

UPCOMING AUDITIONS:  
THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS  
by Pat Cook

Produced by Echo Players

Director: Mari-Lyn Kelly

Production Dates: December 14 – 31<sup>st</sup> (3 matinees, Dec 17, 26 and 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Audition Location: MacMillan Arts Center, 133 McMillan St, Parksville**

**Audition Dates: Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – 8:30 pm**

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1-3pm**

No previous experience necessary; come on out and discover the joys of being a part of community theatre! Auditions will consist of scenes from the script provided by the director.

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**The Christmas Express** is full of puns, one-liners, funny situations and nutty characters set in the town of Holly, which is sorely in need of some Christmas spirit. A stranger comes to town bringing surprises, and ultimately, hope to one and all.

**The Character List:**

**5 women, 5 men, ages 20ish – 70ish**

**Hilda** – a rather grumpy manager of the town railroad station. She has a quick wit and despite her cynical nature has a good sense of humour. She is a lovable grouch, never mean.

**Satch** – Hilda's assistant. He has an optimistic and simple attitude about life

**Maggie** – A mail carrier with a quick wit, funny retorts, and a kind spirit.

**Penelope** – the editor of the town newspaper, always looking for a story. She is not very tactful, says what she thinks but has a good heart. She takes her job very seriously but is not very good at it.

**Myrna** – the secretary at the town hall. She is determined that everyone should be involved in the community and have a great time. She is a very cheerful spirit.

**Donna Fay Cummings** – A stubborn newlywed who is finding her assumptions about her new husband aren't always correct. She is very emotional and her feelings are easily hurt.

**Jerry Cummings** – Donna's equally stubborn husband, a small town guy, a little slow. He is well-meaning, but doesn't understand his wife. He is often out of his depth.

**Deborah Smith** – (small role) – a slightly haggard woman who comes to retrieve her mentally unstable father.

**Leo** – A jolly, light-hearted pixi-ish senior citizen

**Mr. Fairfax** – A sour man, very business-like. He is in the same age range as Leo.