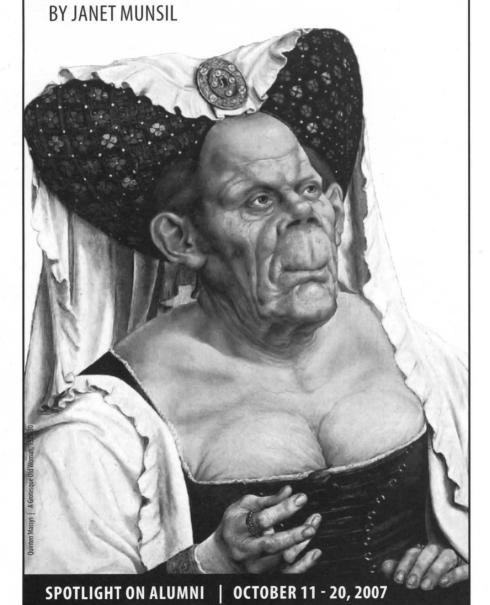
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## The Ugly Duchess

by Janet Munsil

with **Paul Terry** as The Ugly Duchess

Director

**Britt Small** 

Set Designer

Janet Munsil

Costume Designer

Roberta Doylend

Lighting Designer

**Nathan Brown** 

Paul Terry\* appears with permission of the Canadian Actor's Equity Association

#### Notes from the Playwright

I was wandering around the National Gallery in London, a totally overwhelmed tourist, when I came face-to-face with Flemish painter Quentin Matsys' *Portrait of a Grotesque Old Woman*, affectionately known as "The Ugly Duchess." Reputedly a posthumous portrait of Margaret of Bohemia, (less affectionately known as The Maultasch or "Pocket-Mouth,") the portrait was based on a sketch by Leonardo da Vinci, and in turn inspired Tenniel's drawing of the Duchess (with the baby/pig) who Alice meets in Wonderland. Margaret Maultasch was a real woman who governed Tyrol, briefly, in the 14th Century. She was divorced from her first husband, and excommunicated. She lived through the Great Death — a.k.a. the Black Plague - which wiped out two-thirds of Europe. Nobody knows how ugly she really was.

Janet Munsil

The Ugly Duchess was first produced in Victoria BC as part of the Open Space New Theatre Series in March of 1993. It was remounted in the Victoria Fringe Festival, and again at the UNO Festival of Solo Performance in February 1999. Nominated for Best Solo Performance by the Bay Area Critic's Circle in San Francisco, it was chosen Pick of the San Francisco Fringe in 1999, and was sold out and held over as 'Best of the Fest' at the 2002 Winnipeg Fringe, and the 2003 Toronto Fringe, and sold out at the Edmonton Fringe in 2004. In 2005, it toured to the Prague Fringe Festival and to the Belltable in Limerick Ireland in 2006.

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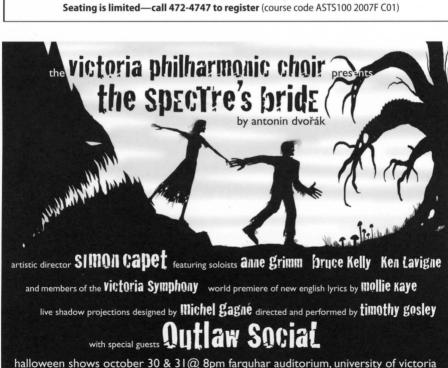
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#### Welcome from the Chair



What a pleasure to be back at UVic and the day-to-day energy and enthusiasm that emanates from our students! After a year away, I had forgotten how their daily commitment to both their education and to the creation of engaging and relevant theatre so inspires me.

It is our philosophy at the Department of Theatre that theatre is best studied through performance. Our students graduate from here and enter the world of community, professional and educational theatre well positioned to

succeed. The first play of our season is a testament to this as we welcome back several alumni who continue to excel in their chosen disciplines. Each Fall we introduce you to the talents our new students and in the Spring it is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to another generation of talented artists who will, undoubtedly, make their impact on contemporary theatre. Our cycle continues.

I am proud to be a part of this cycle. I believe we all – the faculty, the staff and you the audience - play a part in their education. For it is through your attendance, your applause, and your support, that they are given the means to learn and develop as artists. So, on behalf of the department, I would like to thank you for sharing our commitment to the next generation of theatre artists that I am sure will influence all of our lives in the future.

**Brian Richmond** 





#### Janet Munsil Playwright

Janet is a graduate of the University of Victoria Department of Theatre program (BFA 1989), where she studied directing and design, before discovering she was a playwright. At the Phoenix she designed the set for *The Visit*, directed the pub scenes from *Henry IV Part 1* at the old Barley Mow Pub in Cadboro Bay, and was a Stage Manager and Company Manager for many productions at Phoenix Summer Theatre. Her plays include *The Ugly Duchess, Emphysema, Be Still*,

Circus Fire, and That Elusive Spark, which was commissioned for the Phoenix and which will have its professional premiere in Calgary in 2008 as part of the Alberta Theatre Projects playRites Festival. Her plays have toured internationally and have been produced across Canada and the UK, including The West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds, and the Soho Theatre, London. A specialist in weird historical incidents and unusual bio-plays, she is currently working on Influence, about John Keats and the Elgin Marbles (for Touchstone Theatre, Vancouver), and a monologue for a horse, I Have Seen Beautiful Jim Key. Since 1992, she has been the Producer/ Artistic Director of Intrepid Theatre, producers of the Victoria Fringe Festival and Uno Festival, and creators of the new Metro Studio in downtown Victoria.



#### Paul Terry Ugly Duchess

Paul studied scenic carpentry and lighting design at UVic (BFA 1989) before discovering he was an actor. At the Phoenix he appeared in *The Visit*, *The Fisherman's Revenge*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Engaged*, and *Twelfth Night*, and since graduation has appeared in forty productions including *Urinetown* (Belfry), *My Fair Lady* (Henry Higgins) at Chemainus, *Molly's Veil* (Western Canada Theatre, Kamloops), *Intimate Exchanges* (Theatre One), *The Mysterious* 

Mr Love (Giggling Iguana), Be Still (Richmond Gateway/Belfry) Emphysema (Open Space), several shows for Capital Comedy Theatre, Into the Woods, Camelot, and Me and My Girl for VOS, and nineteen productions at Langham Court Theatre including Breaking the Code, Arcadia, Pygmalion, The Mystery of Irma Vep, 42nd Street, The Lion in Winter, Betrayal, and Rebecca. He has performed in The Ugly Duchess across Canada in the Fringe Festivals and Toronto's Summerworks Festival, at the San Francisco Fringe, and more recently in Prague and Limerick, Ireland. In addition to acting, Paul is a full-time building contractor in Victoria.





#### Britt Small Director

Britt has a BFA (1998) and a MFA in Directing from UVic (2004) and has received three local awards for best direction as well as a professional development grant from the Canada Council to attend LaMama Theatre's International Director's Symposium in Italy. At the Phoenix Theatre, she directed *Electra* as her thesis production as well as *Circus Fire* also by Janet Munsil. Britt has also directed numerous Fringe plays in the past few years including *Legoland*, *Potentilla*, *Scrupulosity* and *I Thee Wed*. Other directing

credits include Jacob Richmond's *The Qualities of Zero, Firebugs* at William Head on Stage and the upcoming *My Chernobyl* at the Belfry. Together with Jacob Richmond, she is the co-artistic director of the popular cabaret *Atomic Vaudeville* which has been running since June 2004. She also plays in the band Slut Revolver.



#### Roberta Doylend Costume Designer

Award winning Theatrical Designer, Roberta has designed costumes for over 100 productions in the past 18 years. A rare designer in today's world, she also drafts, sews and coordinates the actors' from head to toe. She has taught design and construction and has mentored several successful designers in the industry. Roberta's specialty is period design with a focus in the late Victorian era. Her strong sense of colour, texture and exacting detail in her designs, has made her work sought after in the industry. Roberta is also an

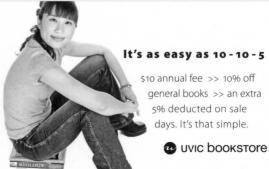
UVic alumna, receiving her BFA from the Department of Theatre in 1992. She was Resident Designer for Chemainus Theatre Company (94-02), Conservatory of Music, Opera Studio (91-01), Malaspina University College (92-97), Kaleidoscope Theatre (01-05) and has designed acclaimed period documentary films. She also freelances with several theatre and production companies in BC and abroad.



#### Nathan Brown Lighting Designer

Nathan is very excited to be working on *The Ugly Duchess*, as this will be his first design for a main stage production here at the Phoenix Theatre. Nathan is currently in his third year at the University of Victoria, working on his BFA in Theatre Desgin. Last season at the Phoenix he assisted the lighting designer for *Street of Crocodiles* in addition to co-designing the 2007 Find Studio Series. His most recent work includes the lighting design for the Student Alternative Theatre Companies productions of *The Sex Lives of Vegetables* and *Never Swin Alone*.





#### Phoenix Phacts

#### Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students News and Kudos

Jay Bennett won and Emmy for Outstanding Creative Achievement in Interactive Television for his work as associate producer for the Fallen Alternate Reality Game - a video game tie-in for the ABC Family television movie series Fallen... Our most recent graduating class has had considerable success since April. Danielle Janess, seen last year as Queen Elizabeth in Richard III, played Queen Victoria at the BC Parliament Buildings this summer. James Kot is going to war on the film set of Paul Gross' Passchendaele this October. He also just finished filming the TV movie Snow Globe, starring The Soprano's Lorraine Bracco and Christina Milian. Victor Dolhai recently worked with Kokoro Dance Theatre in their 12th Wreck Beach Butoh and with Ingrid Hansen's SNAFU Dance company and their production of BLINK – winner of the Best Physical Theatre/Dance at this year's Victoria Fringe Festival. Also enjoying Fringe success, Laura Harris was nominated for Best Female Performer for her performance in her self-written one-woman show, Pitch Blond. Theatre Calgary is keeping Kassia Warshawski busy, appearing as Hero in Much Ado About Nothing and playing Emily in their upcoming production of Our Town... Theatre SKAM recently staged the Canadian premiere of Melissa James Gibson's play [sic]. Alumnus Amiel Gladstone directed and Lucas Meyer and Michael Rinaldi performed. The Phoenix is making an impact at the Belfry Theatre this season with over a dozen artists showcasing their talents. Phoenix connections include Patrick Du Wors, Medina Hahn, Ereca Hassell, Rebekah Johnson, John Krich, Karen Levis, Brian Linds, Joan MacLeod, Erin Macklem, Jacob Richmond, Britt Small, Graeme Somerville, Celine Stubel, Sara Topham and more

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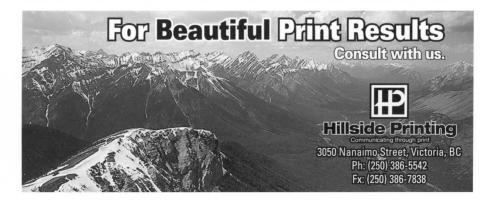
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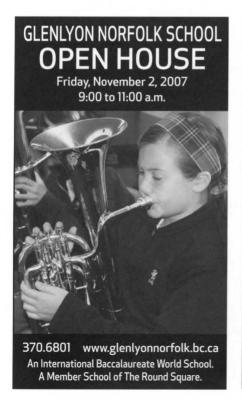
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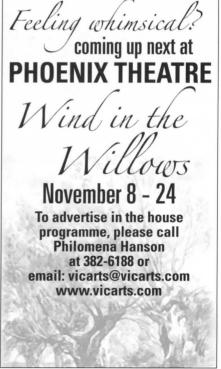
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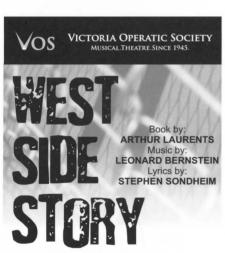
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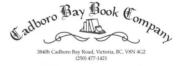


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