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Three Schooner Productions presents

Trey Parker's CANNIBAL: THE MUSICAL

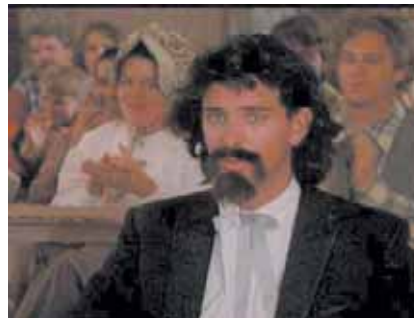
It has been nearly two years since Three Schooner Productions' co-founder Mike Vardy had envisioned bringing "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker's cult favourite to Victoria. That has now become a reality, as the curtain goes up on the Western Canada premiere of Cannibal: The Musical this July through August at The Esquimalt Community Theatre.

Before the creation of "South Park", and in the tradition of "Oklahoma" and "Friday the Thirteenth Part 2", Cannibal: The Musical was brought to life by first-time writer and director, Trey Parker using song and dance to tell the true story of America's only convicted cannibal, Colorado's own, Alferd Packer.

Nearly ten years after its original production, Cannibal: The Musical's legacy is beginning to resemble that of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show". Since Cannibal: The Musical's theatrical debut in 1998, theater groups have been embracing the staged version of this cult musical. The staged musical has been performed all across the globe including Chicago, New York, Phoenix, Seattle and even Rome, Italy! In New York, it was held over for three months!

Jason McHugh starred in the film version as "Miller", and he has been instrumental in bringing the film to stage. "Cannibal: The Musical has become kind of a cult phenomenon, and it's great to see it being embraced on stages all over the world", McHugh says.

Three Schooner Productions has landed local theatre veteran David MacPherson as director, well known for his role in "The Hobbit" and director of Langham Court Theatre's "Love & Anger" this past year. David has assembled a talent-laden cast, including the likes of Pacific Opera veteran Steve Barker, Atomic Vaudeville regular Mike Delamont, Island Music award nominee Kelly Hudson and a who's who of Canadian College of Performing Arts (CCPA) graduates. Handling Musical Director duties is UVic grad Kate Humble, known for her work with TheatreSKAM and The Belfry Incubator Project's "The Lion In The Streets". Kara McLachlan, one of the many CCPA grads working on the production is the choreographer.



"There's been quite a buzz about this project for quite some time now", according to producer Mike Vardy. "I'd been receiving emails for months about auditions, and once I knew all the details were in place, both David and I have been very excited about the prospects of the show. We've assembled a great cast and crew – and they're excitement is fuelling the production as well. It's going to be a blast!"

Joining Three Schooner Productions in promoting this event is The Zone 91.3 FM as the exclusive radio sponsor of Cannibal: The Musical.

The Esquimalt Community Theatre is located at Esquimalt High School, and Three Schooner Productions is assisting the Parks and Recreation Department of Esquimalt in promoting the space as a viable year-round venue.

Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance and for students, and \$12.00 general admission and at the door. Tickets are available at Lyle's Place or by emailing tickets@threeschooner.com. The performances begin at 8:00 pm, with dates as follows (running Thursdays through Saturdays):

July 14th-16th
July 21st-23rd
July 28th-30th
August 4th-6th
August 11th-13th

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