



On Cue FALL QUARTERLY 2008

"SEASON OPENING WILL BE MURDER:"



The Stone Arch Players will open their 2008-2009 season at the Theatre In The Park with the classic 1940's romantic murder mystery LAURA. Several times made into a motion picture--most famously with Gene Tierney--the play concerns the aftermath of the brutal shotgun murder of a beautiful New York City socialite, Laura Hunt. Her closest friends and associates gather in her apartment along with the police inspector to solve both the puzzle of Laura's death--and the mystery of her life.

Director Thiry Olbrich has assembled an all star cast of actors for this first production of the year, headed by Abby Hunley. Seen most recently as Sabrina Fairchild in last season's SABRINA

FAIR, Hunley has been a fixture at SAP for many years. She has starred in BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE, I HATE HAMLET, OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS, and most hilariously as Honey Pie Burgermeister, a Tammy Faye Bakker clone, in THE SENATOR WORE PANTYHOSE. Co-starring as Detective Mark McPherson is Christopher Brannen, who recently appeared in TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD at the Boal Barn. Also direct from the summer season at the Boal Barn is Melissa Alfonsi Rohan who last appeared in SCCT's BELL, BOOK, AND CANDLE, and was introduced to our audiences, along with Brannen, in last year's SABRINA FAIR. Eric Kress plays Danny Dorgan, the college boy obsessed with Laura. Eric debuted with us in 2001's CLIFFHANGER, in which he played one of several villains. Barb Stahl, most recently seen in spring's GOD'S FAVORITE, plays Danny's overprotective mother, Mrs. Dorgan. In a surprise casting choice, Paul Olbrich has been chosen to play Olsen, a policeman. Husband of our group's president, First Gentleman Paul is usually seen backstage running the footlights, rather than in front of them. Rounding out the cast are two veteran SAP warhorses: Ron Patterson as Laura's fickle fiancee Shelby, and Bill Daup as her patronizing mentor Waldo Lydecker. Both have been with the group since the 1980s.

LAURA promises a night of classic theatrical mystery. Director Olbrich is assisted by stage manager Sandy Hunley and founder Ann McNabb, dressing the set. Tickets go on sale to the general public November third. Evening performances will be presented November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22. Sunday matinees will be held on November 16 and 23. Join us for this shivery tale of murder and madness.

PATRON LETTER SNAFU

There has been a glitch in our system of mailing out our yearly patron letters, and some patrons may not have received theirs. If you have not, and are interested in becoming or remaining a patron of our local theater group, please call Treasurer Linda Knepp at 248-5645 or email Veep Phyllis Johnson at pjohnson@rjphco.com. We apologize to all our loyal patrons for the inconvenience.

POPCORN HAT PLAYERS



This summer, the Popcorn Hat Players, sponsored by Mifflintown's Janice Darrow, presented a children's show at the Theatre In The Park, especially aimed at the children of Juniata, Mifflin, and surrounding counties. The August seventeenth dual performances of WONDER TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD were enjoyed by all who attended.

Thanks Mrs. Darrow and the Popcorn Hat Players!

OUR Forty-First Anniversary Season! 1967-2008 at the Theatre In The Park

LAURA by Vera Caspary and George Sklar

Romantic Murder Mystery, Directed by Thiry Olbrich
Performances: 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday
November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22
2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 16 and 23

OSCAR AND FELIX

by Neil Simon

Comedy, Directed by Phyllis Johnson and Nate Smith
Auditions: November 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Theatre
Performances: 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday
February 27 and 28, March 6, 7, 13 and 14
2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 8 and 15

THE KITCHEN WITCHES

by Caroline Smith

Comedy, Directed by Alan Peoples
Performances: 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday
May 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23
2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 17 and 24

All Friday & Saturday performances at 8:00 p.m.
All Sunday performances at 2:00 p.m.
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are available on our website:

www.stonearchplayers.com

FROM OUR SECRETARY'S DESK



The news from our secretary's desk is that our secretary Anita Rishel had knee replacement surgery last month, and is recovering nicely. During a phone interview, ON CUE was assured that although Rishel would not be ready to join the Rockettes for their annual Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall, she will be in fine fettle to appear in a Stone Arch production later this season. Fans can't wait! Speedy recovery, Neety!

HUNLEY STARS IN FILM

Abby Hunley recently appeared in an independent film titled NOWHERE, PA. Written by Hal Cramer of Harrisburg, the film was shot in Harrisburg and Lewistown, and premiered on August 9th, 2008 at the Pennsylvania State Museum in Capital City. Hunley played a waitress and aspiring teacher in the film, the premise of which involves two buddies refurbishing a defunct amusement park, and wondering if they will ever escape NOWHERE, PA.



The production team is planning to enter the film in several national film festivals. Further information and selected scenes can be found at www.nowherepa.com. Congratulations, Abby!

The Hunley Gals attend red carpet premier in Harrisburg.

DINNER HONORS BROADWAY'S "HAL PRINCE"

Thiry and Paul Olbrich were guests at a special dinner October 12th at Susquehanna University, honoring the American theatrical producer and director Hal Prince. Harold Smith Prince has been associated with many of the best known Broadway musicals, including PAJAMA GAME, WEST SIDE STORY, and COMPANY, and is the recipient of 21 Tony awards--more than any other individual. He is the Dr. Bruce Nary visiting theatre artist at Susquehanna, and offered the lecture THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE BROADWAY MUSICAL following the dinner. President of Susquehanna University and wife, Jay and Marsha Lemons were hosts of the affair at their home on University Drive, and the lecture followed in the Degenstein Center Theater.

Both Olbrichs are graduates of Susquehanna University, where they met on the stage of the theater, during a production. Thiry also notes that the first Broadway play she ever saw was PAJAMA GAME, a Hal Prince production.

TO KILL A MÓCKINGBIRD



In July, several Stone Archers starred in the drama TO KILL A MÓCKINGBIRD with the State College Community Theater at the Boal Barn. Appearing in this adaptation of Harper Lee's classic novel about prejudice and bigotry were George Baumer, Christopher Brannen, Joe Krabill, and Rhiannon McClintock. Second generation Stone Archer, Stephanie Gates (right), also graced the cast. Stephanie

has yet to appear on the Stone Arch stage, but is the daughter of two of our founders, Dale and Vickie Gates. This hard hitting drama topped attendance records for the previous most popular drama at the Barn--THE DIARY OF ANN FRANK. Congratulations to all concerned!

CHILDREN'S THEATER WORKSHOP

In August the Stone Arch Players ran an afternoon theater workshop for children, under the auspices of the LES SACC Program, SUMCD, Inc. Jim Shannon, Anita Rishel, Phyllis Johnson, Brad Williams, and Alan Peoples offered the twenty-seven children, grades kindergarten through four, a tour of the theater. Shannon, Rishel, and Johnson presented the workshop, with Nate Smith manning the tech booth and Mike Knarr taping the event. The event included warm up exercises, character development and movement activities, charades, and make up. The program ended with all the students and some adults acting out a narrated short play, DRAGON ROCK, complete with costumes and props. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful learning experience.

RHIANNON McCLINTOCK IN ROCKY HORROR



◀ McClintock in the recent PSU student film EXPLORING THE HARROWS.

The hardest working woman in community theater, Rhiannon McClintock, will next star in her first singing role as Janet in THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW. This campy cult classic

will be presented by Love and Light Productions on Tuesday October 28th at 11:00 p.m., Wednesday October 29th at 9:00 p.m. and midnight, and Thursday October 30th at 9:00 p.m. and midnight, at The Brewery, 233 East Beaver Avenue in State College. This favorite underground musical features McClintock as the naive and unsuspecting ingenue, Janet, who foolishly allows her fiance Brad to lead her toward that "light over at the Frankenstein place" after a car breakdown. A night of musically sexual mayhem ensues, led by the castle's chief transvestite, and an amusing assortment of other deviant characters.

Join McClintock and cast at the end of the month for a deliciously twisted Halloween treat!



Thiry Olbrich and Sandy Hunley confer, during rehearsal of LAURA

MOST OF THE CAST OF LAURA



Paul Olbrich, Chris Brannen, Bill Daup, Melissa Alfonsi Rohan, Barb Stahl, and Abby Hunley. Absent were Ron Patterson and Eric Kress.



George Baumer starred as Priest-Gone-Native, Uncle Jack, in the McConnellstown Playhouse's DANCING AT LUGHNASA this fall. Nobody can play those tormented priests better than George.



Brad Williams and Dan Felmlee inspect their work while constructing our sharp new ticket booth in the lobby of the Theatre In The Park.



Linda Swartz, Thiry Olbrich, Betty Karstetter, and Linda Knepp visit at our summer picnic.

AUDITIONS SET FOR COMEDIC RETREAD

SAP's auditions for the updated version of THE ODD COUPLE, entitled OSCAR AND FELIX, will be held on November tenth and eleventh at seven p.m. at the Theatre In The Park. Directors Phyllis Johnson and Nate Smith note they are casting six men and two women. No part is age sensitive, other than that all are adult roles.

Johnson urges anyone with questions to contact her at 717-248-1387 after five p.m. or email her at pjohnson@rjphco.com.



STONES FROM THE PAST

A Forty-First Anniversary Classic Photo

... presents Michael McCollin, Anita Leitzel, Becky Patterson, Bill Daup, Jim Shannon, Val DeArment, Chelly Ney, Mike Crone, and Andy McCartle in 1995's RUMORS.

