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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT JUNE 2014



by Carol Bense

It's too bad you couldn't all be at the rehearsals because, while preparing this show is particularly taxing, it is also hilarious fun. But you'll understand when you see the show. Performances will be July 25 and 26 at 8pm, August 1 and 2 at 8pm and August 3 at 2pm. Tickets are available on-line with credit card or Paypal account at www.village-players.com, or at Black's on Main Street, where you will need cash or check.

The show opens on the unit set which represents two different homes, both owned by John Smith, played by Christian Boudman. One home is where he lives with his wife, Mary, played by Kaylin Dean; and his daughter, Vicki, played by newcomer, Mara Lamb. The other home is where he lives with his wife, Barbara, played by another newcomer, Deb Gagne; and his son, Gavin, played by Vinny Amico. Both families are often on-stage together, although they are in different homes.

To add to the confusion, Ernie Bass, playing John's friend and boarder, Stanley, is coerced into trying to help John keep his two families separate, although he doesn't have a clue as to how to do that.

When Stanley's doddering father, played by Russ Ellis, shows up at the door, the comedy is ramped up another notch. Author, Ray Cooney, has produced another rollicking farce that is even funnier than its predecessor, *Run For Your Wife*. He takes ordinary characters and puts them into extraordinary circumstances which lead them deeper and deeper into riotous hilarity.

Director, Carol Bense, is being assisted by Jay Sydow, who knows how to "up the funny" as we say.

Joshua Spaulding is producing for the first time although he has excelled at many other production positions. Jay Sydow also designed the set, which was quite challenging, given our small stage.

Laura Cooper will be serving as Stage Manager with Christie Sarles assisting. Laura is also in charge of props. Barbara Wilson is doing publicity and Gay-Ann Cooney will be House Manager. Matthew Johnson is taking care of lights and sound and Chrystal Gavreau will be in charge of Make-up. Jeanette D'Onofrio designed the logo and Jerome Holden will produce the banner.

Several others will be helping, but their names are not available yet.



"I just want everyone to know how much I appreciate all the help in making this show work," said director, Carol Bense. "Any production is a group effort and this one requires all our efforts, but I think our audiences will find the results extremely entertaining and funny."



Don't miss *Back to the Future* on June 21st and 22nd. You may have seen this on the big screen before, but it's always worth seeing again. On July 19th and 20th it's *Jaws*. Da-duh, da-duh, da-duh. What was it about that music that made it so scary? Then it's that classic, *American Graffiti* on August 16th and 17th.

Show times are Saturday 8pm with a Sunday matinee at 2pm. The complete schedule is on our website. Tickets are \$5.00 each (Popcorn \$2 and Bottled Water \$1), so it's affordable to take a family to the Movies!!!

Tickets can be purchased with a credit card or Paypal only on our website at www.village-players.com, or tickets can be purchased with cash or check at the door one hour before the movie.

DEATH AND TAXES

by Carol Bense

Did you miss our Spring production of *Death and Taxes*? Well, these photos will only give you a taste of the antics that brought laughs to our enthusiastic audiences. If you saw the show, these are a reminder of an enjoyable performance.



VP BITS

news about members etc.

Rick Tessari has announced his engagement to Kimberly J. Guay. Congratulations, Rick.

Our friend, **Estelle Parsons**, is starring in another show on Broadway. She has the female lead in *The Velocity of Autumn*, at the Booth Theater. The amazing Estelle in on stage for the entire ninety minutes of this two-person play and has been nominated for a Tony award for her performance. We'll be pulling for you, Estelle.

Zach Shea will be in Kazakhstan for a month, teaching an acting class. Warm ups, anyone?

Russ and Sandra Ellis celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows. **Athena and Meegan Ellis** took turns reading the vows for their parents. Guests enjoyed dinner and slices of the anniversary cake.

Kaylin Dean and her Expressions Dance troupe took first place at World-Class Talent Experience in Concord, NH.

Congratulations to all our young friends and members who graduated this May. We have the information for some of you, but not all of you and we didn't want any of you to feel left out. We wish you all the greatest success in life.

If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to cwbense@roadrunner.com.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



OKLAHOMA! 1981

(From left to right) Chuck Mulloy, Dan Charlton, Peter Oakes, Elliot Taylor, Peter Ferber



AUDITIONS COMING UP

by Carol Bense

Our fall musical this year will be *Seussical The Musical*. Auditions are scheduled for August 10th and 11th at 6PM. "Because this show allows for a large ensemble and requires children, I would like to encourage families to audition. This is a great opportunity for parents and their children to work together to help bring a show to the stage," states director, Kathleen Hill. The age range for the characters is 8 to 40 plus, and are flexible.

This show brings to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie, and a little boy with a big imagination--Jojo. There is also a large ensemble of jungle creatures and Who's. So there is probably something for your family.

Of course we also need a full slate of production members as well. If you have any interest in being on the crew, stage manager, house manager, usher, ticket-taker, costume manager or any other of the many back-stage folks required to put on a show, please come to auditions or contact Kathleen at 520-1372 or kathleen.hill@interlakes.org.

You can find out more about Seussical The Musical on our website, www.village-players.com or at

http://www.mtishows.com/show_detail.asp?showid=000229 or

<http://www.broadwaymusicalhome.com/shows/seussical.htm>.

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Let's Hear Your Two Cents

by Megan Rohrbacher, President 2014

It's that time of year again! The Village Players are now accepting show submissions for the upcoming 2015 season. Is there a show that you've always wanted to see at the theater? Perhaps you've been considering directing a show? We want to hear from you! Email Megan:

Drivetimeproductions@gmail.com or Cate: poolec@me.com

1. Name of show with a brief synopsis
2. If you would like to direct, produce, etc.
3. Time of year you would like to see the show (Spring, Summer, or Fall)

We look forward to hearing all the ideas out there!