



**POLITICAL WILL:** Actress Michelle Yeoh portrays the life of Burmese political activist Aung San Suu Kyi in *The Lady*. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## The Lady brings pro-democracy advocate to silver screen

Reel Alternatives returns to the Capitol Theatre on Main Street Monday, June 4, with the screening of *The Lady* at 7 p.m.

This movie is especially relevant given the situation in Burma and the re-emergence of Aung San Suu Kyi as a powerful political figurehead.

Director Luc Besson takes on the inspiring true story of Burmese pro-democracy activist, leader, and political prisoner Aung San Suu Kyi.

Based on the story by Rebecca Frayn, who had spent three years interviewing close confidantes of Aung San Suu Kyi, the narrative provides the points of view of both Suu Kyi herself, played by Michelle

Yeoh, and her husband Michael Aris (David Thewlis), and tells the story of their emotionally painful, physical separation and time spent apart through her standing up for and accepting her countrymen's push for democratic leadership.

It also presents different perspectives both within and outside of Burma as crises began to unfold with Suu Kyi a prisoner of her own home and country, and Michael being outside of it trying his best to sound out her, and Burma's plight.

Then there's the sacrifice of family for country, where a breakup of the family unit was something inevitable in order to continue being there for her countrymen and

not abandoning them at times of need.

In a story spanning decades that moves forward and back in time, Besson has a solid hand in knowing the highlights of the history to translate for the big screen, going back to the '40s when Suu Kyi's father, Aung San, a war and independence hero, got assassinated, right down to her emergence in politics as a force to be reckoned with, and her subsequent house arrest, right up to the recent 2007 rallies and demonstrations by monks that eventually led to a deadly crackdown.

*The Lady* presents the director with an opportunity to move away from his relatively family friendly fare of late, such as

with the *Arthur and the Invisibles* series, and also to perform an about turn from the usual action flicks, for something a lot more gravitas.

Advance tickets for \$7 are available at Muskoka Country Furniture and Gifts, located at 42 Main St E.

As in the past, tickets will be sold at the door for \$8, if available. Tickets can be ordered online but must be picked up and paid for before 4:30 p.m. on the show day to qualify for the lower rate.

Additional information about the group, and up to date information about the movies, is available at [www.reelalternatives-huntsville.ca](http://www.reelalternatives-huntsville.ca).

## Muskoka Dance Academy wins big at three competitions

### Year-end production takes place June 9 in Huntsville

The Muskoka Competitive Dance Team returned home last month from two successful dance competitions in Niagara Falls and Collingwood. They also had the privilege of competing in a third competition, held locally at the Algonquin Theatre.

The team entered 26 routines at all three dance competitions with outstanding results.

Overall awards, high scores, scholarships and special judge recognition awards went to the following dancers: Sierra Neudorf, Alyssa Stapleton, Emily Hill, Talia Keay, Allyson Kreps, Emily Gates, Claire Parkinson, Christina Merrick and Robin Hunka in intermediate and senior jazz, acro.

In lyrical categories, Nicola Deroode, Katelyn Mayhew, Destini Millington, Katia Inwood, Jordyn Nash, Megan Johnston, Mia Smyth, Annika Johnston and Bronte Shay were awarded top marks and special awards in junior jazz, acro and musical theatre categories, Andrea Hill, Lyall Turvey, Ava Bijl, Jaimie Boysen, Emma Fawcett, Grace Gates,

Emma Dickson, Karlee Comer and Taylor Marnoch received overalls and top scholarships in petite tap, jazz, musical theatre and acro categories.

Mackenzie Ritchie, Alyssa Joliffe, Ella Mahon, Kailey May, Maddison Comer and Johanna Ferguson were flawless as the new mini team receiving high score overalls at two competitions for their novice jazz and tap groups.

A special mention goes to Alannah Hobbs, 18 years old, who received a scholarship and award for Most Potential Dancer with her contemporary solo *New Moon*, a lovely touch with this being her final year of competition.

Credit also goes to Muskoka Dance Academy teachers Jeanette Turvey, Tasha Bryant, Kristen Long, Alyssia Martin Lynn Hill and Sue Kirwin- Campbell for their award winning choreography and hard work.

Next for the dancers is their year-end production *Belle's Extraordinary Adventure* on June 9, at the Algonquin Theatre.



**COMPETITORS:** The Muskoka Dance Academy's competitive dance team brought home a lot of hardware after a series of competitions across the province. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</li> <li>• 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.</li> <li>• Starting 11:00 a.m.</li> <li>• 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>Lions Breakfast BBQ at Community Hall</p> <p>Car Wash at Fire Hall</p> <p>Port Sydney/Utterson &amp; Area Chamber of Commerce BBQ lunch @ Community Hall</p> <p>Knox United Church coffee &amp; muffins and chili &amp; a bun</p>
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