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*Season's Greetings  
to all from PAL Vancouver*

## **We Made It!!!**

**PAL Vancouver has reached an important goal: to raise \$500,000 in time to qualify for matching funding from the City of Vancouver!**

## **President's Message**

**PAL** Vancouver has much to celebrate in this season of miracles. The building is up, the suites are magnificent and the first residents will be moving in next April.

*In three short years a dedicated group of people supported by an imaginative city, generous individuals, unions & professional associations, foundations and government have defied the odds and are making our dream a reality. I send you all the very best wishes for a Happy Chanukah and Merry Christmas and a more peaceful world in 2006.*

*Jane Heyman,  
President, PAL Vancouver*

## **The Dream Comes True!!!**

Sounds of joy, elation and excitement reverberated across the city when applicants received notice of their acceptance into the building. The first residents will move in on April 1st with all their worldly goods. What a day that will be - the end of a dream and the beginning of a new reality in a splendid environment. Word is circulating from the Building Committee members who have been participating in the deficiency check that everything about the suites is of the highest quality and most exquisite design. One woman who sells top market condos said that the workmanship, detail and decoration are the best she has ever seen. Those fortunate enough to live there will not believe their good luck in living in such surroundings among a group of like - minded colleagues. Hurrah!!!

## **THANKS! Dr. Yosef Wosk**

On November 3 President Jane Heyman invited well-known Vancouver scholar and philanthropist, **Dr. Yosef Wosk** on a tour of the building with **John Vance Chris Tyrell** and **Tony DuMoulin**. Dr. Wosk was impressed by the project and generous with his ideas and support, committing (over the next three years) to name the Reading Room and establish an endowment. PAL offers sincere thanks to Dr. Wosk.

Our office will close on Friday December 23 at 2:00 pm and reopen on Wednesday January 4 at 10:00 am.

## Mark Your Calendars



### Peter Pan

**December 27, at 7:00pm  
The Waterfront Theatre,**

A Christmas Treat for the Whole Family  
Carousel Theatre will give all the proceeds of this performance of "PETER PAN" to PAL. This "splendid holiday production complete with flying and fairies and the joy of believing through our childhood eyes" will be a wonderful treat for everyone. Thanks, Carole Higgins and Carousel!

**Carousel Theatre Box Office  
604-685-6217**



### Chekhov at the Cathedral

In just three Monday evenings in January you will see Chekhov's major works at Christ Church Cathedral. Produced by PAL Vice-President Donna Wong-Juliani, all proceeds from these performances will go to PAL

Monday, January 9, 7:00  
**The Cherry Orchard**  
directed by Terry Kelly

Monday, January 16, 7:00  
**Uncle Vanya**  
directed by Anna Hagan

Monday, January 23, 7:00  
**Three Sisters**  
directed by Andrée Karras

## Donors Tour PAL Vancouver Building

On October 17, major donors were invited to join PAL Vancouver for coffee and cake at the Bayshore Hotel and a hard - hat tour of the building. The turnout was wonderful and the room buzzed in anticipation of finally getting into the building.

Before the tour began, PAL Patron, **Jean Orr** presented Honorary President, **Joy Coghill** with a cheque to name a suite in honour of well-known Vancouver impresario, **David Y.H. Lui**. In a note attached to the donation, Jean Orr wrote,

*... How proud I am to be part, in a small way of PAL Vancouver. Everyone connected to this project has been inspiring and the "dream" continues. It is thrilling to be part of this vibrant organization.*

Soon the guests - including donors **Bill Richardson, Annette Rothstein, Faigie Waisman, Abraham Rogatnik**, as well as **Lionel Johnston** (Melusine Foundation) **Paul Attila** (DCG), **Howard Storey & Mercedes Watson** (UBCP), and **Valerie Sing Turner** (CAEA) - were donning PAL hard-hats and joining PAL's social housing advisor, **John Vance** and heading to the construction elevator which took them first to the 8th floor to see where the theatre, green room and roof garden will be located. Although the theatre is not built yet, it was easy to see that the space will be a wonderful inspiration for creative work. The views from the roof garden are amazing. Looking west down the street towards Stanley Park is a beautiful fountain while looking east one sees mountains and ships in the harbour. There is a great feeling of space as there are no buildings adjacent to PAL. The last stop on the tour was to one of the PAL Partner suites, which although filled with boxes and construction workers, still gave the impression of a stunning apartment. The tour was a great success as the guests were all elated to actually see what their donations have built.

## Be a PAL Vancouver Volunteer

PAL Vancouver relies on volunteers, and more are always welcome. We are particularly interested in hearing from performing artists (and veterans) who are free during the day, have a car and who are on-line and computer literate. If you are such a person, and wish to volunteer, please contact the PAL Vancouver office and let us know—the gift of your time and skills is as valuable as cash donations to us at PAL. Please consider volunteering. We need and appreciate your support.

## Welcome Aboard Senator!!!

Vancouver's former mayor and new senator, **Larry Campbell** has accepted PAL Vancouver's invitation to become Honorary Patron. A stalwart supporter of the PAL project since the beginning, Larry Campbell has often gone out of his way to express his interest and confidence in the endeavour. In his remarks at Ode to Joy 2005, he admitted that he is a great admirer of Honorary President, Joy Coghill who reminds him of "his dear mother, a sweet person to whom it is impossible to say no". We are honoured that Senator Campbell is joining the PAL Vancouver team.

## Vital New Members Join PAL Board

**William Butler**, representing IATSE 891 and **Anthony Ingram** representing Canadian Actors' Equity Association joined the PAL Vancouver Board in November. They have already joined a committee initiated by **Keith Martin Gordey** to enhance their unions' affiliation with PAL and to offer whatever support may be needed. Welcome aboard!!!

## Andis Celms 1938 - 2005

The arts community was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of **Andis Celms** in Vancouver recently. Andis had touched the lives of so many of us whether in helping us to negotiate a production through the byways of the National Arts Centre or simply offering tremendous support and advice on a diverse range of projects including PAL Vancouver. Andis was a strong and compassionate leader in Canada's arts community. We will miss him and send our most heartfelt sympathy to Susan, Sabrina and Julian in this difficult time

## Spotlight on UBCP

The Union of British Columbia Performers is one of PAL Vancouver's most dedicated and generous partners. They have been there for us every step of the way donating people, time, goods and services and financial support.

As an ex-officio member of the PAL Vancouver Board, **Keith Martin Gordey** has actively participated in every area of the project development. He has arranged for donations of office furniture when needed, space for PAL Board retreats, spread information through the UBCP network and made himself available for countless hours of committee work as well as volunteering at special events. He has recently come up with a plan to network with other unions on behalf of PAL. UBCP was one of the first major donors to PAL Vancouver setting a standard for other agencies to follow. In addition to naming the main floor lobby, UBCP recently made an additional donation to name a suite in honour of **John Juliani**. PAL Vancouver extends sincere gratitude to Howard Storey, President of UBCP, the Board, the staff and all the members of this munificent union. Our gratitude to UBCP knows no bounds.

## Look for Jane on Granville Street

On Friday, November 11, following **Dal Richard's** annual "We'll Meet Again" concert, President **Jane Heyman** was inducted into the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame. British Columbians who have made an outstanding contribution to the performing arts are recognized on the Starwalk with plaques embedded into the sidewalk along Granville Street's Theatre Row. There maybe some sparks flying on the west side of the street as Jane's star takes its place between her good friends and colleagues, **Joy Coghill** and **Kathryn Shaw**. Congratulations Jane!!!

## In Appreciation

Thanks to all our many generous donors and supporters . We will include a complete list of you all in the next PALaver.

## To Serve You Better

If you received this copy by mail, and want to help PAL save money, please send your email address to [info@palvancouver.org](mailto:info@palvancouver.org) and let us know that you would like us to send your subsequent issues of PALaver electronically.

## PAL Suites Available for You!!

Artists helping artists—that's PAL Vancouver. We are a non-profit society, created to provide quality affordable housing and support for seniors and the disabled in the performing arts and allied professions. We were founded in 2001 as a chapter of Performing Arts Lodges of Canada. Our PAL Vancouver Lodge, a new mixed-income development, is located at Bayshore Gardens, adjacent to Georgia and Cardero near the Westin Bayshore Hotel. It sits in a prime downtown location, close to recreation centres, a library, Stanley Park, Robson Market and the seawall, and it also has numerous amenities including a multi-purpose performance space and roof garden. A group of volunteers - PAL's Angels offers residents friendship, assistance and arrangement support services for tenants.

The majority of suites will address the reality of poverty for senior cultural workers. The rest of our suites, however, are offered at \$1,080/month—these are our “near market” suites. They are a bargain—their rental rate is at least 10% below market value. If you are interested in a “near market” suite (especially if you are over age 55 and have a connection to the performing arts), please visit the PAL Vancouver website at [www.palvancouver.org](http://www.palvancouver.org). There are application forms on the PAL website—just hit the “Becoming a Resident” button on the left of the homepage. Call our office if you have any questions.

**The PAL Vancouver Lodge  
DISPLAY SUITE  
opens February 2006.**

**Community:** PAL will respond to resident needs and staff will work with residents to create a vibrant and inclusive community for people with a common interest and history in the performing arts.

**The PAL Studio Theatre and Lounge:** A multi-purpose space for the use of residents and the community.

**The Roof Garden:** An oasis with spectacular views of Coal Harbour, the mountains and downtown.

**Reading Room:** A quiet place to go and a place where residents can share resources.

**Hobby Room:** A place for undertaking projects, hosting meetings and doing arts and crafts.

**Pet Policy:** Within guidelines, pets are welcome.

**Laundry:** Each suite has its own washing machine and dryer.

**Parking:** There is parking available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Ode to Joy 2005

*“What a remarkable experience! From zero to mach ten in what seemed like the blink of an eye, a vast phalanx of spectacular talent filled every nook and cranny of the vast Chan Centre with what could only be described as an orgy of energy.”*

—Stephen Courtenay  
Stage Manager

Produced by PAL Vice-President **Donna Wong Juliani** supported by a hard working team, O2J 2005 was an artistic success par excellence. From the moment **Jay Brazeau** delivered Stephen Sondheim's Invocation it was evident that something special was going to happen and it did! **Edith Wallace** won all hearts including **Senator Larry Campbell's**; young virtuoso, **Jonathan Chan** wowed us again, this time playing both piano and violin; **Marek Norman** and **Barbara Barsky's** “Broadway Baby” electrified the hall; the father and son team of **Swingamajig** had the audience tapping their feet in time to the fiddles; **Doug Cameron's** Dame Moogo was comedic ecstasy. The evening was rounded out by the talented **Elektra Women's Choir**, the inspiring **PAL Chorus** and the highly evocative movement of the **Lorita Leung Dancers**. Finally, it was time to honour **Dal Richards**. **Edith Wallace** serenaded him with his favourite song, “Someone to Watch Over Me” and then Senator Larry Campbell made a short but heartfelt introduction and **Dal Richards** proceeded to rock the house down with all the old favourites which have made this 87 year old and his orchestra such a Vancouver treasure. By the end of the set everyone left the hall buzzing with the energy of this great dance band. The audience was transported in every direction from laughter to tears of joy, from surprise to awe. They fell in love, tapped their feet and clapped their hands with rapt attention throughout the evening. Each and every performer, technician, director, stage manager and everyone else involved “should feel a glow of pride that comes with the successful delivery of a highly entertaining venture”.