

MUSICAL THEATRE

Moody middle swims with Little Mermaid Jr.

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About a quarter of Moody middle school is in this year's spring musical production, a show chosen because of its water-based theme.

A total of 74 students in grades 6 to 8 at the School of the Arts will present the Disney classic *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, from April 19 to 21.

Director Jane Ono, who also stitched most of the costumes, designed the sets and choreographed the dance steps, said students were invited to the open call in January to try out for one — or more — of the characters.

And Payton Dembicki was picked for the starring role because of the Grade 8 talent's exceptional singing and acting skills, Ono said.

The storyline revolves around the mermaid princess who makes a deal with a sea witch in order to meet a human prince on land.

Ono said the school is currently studying about water and working with artists-in-residence to create marine projects (Moody is also split into pods with names based on the elements: earth, fire, water and wind).

Ono gave kudos to the kids and staff for pulling off the production. Teacher Michelle Reichert provided musical direction while Shelley Eglestad, Chris Magnusson and Caroline Parker as well as SFU student teacher Caitlyn Inkster offered assistance at rehearsals and after school.

Disney shows have been popular in School District 43 this year, with both Archbishop Carney and Gleneagle secondaries producing *Beauty and the Beast*.



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The leads in *Little Mermaid Jr.*: Lucy Robinson (Sebastian), Logan Davidson (Prince Eric), Payton Dembicki (Ariel), Riley McCartney (Ursula), Grace Finlay (Flounder) and Jovan Jovicic (King Triton).

• Tickets for *The Little Mermaid Jr.* are \$8/\$4 and available at the door on show night at 7 p.m. They can also be

bought in advance through the school (3115 St. Johns St.). Call 604-461-7384.

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SALON SERIES

Talk, taste with Yellow Dog head brewmaster

Liam Murphy is part of the Salon Speaker Series

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Liam Murphy isn't quite sure how he's going to squeeze it all in.

For his two-hour talk at Coquitlam's Place des Arts next Friday, the head brewmaster for Yellow Dog Brewing will have a lot on his plate to share about his trade.

But Murphy has broken his lecture into four categories to make it all fit.

He'll be speaking about the history of craft beer in North America; the raw ingredients (i.e., malt, hops and yeast) needed to blend a beer; the difference between the art and the science of brew making; and B.C.'s craft beer revolution.

And somewhere in between, Murphy will have some tastings and pairings for participants who have paid a bit more to be part of the whole experience.



LIAM MURPHY

Murphy, who will soon call Port Moody home, has been part-owner of Yellow Dog since it opened on Murray Street two years ago.

Since then, the small business in Port Moody has doubled its capacity and has won numerous accolades along the way including at the BC Beer Awards and a Spike Award as the city's best tourism destination.

Two other breweries (Moody Ales and Twin Sails) have since joined the landmark and another is on the way (Parkside), scheduled to open this spring.

"It's great," Murphy said. "We have all come together

to make Brewery Row. We are all on the same side of Murray Street, too, across from Rocky Point Park. It makes it easy for residents and soon, we'll have SkyTrain to bring even more people to our doorstep."

Murphy's passion for beer making started about a decade ago. His training took him to The American Brewers Guild in Vermont and, before he joined Yellow Dog, he worked as a shift brewer at Parallel 49 Brewing Company.

Murphy said the micro-brew he shares with Mike and Melinda Coghill now has eight beers on tap — and enough staff to allow him to take time to work on other operational projects such as researching and testing out new recipes.

• Tickets for the Salon Speaker Series with Liam Murphy on April 22 at 7 p.m. are \$5 for the talk or \$25 for the talk plus a tasting event. Call Place des Arts (1120 Brunette Ave.) at 604-664-1636 or visit brownpapertickets.com.

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