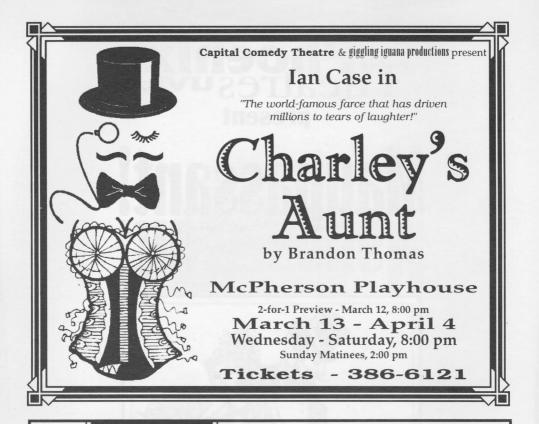
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Maupassant! Maupassant! is set in France during the second half of the 19th century. There will be one intermission

The costumes for Maupassant! Maupassant! have been created, reassembled and collaged from the Theatre Department of the University of Victoria, Alberta Theatre Projects and The Banff Centre of the Arts.

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## Kaz Piesowocki - Director

**S**ince 1972, Kazimierz Piesowocki has been teaching movement classes at the University of Victoria's Theatre Department.

**B**orn in Poznan, Poland, Kaz was educated and trained in the professional Dance and Academic program of Skolimow School and the Warsaw State Ballet School where he performed ballet, character and Folk Dance, both ensemble and solo.

**F**rom 1956 to 1961, he was with the Polish State Circus Institute touring Europe and Asia, training extensively in acrobatic dance. This was followed by four years with the Polish National Mime Theatre where he received his training in Mime and Acting, and his "permit to act " in Drama Theatres in Poland. There, he was principal actor in mimodramas, including his own acts and toured throughout Europe, the Middle East and to America to do stage and television work. For reasons known only to Kaz, he never returned to Poland.

**C**anada and its West Coast had much to offer Kazimierz. With his excellent training and background in acting, dance, mime, tumbling, trapeze and mask work, Kaz was hired by the Department of Theatre to impart his considerable talents to its students. His artistry and dedication is reflected in the talent and expertise of the students who have trained with him.

Throughout his career, Kaz has been particularly interested in directing productions from original material as opposed to established plays. Kaz has long been fascinated with the work of Guy de Maupassant. From the first time he read the short stories, he was intrigued with the possibilities of adapting the work from paper to the stage.

**M**aupassant! Maupassant! has been a work in progress for well over a year, culminating in an original work, a world premiere, adapted and staged by Kaz. He has also used the music of Erik Satie, another of his favorites, by integrating it into the performance.

**M**aupassant! Maupassant! features the fourth year acting specialization students, all of whom have trained extensively with Kaz. *Maupassant*! *Maupassant*! is Kaz' final project for the Phoenix Theatres. He will be hanging up his movement shoes at the end of April '98. A Phoenix fixture almost since day one - we will miss him greatly!

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## Guy de Maupassant



Guy de Maupassant was born on the 5th of August, 1850. Whether it was at the stately Château de Miromesnil, as it is probable, or at Fécamp as it is possible or at Stotteville, as the death certificate erroneously declares, or even at Yvetot, as one biographer claims, is of little consequence. We need only remember that he was born in Normandy and that he spent his entire youth there

The elder son of Laure and Gustave de Maupassant. His mother and maternal uncle were intimate friends of the author of *Madame Bovary* and that factor was to be of utmost importance in his early literary development. Until the age of thirteen he studied under the direction of his mother, who was a highly lettered person and who transmitted to him, among other things, a strong enthusiasm for Shakespeare. There

followed a brief period of study at the seminary of Yvetot, culminating in his expulsion as an insubordinate pupil. He was subsequently sent to the lycée at Rouen, where he had as a teacher Louis Bouilhet, who, with Flaubert, was to give direction to an increasing interest in literary expression. In 1880 after abandoning the pseudonyms under which he had contributed a few poems, tales, and studies to various periodicals, he suddenly burst into full glory with the publication of *Boule de Suif* (Ball of Fat). That story first appeared in a collective volume, *Les Soirées de Médan*. The columns of the most popular newspapers were immediately opened to Maupassant and practically overnight he became one of the highest-paid writers of the day. Ten years of poverty had come to an end. With royalties from his first volume of short stories, *La Maison Tellier* (Madame Tellier's Establishment), he could build his villa on the Normandy Coast and from the proceeds of his novel *Bel-Ami* he could purchase a yacht.

Immediately after "Ball of Fat", Maupassant devoted himself exclusively to literary activities of herculean proportions. Within a decade he had produced the incredible total of nearly three hundred short stories, a half-dozen novels and several other volumes, not to mention over two hundred miscellaneous articles, most of which have not appeared in book form.

In December 1891, when it was clear that his mind was disintegrating from syphilis, Maupassant tried to cut his throat with a razor, only to be thwarted by his servant, François. Another attempt in January was also unsuccessful. François saved him again, but he could not save him from a worse fate, internment in a mental institution, where he remained until his death eighteen months later at the age of forty-three.

## **Erik Satie**



**1866 -1925** - A French composer as eccentric in his way of life as in his music: his ways of thought were quite unlike anyone else's and his life was held together by small rituals of behaviour which seemed quite crazy to his friends. He gave his pieces ridiculous titles like *In Horse Costume* or *Pesterings and Posturings of a Big Wooden Dummy*, and told the performers `open your head' or `play like a nightingale with a toothache'.

Despite this foolery, musicians in Satie's own lifetime (and since) always took him very seriously. The reason is that he was just as eccentric in the harmonies and melodies he

used, avoiding tradition and breaking new ground - and once he had pioneered a style of writing, many other composers imitated him. Rather against his will, he was a kind of musical guru and *Debussy, Ravel, Stravinsky, Poulenc* and many others all learned from him.

Nowadays, when others have used his methods to produce far greater works than he ever could, it is sometimes hard to see just what the fuss was all about. But for all their triviality and weirdness, his pieces are always charming and some *Gymnopedies* have a great beauty which raises them far above eccentricity.



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## **Maupassant!** Maupassant!

Narrator throughout:

**Charles Ross** 

Scene 1. "The Secret"

Marguis of Rennedon Baroness de Grangerie Simon, husband to Marquise

Sara Topham **Marlis Schweitzer** David Mott

#### Scene 2. "The Confession"

Marquerite de Therelles Suzanne de Therelles **Catholic Priest** Altar Boy **Kristy Hennings** Jana Dempsey **Morgan Collins Nika Berry** 

Scene 3. "A Crisis" Count de Sallum Countess de Sallum

Adam Sawatsky **Mercedes Dunphy** 

#### Scene 4. "Hyppolyte's Claim"

Mme. Celeste Cesarine Luneau M. Hippolyte Lacour The Judge Baliff Witnesses

**Marlis Schweitzer Morgan Collins Rob Walker** David Mott Cara Dick, Jana Dempsey, Kristy Hennings, Sara Topham, Nika Berry, Gwyneth McIntosh

Scene 5. "The Revenge" M. de Garelle Mme. de Chantever, his ex-wife

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#### Scene 6. "Joseph"

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Jana Dempsey Cara Dick/Kristy Hennings (shadow) Rob Walker

#### Scene 7. "A Sale"

M. Brument, defendant

Mme. Brument, plaintif/wife M. Cornu, co-defendant Bailiff Gossips

Morgan Collins/ Adam Sawatsky (shadow) Mercedes Dunphy/Cara Dick (shadow) Rob Walker/Nika Berry (shadow) Marlis Schweitzer Gwyneth McIntosh, Kristy Hennings Jana Dempsey, Natalia Seal

#### Scene 8. "Forbidden Fruit"

lenrietta	Sara Topham
Paul	Nika Berry
Waiter	Rob Walker

#### Scene 9. "In Port"

David Mott
Gwyneth Macintosh
Nika Berry, Adam Sawatsky, Morgan Collins, Rob Walker, Marlis Schweitzer,
Sara Topham, Kristy Hennings, Natalia Seal,
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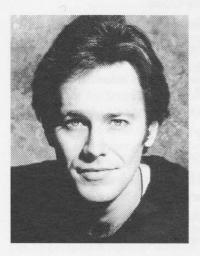


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### PETER OUTERBRIDGE

**S**ince graduating from the UVic's Department of Theatre in the Spring of 1988, Peter has never looked back. Always in demand, Peter's career has been filled with opportunities to work on stage, in movies and for television.

**E**arly Phoenix patrons and Phoenix alumni will remember Peter for his memorable roles in *Hay Fever, Crimes of The Heart, The Miser, West Side Story* and *Danny and The Deep Blue Sea*, the latter leading to the formation of the Fringe Festival's Way Off Broadway Group.

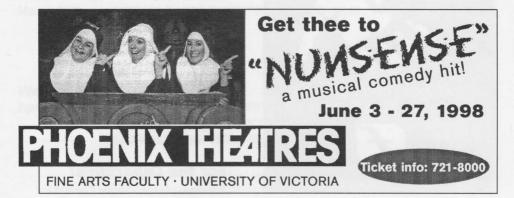
Film buffs can see Peter in such movies as Disney's

smash-hit *Cool Runnings*, *Paris France* and *Kissed* for which he received a Genie Award nomination.

He has worked extensively in television, receiving Gemini Award Nominations for his roles in the Lou Gosset Jr. film, *The James Mink Story* and *The Outer Limits* for Showtime. Most recently Peter was seen in the CBC feature film *Giant Mine*.

**H**e currently lives in Los Angeles with his fiancée where he continues to work on the weekly television series, *Michael Hayes*, playing U.S. Attorney John Henry Manning alongside David Caruso. (This can be seen Tuesday nights on CHEK T.V.)

Peter comments that his training at The Phoenix prepared him for the "flakey business of Hollywood". He believes that he is able to survive there because of the grounding and discipline he received at the Phoenix. Peter says "UVic provided me with a safe model in which to work out all the potential scenarios of "flakedom" and a compass to keep me moving in the right direction; because <u>all</u> it ever stressed was <u>the work</u>... and that's all it ever, ever comes down to."





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## **Phoenix** Phacts

**G**ood news for Faculty Member **Jan Wood** and her husband **Brian Linds** (who was seen recently in the Belfry's *Picasso at the Lapin Agile.*) They will both be working for Bard On The Beach in Vancouver this summer with roles in *As You Like It* and *Richard III.* 

• Graduate, Nicholas Harrison was featured in a lead role in The Outer Limits and was fight director for Scott Hick's Snow Falling On Cedar (to be released this December) as well as the Leslie Neilsen film Wrongfully Accused. • The 32nd annual Show of Hearts was held in Vancouver this past Valentine's Day. Sara Taylor, a graduate last year was a featured performer on the show. Less than four months ago, Sara was diagnosed with a rare form of life-threatening cancer. She has been undergoing many long and arduous forms of treatment. Instead of giving up, Sara told her mom she wanted to do something important with her life, so her mother contacted the Show of Hearts and asked if Sara could volunteer. The producer of the show was so impressed by both her spirit and her talent that he decided to make her an on-air presenter and arranged for her to perform a number written for her. All of us at the Phoenix wish Sara, our very best for a complete recovery. Sara's mom, Pat Taylor is the producer for Eureka Theatre Company. She has hired Jason Mitchell (Hamlet in Hamlet) and Mairi Babb (Gertrude in Hamlet) to perform this summer in Barkerville, B.C.. • Dany Lyne is designing set and costumes for Tarragon Theatre's production of Patience by Jason Sherman. • Mitch McGowan (BFA '87) has recently returned from Ireland where he earned his M. Phil. in Irish Theatre Studies from Trinity College. Mitch will be directing Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa for the Washington Shakespeare Festival in Olympia this summer. • 30 undergraduate theatre students and 10 alumni had the privilege of taking part in three workshops with the master of mime, Marcel Marceau. The Marceau workshops were presented by the Orion Fund in Fine Arts and by the Dean of **Fine Arts** 

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