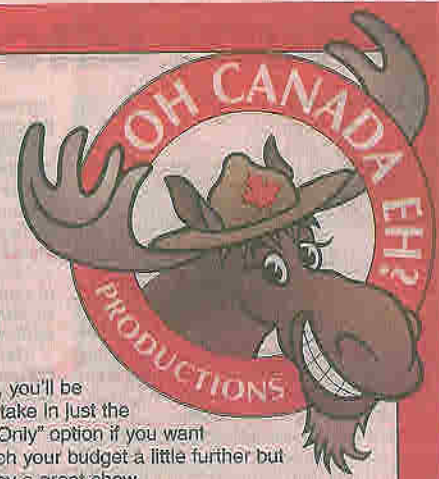


BREAK YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY HABITS

WITH OH CANADA EH? PRODUCTIONS NEW SEASON



This Christmas party caper runs Nov. 24 to Dec. 17.

The Bow Valley's best known provider of dinner entertainment for tourists and conference visitors is venturing into new territory this fall and winter, and wants locals to come along for the sure-to-be hilarious ride.

Oh Canada Eh? is gearing up to offer Bow Valley residents and tourists alike something beyond its popular Canadiana-laced dinner show that's been drawing appreciative crowds to its 300-seat Canmore theatre since May 2002. And, promises Oh Canada Eh? General Manager JP Thibodeau, you can expect the new offerings will be habit forming — especially **Nunsense** — the five-nun comedy that opens Nov. 24 and runs through to Dec. 17.

The off-Broadway show has a long history of success in North America, and Thibodeau is confident that success will be repeated in the Bow Valley this Christmas season as Oh Canada Eh? opens its doors for at least 12 **Nunsense** shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The show's all-female cast will take you to their convent for a side-splitting variety show intended to help them dig up funds to bury the last of their fellow sisters called

home by botulism — courtesy a culinary creation of Sister Julla-Child of God. She unwittingly serves some tainted vichyssoise soup and 52 sisters die. Fortunately, a few of the sisters are off playing bingo, and thus are spared. The whole show builds on satire and goofy humour, explains a clearly enthused Thibodeau, who is confident local dinner theatre fans will embrace the production as a fitting way to add some fun to the busy holiday season and provide a different entertainment experience for Oh Canada Eh? fans who have enjoyed the traditional summer show.

"When it comes to office Christmas parties," says Thibodeau, "the typical thing is you all go out somewhere, and end up sitting around talking about work! With this idea, the whole crew can completely escape from all that, and just thoroughly enjoy themselves and laugh like crazy!" Combine a great meal with great entertainment and you've got the perfect festive mix, says Thibodeau. "It's just a very unique way to celebrate with the gang from work, or family or friends," says the obviously excited Oh Canada Eh? General Manager.

The show also means talented local and Calgary professionals will have a chance to shine with Oh Canada Eh? while providing Bow Valley audiences with something a little different.

"We're really opening it to the local market to give them a great live show," says Thibodeau, who will direct both **Nunsense** and **You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown**, which will run Feb. 9 to March 11, also on a Thursday-to-Saturday schedule, to entertain locals and the winter-ski crowd.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will offer "Little snippets of the comic come to life," says Thibodeau.

With the successful Kananaskis Way theatre opening its doors to new winter shows, Oh Canada Eh? staff are excited about the months ahead, particularly the Christmas season and the opportunity to welcome Banff and Canmore locals to first-class live theatre served up with great Oh Canada meals. Of course there will also be some options and locals pricing for those who bring company.

As well, you'll be able to take in just the "Show Only" option if you want to stretch your budget a little further but still enjoy a great show.

For businesses looking at the Christmas party season ahead, Thibodeau notes **Nunsense** and a great Oh Canada Eh? meal will be an excellent opportunity to laugh and socialize, both for larger businesses with a lot of Bow Valley staff or smaller shops with only a few employees and a Christmas bash to celebrate.

A dance to follow dinner and the **Nunsense** show on some nights is also on the drawing board for clients interested in a full night out this holiday season.

Bow Valley residents can expect to see an Oh Canada Eh? mailout coming to their doors very soon detailing exactly what special dinner theatre treats and other events are coming our way over the winter.

Aside from bringing us more of its own side-splitting entertainment, the theatre company will also host the Rocky Mountain Comedy Festival again this fall and welcome the Musers Ball to raise funds to keep sled dog racers coming to Canmore to compete.

The warm atmosphere, great acoustics and friendly staff of the theatre make it a great place for community events, and with professional theatre solidifying its presence for the Oh Canada Eh? winter season, locals will have an even greater opportunity to experience outstanding entertainment.

For more on Oh Canada Eh?'s fantastic seasonal offering, log on to ohcanadaeh.com or call 609-0004.



You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will be offered to Oh Canada Eh? audiences after Christmas in early 2006.