatre in Norwell](#) this summer. In addition, she has been working with the band, *The Rhythm Room* and performing for

\*No experience is necessary.  
\*Auditioners will be contacted via phone call if they are cast  
\*Contact Lisa Cyr: [lrcyrslp@verizon.net](mailto:lrcyrslp@verizon.net) with questions or conflicts

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to download a registration sheet

### Alumni Corner

WCT is excited to add a new segment to the newsletter dedicated to updating our followers on the projects of our alum. If you are a WCT alum, please let us know about any exciting news you have.

Last May, **Chris Staley**, graduated the A.R.T./MXAT Institute at Harvard University where he earned an MFA in acting. In his first year out of school, Chris performed in small and regional theaters (and even an opera!) in NYC, Indianapolis, and Charlotte, and also directed a show in Indiana. Chris is now a proud member of Actors Equity Association, and currently is working on two shows. The first is a self written one-man show that he will act in, and hopefully premiere at festivals this summer. The second (as he traces his theater roots back to WCT) is a collection of fairy tales and children's stories adapted for a modern audience that he will direct at the Saratoga ArtsFest in June.

**Jon Smith**, a freshman at Elon University, recently starred in and was involved with the production of a short film titled "*The Daffodil*," which has been submitted to the student academy awards and will also be entered in other film festivals. He is also the jib operator for a short that is entered in the Sprite Refreshing Films competition called "*Rocketeer*".

**Taylor MacLeod**, is a freshman at Boston College as a double major in Biology and Music. He performed as Ernest in Boston College's production of "*Spring Awakening*." He also performs in an acapella group on campus, "*The Acoustics*". He accepted into a Boston Conservatory Musical Theatre Intensive, where I was one of 5 undergraduate students picked out of an applicant pool of 600.

**Allison Martell** starred in Westfield State University's fall production of "*The Deputy*," which was a black box theatrical production.

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schools as part of a music enrichment program. Check them out at [www.rhythmroomlive.com](http://www.rhythmroomlive.com)

**Lisa Cyr** will be performing in "*Thanksgiving*" by Kristen Greenidge. This production is Footlighters Theater 2012 entry in the *Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theaters Drama Festival (EMACT)* in June. The one-act will be performed at Footlighters Theater in Walpole prior to the festival on June 23rd at 8pm & June 24th at 2pm. Special event tickets for these performances are available for \$5 through the box office 508-668-8446 or online at [www.footlighters.com](http://www.footlighters.com)

**Peter McElhinney** is directing "*Spreading It Around*" at Footlighters Theater, which opens in May. **Elizabeth Smith** is Assistant Directing with Peter for this production. Tickets for this production can be purchased through the box office 508-668-8446 or online at [www.footlighters.com](http://www.footlighters.com)

Congratulations to WCT members who recently performed in Walpole High School's production of "*Grease*"- **Jackie Gately, Becky Chariton, Michael McKeon, Ariana Chariton, Leah D'sa, Marc Sheehan, Rory Hardiman, Angela Driscoll, and Jessica McNamara.**

Congratulations to our WCT members who will be graduating in a few short weeks!

**Justin Connolly**, Walpole High School  
**Kellie Jo McCann**, Walpole High School  
**Julianna Donaher**, Walpole High School

### DONATIONS

WCT relies on ticket sales and donations to fund its productions. There are two easy ways monetary donations can be made.

- 1) When purchasing tickets, add any amount into the "tip jar" as part of your transaction.
- 2) Click the link below to make a direct donation.

Donations will be used toward all areas of the production, such as costumes, sets, venue rental, scripts, and royalties.



### WINTER 2012

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Jungle Book* on the wonderful run this past February and March. Thank you to all who contributed to this magical production, including those in front of, in back of, and on the stage!







**JOIN WALPOLE FOOTLIGHTERS FOR THEIR SPRING PRODUCTION!**

**SPREADING**



**IT AROUND**

***SPREADING IT AROUND***

A Comedy by Londos d'Arrigo

Directed by Peter McElhinney

May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 2012 at 8:00 pm

May 6, 20 at 2:00 pm.

For tickets call 508-668-8446  
or go online at

<http://www.footlighters.com/>

### **THEATER 101**

*How much do you know about theater? Each newsletter issue will provide information about the technical and behind the scenes aspects of the theater arts.*

In this past winter's production of *Jungle Book*, a large platform was framed with burlap-covered rigid foam insulation to create the cave. Vines were attached to the cave, giving it the jungle-feel. The same technique using the foam insulation and burlap was used with to create Council Rock. A large vibrant drop in the background made the small set appear larger than life.

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

In the picture to the right, Colby Cecca portrays Marilla Cuthbert and Allison Martel plays Anne Shirley in WCT's 2005 production of "*Anne of Green Gables*."

### **WCT BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Can you name the actors in this scene, the production and the year?



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