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Paddling in Paradise

The cast of Paddling to Paradise Isabella Rodriguez, Letitia Wigglesworth, Will Rissling and Sajjad Sabzaali.

The Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association is grateful to the Secwepemc First Nation, on whose traditional territory we live, work, and play.

Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre – Paddling in Paradise

Now celebrating its 32nd season, Villains & Vittles Dinner Theatre remains one of the Shuswap's favourite summer traditions at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum.

This year's original musical, Paddling in Paradise, takes audiences on an entertaining journey through the early days of Salmon Arm and Canoe. Inspired by local history and filled with memorable characters, original music, humour, and heart, the production celebrates the people, places, and pioneering spirit that helped shape our community.

Written and directed by Diane Llewelyn-Jones, with original music composed and orchestrated by Michael Ayotte, Paddling in Paradise captures the charm and character of the Shuswap in a way that is both entertaining and uniquely local.

Performed in the beautiful forest setting of the SASCU Amphitheatre, our talented cast brings this original production to life with the warmth, energy, and musical storytelling that audiences have come to expect from Dinner Theatre.

Thank you for joining us this evening and for supporting live theatre, local history, and R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum. We hope you enjoy the performance and leave with wonderful memories of your evening at Villains & Vittles Dinner Theatre.

After the show, we invite you back to the Sprig of Heather restaurant to indulge in our famous rhubarb crisp and a cup of tea or coffee.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets!

This year we have three incredible prizes!

Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win:

1st Prize: One Roundtrip Flight for TWO GUESTS to any WestJet destination (some restrictions apply)

2nd Prize: Marionette Winery Experience
Picnic & full tour

3rd Prize: 2027 Haney Family Annual Pass

Tickets are only $10.00

Proceeds generated from the Gaming Licence will fund the cultural programming, tourism services and special events organized and delivered to a rural community and region at R.J. Haney Heritage Village and Museum. R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum is a non-profit organization.

Draw date: September 26th, 2026, at R.J. Haney Heritage Village.

Many, Many Thanks!

R.J. Haney Heritage Village would like to thank our fantastic team of volunteers. You are the backbone of our operations; we would not be able to do our job without your hard work, positive energy and dedication.
If you would like to join in on the fun at R.J. Haney Heritage Village and become a volunteer, please call us at 250.832.5243 or email volunteer@salmonarmmuseum.org

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~ Cast & Crew ~

Sajjad Sabzaali loves to bring levity and drama to every show he is in, and there is nothing he enjoys more than a good evil bad guy. He has previously played Captain Hook in Peter Pan, Beetlejuice in Beetlejuice, Wadsworth in Clue, the Steward in Into the Woods, and Callahan in Legally Blonde. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he enjoys performing it!

Letitia Wigglesworth is a life-long performer. Since the age of four when she first graced the stage in a ballet production of Mary Poppins, she has been training in the performing arts focusing on Stage Dance. You will find Letitia around Salmon Arm performing in school theatre events, dancing with Just for Kicks, and figure skating at Roger's Rink. In her free time, swimming on the lake or motorbiking is it!

Isabella Rodriguez moved to Salmon Arm four years ago and immensely enjoyed singing, dancing, and acting in as many productions since: Mean Girls, Fame, Legally Blonde, Alice in Wonderland. She is excited to put one more production under her belt before she heads off to Calgary to pursue her baking and pastry arts diploma.

Will Rissling began his acting journey 6 years ago and has played characters in eight shows in that time. His most recent was Emmet in Legally Blonde, and he will continue to act for years to come. Will is the nicest guy around and his bright toothless smile really seals the deal. He intends to pursue his love of acting in Vancouver in the film industry to eventually become a professional film artist.

Raymond Hubscher is a biomedical engineering student who works the admissions desk here at R.J. Haney. He performed in musical theatre in high school, in past productions of Villains and Vittles Dinner theatre, and in Haney Murder Mystery events. You may recognize him from his most iconic role as "Monty the Mountie", and as always, we're happy to have him continue to grace our stage.

Playwriter & Director

Diane Llewelyn-Jones - A love for the Performing Arts has laid the foundation of a lifelong musical theatre and theatrical career for our Playwright/Director Diane Llewelyn-Jones. Her companion love for heritage tourism storytelling has given her opportunities in US and Canadian National Parks at the Playmill Theatre in West Yellowstone, MT, the Pink Garter Theatre in Jackson Hole, WY, and to establish her company, The Teenie Weenie Theatre in Waterton Lakes National Park, AB. Since coming to the Okanagan Valley six years ago, it has been her privilege to create historical theatrical experiences for the O'Keefe Ranch, as well as serve as president of the board for the Powerhouse Theatre in Vernon. Diane holds a master's degree in Theatre and Performance Studies from York University, Toronto, Ontario and she is thrilled to once again collaborate with her favorite composer, Michael Ayotte.

Sing Along with the cast

"God Save the King"

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God Save the King.

Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

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As a season pass holder, you are able to visit **R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum** as many times as you want throughout the season, for less than the price of 3 daily admissions to the Village.

Your season pass includes access to the Village, Montebello Gallery, Children's Discovery Centre, Sprig of Heather restaurant, walking trails, daily activities, programs, and tours. You will also receive $1.00 off gate admission to events.

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Musical Composer

Michael Ayotte is a pianist, composer, and audio engineer whose career spans theatre, film, video games, record production, and live onstage performance. Born in Vancouver and raised in Alberta, Michael is currently a composer, sound designer, and technician at The Yates Memorial Theatre in Lethbridge, AB, a staff recording engineer at Studio Bell - The National Music Centre in Calgary, AB, and a lead performer and pianist with *ABRA Cadabra,* a Vancouver-based tribute act celebrating the music of ABBA. "Paddling in Paradise" will be Michael's tenth musical score written with long-time collaborating partner Diane Llewelyn-Jones and his first time working with R.J. Haney Heritage Village.

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- An entry into a draw for two Dinner Theatre tickets
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