



## OKTC STAGE DOOR NEWSLETTER

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### November is here with a bang!

I think I say this every month, but it's hard to believe that this Fall season is flying by so quickly! We have already opened two very successful productions for our 26<sup>th</sup> season, *Silverwing* and *The Seussification of Romeo & Juliet*. And November is shaping up to be a very busy month indeed! Read on for more!



*Silverwing* (photo credit: Werner Koenen)



*The Seussification of Romeo & Juliet* (photo credit: Fred Szoldatits)

## Coming up this month at OKTC!

November is a JAM-PACKED month at OKTC! We are bringing to you four fantastic productions and four sensational showcases – it's gonna be HUGE! Hold onto your hats, because we've got lots to share with you...

Coming up first this month is a pixelated paradise of video game goodness in ***Press Start! with Stagecraft: The Video Game***. Opening tomorrow and playing through November 6, you'll experience all your favourite video game characters LIVE onstage at the Spriet!

We start with *Stagecraft: The Video Game*, where Katie strikes a deal with her cousin Matt: he has to be in her school play unless he can beat the new, never-before-seen video game she's brought along with her. Matt soon finds himself in a wild, virtual world of theatre! And *Press Start!* is a new musical unlike anything else: it's the first show ever to be composed entirely in 8-bit synthesizers reminiscent of the soundtracks from the original Nintendo and Sega consoles. When the famous characters we know and love run out of lives, they decide to put on a musical fundraiser that will help them raise gold rings to play on. Through hilarious and heartfelt musical numbers we see the heroes, villains and sidekicks like we've never seen them before.



*The cast of Press Start! with Stagecraft: The Video Game (photo credit: Fred Szoldatits)*

Next up in November is a world-premiere production that is sure to have you rolling in your seats – ***Star Chores: The Phantom Maintenance***! Quite a long time ago, in a galaxy some considerable distance from here, a fierce battle was waged between the Unreasonable Empire and the Rebellious Upstarts. Stalwart heroes risked life and limb to keep the universe safe from nasty villains who would stop at nothing in their quest to control the universe. This however, is not their story. This is the story of the chumps who had to clean up the mess. From London-born playwright, Jayson McDonald, creator of Spring 2016's phenomenally successful *Wizard School Dropout*, comes an all-new send up into the fantastical world

looking very similar to a famous movie series you all know and love! The farce is strong with this one, playing November 10-13!

Check out their newest teaser trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHKj9Z6XiBw>

We continue on our month of epic geekery and go from video games and sci-fi to the world of fantasy role-playing games! ***She Kills Monsters***, playing November 18-20, tells the story of Agnes Evans as she leaves her childhood home in Ohio following the death of her teenage sister, Tilly. When Agnes finds Tilly's Dungeons & Dragons notebook, however, she stumbles into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world that was Tilly's refuge. This dramatic comedy is filled with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, epic battles, and 90s pop culture – a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.



*The cast of **She Kills Monsters** with their weapons! (photo credit: Greg Mizon)*

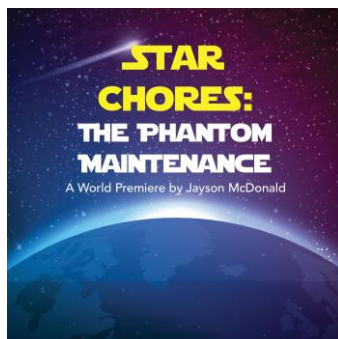
But wait... “Attention, this is your captain speaking!” Book your tickets for November 24-27, because we are bringing to you ***Secrets Every Smart Traveler Should Know***! Based on the best-selling book from Fodor's, this hilarious musical revue offers travel tips... and cautionary tales! Everything from the coach class blues to pesky customs officials is lampooned in this smash-hit off-Broadway revue. Get caught on the "automated flight reservation systems," book a flight with "Miracle Airlines," get your luggage lost, or even find yourself “Naked in Pittsburgh.” So hop on for the ride - it's sure to be a hysterical trip to the theatre!

And we don't stop there! On November 26 and 27, we celebrate our first-year Original Kids with our four ***T.A.G. Showcases***! T.A.G. stands for “The Actor Grows” and our newest company members have truly been growing as performers, studying and practicing and learning new skills, and they are so excited to show off everything they've learned this season. From mime and tableau to singing and



dancing and everything in between, these new Original Kids are going to knock your socks off! Come support our rookies and cheer them on in their Spriet Family Theatre debuts!

Tickets for our Fall 2016 season shows (including our T.A.G. showcases!) are on sale now. Be sure to get your tickets early, to ensure you get the best seats. We had SEVEN productions in our 2015-2016 season sell out their ENTIRE runs (*every single performance!*) so avoid disappointment and get your tickets early! We also offer subscription packages for our shows, which are a great deal!



## Tech Volunteers Needed!

We are still looking for Original Kid volunteer technical assistants ***Secrets Every Smart Traveller Should Know***, ***Elf the Musical Jr.***, and ***Seussical the Musical***, including sound operators, wireless assistants, and production assistants.

Tech volunteers must be in at least grade 7 and be able to present themselves in a mature and professional manner at all times. Please email Kerry as soon as possible for more information or if you'd like to sign up!



## And there's even more!

- Applications for **Box Office Team Members** and **Stage Manager / Assistant Director (SM/AD)** positions for Spring 2017 are coming up soon! Keep an eye on the Employment Page (<http://originalkids.ca/employment-opportunities.html>) for more information and to apply.
- Registrations for **Winter and March Break Kidlets** are available now! If you know a young person aged 5-8 who is interested in acting, singing and dancing, Original Kidlets might be the perfect place for them! Visit <http://originalkids.ca/kidlets> to register.
- Musical Theatre Productions presents **DEFYING GRAVITY: a Mega Musical Cabaret** on Friday November 25 and Saturday November 26. This cabaret features music from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*, *Cats*, *Wicked* and more with a very special youth performance with music from *Annie*. This production features a large number of current and former Original Kids, alumni and staff members, including director Kristina Baron-Woods. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit <http://mtplondon.ca>.



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