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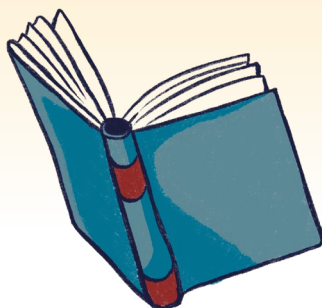
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Place des Arts' Summer Theatre Troupe presents

Munsch at Play

written by Irene N. Watts

A performance for all-ages featuring classics such as
Stephanie's Ponytail, Mortimer, The Paper Bag Princess, Mud Puddle, and Marmel, Marmel, Marmel.



Showtimes

Friday, July 25, [7pm](#)

Saturday, July 26, [2:30pm](#), [4:30pm](#), [7pm](#)

Sunday, July 27, [2:30pm](#), [4:30pm](#), [7pm](#)

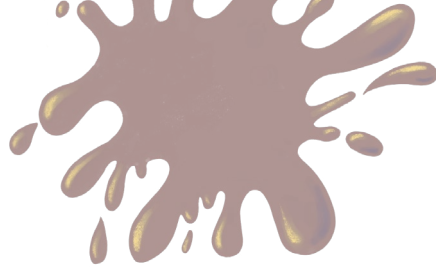
Wednesday, July 30, [2pm](#) at Coquitlam Public Library City Centre Branch

Thursday, July 31, [2pm](#) at Coquitlam Public Library City Centre Branch

Friday, August 1, [7pm](#)

Saturday, August 2, [2:30pm](#), [4:30pm](#), [7pm](#)

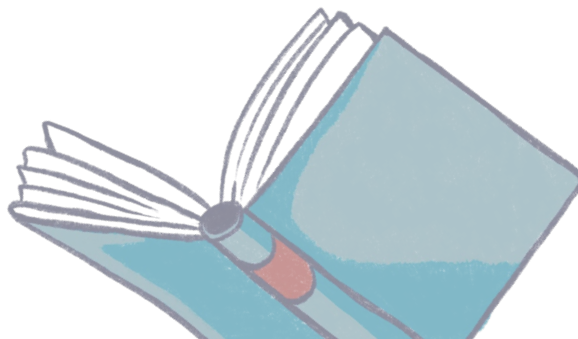
Sunday, August 3, [2:30pm](#)



Director's Notes

Welcome to *Munsch at Play* at Place des Arts! It's been a joyful adventure bringing Irene N. Watts' vibrant adaptation of Robert Munsch's beloved stories to life. These tales—*Stephanie's Ponytail*, *Mortimer*, *The Paper Bag Princess*, *Mud Puddle*, and *Murmel, Murmel, Murmel*—celebrate imagination, resilience, and the wonderfully unpredictable world of childhood. Our young cast embraced the humour, chaos, and heart of Munsch's characters with infectious energy. Whether it's bedtime rebellions, muddy surprises, or brave princesses, each story invites us to laugh, reflect, and cheer for kids who boldly speak their minds. We're thrilled to share this experience with family audiences and hope it inspires a love of theatre—and reading—for all ages. Enjoy the magic of Munsch!

-Michael Fera



The Crew

Director.....**Michael Fera**

Production Stage Manager.....**Midori O'Connor**

Costume Designer.....**Eve Partridge**

Set and Props Designer**Miles Murphy**

Assistant Stage Manager.....**Hana Lowey**



The Cast

Cast	Stephanie's Ponytail	Mortimer	Mud Puddle	Murmel, Murmel, Murmel	The Paperbag Princess
Dimitra Roatis	Principal/ Narrator	Father/ Narrator	Mud Puddle	Narrator	Elizabeth
Justin Luo	Narrator	Mortimer	Narrator	Baby Voice	Dragon
Joshua Kohli	Narrator	Mortimer	Narrator	Robin	Narrator
Jesse MacPherson	Narrator	Mortimer	Narrator	Narrator	Ronald
Tasha Barham	Narrator	Mother/ Narrator	Mud Puddle	Narrator	Narrator
Maya Asuncion-Brown	Stephanie	Police Officer/ Narrator	Mother	Narrator	Narrator
Arisa Jedi	Mother	Police Officer/ Narrator	Julie Ann	Narrator	Narrator

Michael Fera – Director



Michael is thrilled to be back again this summer, where he directed *Winnie the Pooh* for Place des Arts' Summer Theatre Troupe, a program that is near and dear to his heart.

Michael has been working as an actor, director, producer and an arts administrator for over 40 years. He has received a number of Jessie Richardson Theatre Award nominations (Significant Artistic Achievement and

Outstanding Production) and is a recipient of the 40 Under 40 'Business in Vancouver' Award. For the past 17 years Michael was the Program and Events Coordinator at Place des Arts but recently retired.

Favourite directing credits include *Seventeen* (Western Gold Theatre), *Salt Water Moon* for The Arts Club on Tour, *A Christmas Carol*, *Kindertransport*, *A Boston Marriage* (United Players, UP), *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Corpus Christi*, *Balthazar* and the *Mojo Star*, *Tartuffe*, *three heads talking*, *The Herbal Bed*, *The Belle of Amherst*, *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* (Seattle, Winnipeg, Edmonton), *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Maids*, *Macbeth*, *Life After Hockey*, *Teechers*, *Molly Sweeney* and *Medea*.

Midori O'Connor – Production Stage Manager



Midori O'Connor is a technical theatre artist with a BFA in Theatre: Design and Production from UBC and has been working in the industry in both Calgary and Vancouver for a few years now. Select credits include: Stage Manager for *Once On This Island* (Storybook Theatre), Assistant Stage Manager and Alternate Stage Manager for *The Perfect Bite* (Secret City & Netflix), Stage Manager for *King Musu* (Akofena-Afro Theatre), Assistant Stage Manager for

Heathers The Musical (STB), Production Designer for *Through the Looking Glass* (Place Des Arts), Stage Manager for *The How and the Why* (Aenigma Theatre), Stage Manager for *Parliament of the Birds* (UBC), and Assistant Stage Manager for *Something Rotten* (Theatre Under the Stars).

Eve Partridge – Costume Designer



Eve is super excited to costume design for *Munsch At Play*! A long-time fan of the arts and theatre, Eve loves exploring every element of costuming and the stage. She graduated Capilano University's costuming program and has since worked on several productions throughout the lower mainland including CTORA's *West Side Story*, White rock players' *Little women* and Stone Throw productions' *Hamlet*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Miles Murphy – Set & Props Designer



Miles is excited to be working with Place des Arts as Set and Props Designer for the upcoming show, *Munsch at Play*. Miles is a graduate from the Technical Theatre program at Capilano University and has worked on shows such as *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* At Peninsula Productions as a Stage Manager and *One Man, Two Guvnors* and *Alice by Heart* as the Props Master at Capilano University.

Hana Lowey – Assistant Stage Manager



Hana has been an actor with the Summer Theatre Troupe for the past two years and is excited to be tackling a new challenge as the Assistant Stage Manager this season. They have been working as an actor, director, and stage manager in the past and is ready to learn from the rest of the wonderful production team. Past credits include stage management work in *Mean Girls* (Gleneagle Secondary School) and directing for *Three One Act Plays* (Gleneagle Secondary School).



Maya Asuncion-Brown – Actor



Maya is an emerging actress who loves her work with Coquitlam Youth Theater and stage productions in school. She is actively involved in her school's musical theater program and attends Vancouver Young Actors' School and Place des Arts' Coquitlam Youth Theater. Maya eventually wants to pursue acting on a fulltime basis. She has appeared in a wide range of stage productions, including *Seussical the Musical Jr.*, *Who Killed Kevin?*, *Once Upon a*

Pine the Adventures of Pinocchio (Place des Arts) and *The Thirteen Little Pigs* (Place des Arts).

Tasha Barham – Actor



Tasha is a proud graduate of Port Moody Secondary and has been involved in Place des Arts theatre classes for 12 years. She's spent nine of those years performing with PdA's Coquitlam Youth Theatre and plans to join Coquitlam Adult Theatre this fall. Tasha performed in Summer Theatre Troupe's performance of *Winnie the Pooh* last summer and this summer's *Munsch at Play* will be her final STT performance. Some past productions include *Matilda*,

The Little Mermaid Jr., *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Unity*, *Winnie the Pooh*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Arisa Jedi – Actor



This is Arisa's first Summer Theatre Troupe performance, and she could not be more excited! Previously, Arisa has performed at Metfest and in her school musical, *West Side Story*. A fun fact about her is that she loves debating and has taken part in multiple debate tournaments. She wants to thank her family for always supporting her and all the audience for coming to watch the play!

Josh Kohli – Actor



Josh is thrilled to perform and learn in Place des Arts' adaptation of *Munsch at Play*. Some of his past performances have included Ryan Swampcrest in *Kidz Got Talent* with the Stage Kidz organization. He's also played Milky White and Mysterious Man for *Into The Woods*, *Voldy/Viktor for Puffs* and many more fun ensemble roles for his high school theatre program. His love of theatre started when he participated in a Drama Club in elementary school. He's grateful he gets to spend his summer

doing something he loves!

Jesse MacPherson – Actor



Jesse is super excited to join the Place des Arts Summer Theatre Troupe. He has been involved in theatre and the performing arts for over a decade. When Jesse started performing in elementary school productions of *Winnie the Pooh* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, he knew the stage was where he belonged. Throughout high school, he has been involved in several plays and productions including: *Chaos*, *The Boxcar Children*, *The It*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Canker Sores and Other*

Distractions, *The Proposal*, *Love and Information*, *The Forests Wild*, and *Between the Lines*. Jesse is delighted to find new friends and connections on the stage while bringing his favourite childhood stories to life.

Dimitra Roatis – Actor



This is Dimitra's second year in the Summer Theatre Troupe, and she is thrilled to be back! She has been doing drama since she was 9. Last summer, she performed the role of Owl in Place des Arts' production of *Winnie the Pooh*. Since then, she has played Oberon in *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, Velma in *West Side Story*, and David in *Time to Take Your Medicine*. A fun fact about her is that she does art and would love to continue at an art college. She thanks you for coming to the show and hope you enjoy it!

Justin Luo – Actor



Justin is thrilled to be part of *Munsch at Play* this summer! A musician from a young age, he recently debuted as Tony in *West Side Story* (Pinetree Secondary School) and performed in the musical theatre cabaret *The Greatest Show* (Moving Mirror Productions). Although somewhat new to acting, he is excited to continue learning and growing on stage.



ACTING, THEATRE, MUSICALS, OH MY!

Place des Arts has a variety of stage acting and performance classes for children, teens and adults taught by highly skilled professionals in the field. From beginner classes to our performance training company, our programs help aspiring actors and triple threats build skills and develop performance confidence. Check the guide for classes throughout the 2025/2026 season!

Acting 101

Learn to act! Through improvisation, scene study and various drama exercises and games, discover how to express yourself freely and confidently. Develop performance skills while exploring new acting techniques and styles. You will be challenged to think creatively and instinctively. On the last day of class, parents/guardians are invited to attend an informal showcase.

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Acting 102

Enhance your acting skills and refine your performance through specialized techniques. Explore text work and character development in greater depth. Learn to identify your objectives, tactics, and obstacles while discovering and creating playful impulses on stage. This class is ideal for students who have taken Acting 101 or have prior acting experience. On the last day of class, parents/guardians are invited to attend an informal showcase.

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Adult Musical Theatre

Discover the fundamental skills of dancing, singing and acting in an encouraging environment. Learn theatre-style choreography, important terms and etiquette, movement exploration, storytelling and most importantly, how to put these skills together to become a Triple Threat. This class is suitable for all levels.

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Coquitlam Adult Theatre

Whether you are a lifelong theatre kid or want to try your first theatre class, you'll be welcomed into a supportive learning environment that explores the fundamentals of acting. Working with a professional theatre director, and participating in theatre exercises and script work, the course will prepare for an in-class presentation on the final day of classes. This class is suitable for all levels.

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