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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Savoy member

The summer is moving on and we are getting nearer to the auditions in September! I do hope everyone is practicing his or her audition pieces.

I'm very happy to announce that our Music Director for the next production is to be Jacob Caines. Jacob is a young musician currently a Masters student at the University of Ottawa. He is an excellent leader with a bright future as a musical director. We are confident that he will be a popular and talented choice and will enable us to achieve great success.

Our Stage Director is to be Meredith Matthews. She is, as most of you know, a long time contributor and a bright star in the Savoy firmament. Those of us who have worked with her before know that her sparkle and enthusiasm will create a Mikado production second to none and we will enjoy every minute of it.

We have had two very generous donations since our AGM exceeding already the donations we received last year. Penny Mapleston is working hard at this portfolio to ensure our future financial stability. Your board is committed to reducing costs, being a generous donor to local charitable causes and continuing to create the same excellent productions as we have done in the past. To achieve this, we will require enthusiasm and support from all members: **on and off the stage.**

At the Open house on September 7th you will be told of the expectations the Board has of our members for their involvement in Savoy activities. You will also learn of the increased activities we hope to have as a Society in addition to our theatrical efforts.

We had a meeting with board members from Montreal's Lakeshore Light Opera and as a result have many new ideas we hope to put into practice. Our liaison with LLO is a long-standing one and we will continue it, with renewed energy, to our mutual benefit. Our thanks are due to Richard Langlois, a member of both societies, for his efforts in this regard.

The open house is on September 7th at Kitchissippi United Church (our traditional rehearsal hall) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please come. Bring friends and family. There is room in Savoy for many members in addition to those involved in the annual production. Auditions will also be held at the Kitchissippi United Church on Saturday, September 10th (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and on Sunday the 11th from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00p.m. For more information, please visit our web site at: www.ottawasavoyociety.org or call 613-825-5855.

Sincerely

John

President