

CALLBOARD

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The Fabulous Fable Factory is now in the books after a very nice run to appreciative audiences. Congratulations go out to everyone among the cast and crew who participated in making this show the treat that it was.

Our Town is still being Cast! Auditions were held in early February, and then re-held following a mistaken Post Gazette article describing our production is the musical version of Our Town, which scared off a number of would-be auditionees. There are still a few roles which have not been confirmed, but here is the cast so far:

Stage Manager **Alan Solter**
Dr. Gibbs **Fr. John Hissrich**
Joe Crowell/Si Crowell **Brandon Barish**
Howie Newsome **Bill Eberle**
Mrs. Gibbs **Judy Serra**
Mrs. Webb **Sharon Wolf**
George Gibbs **Kevin O'Leary**
Rebecca Gibbs **Rebecca Erdman**
Emily Webb **Katie Jensen**
Professor Willard **Rick Campbell**
Joe Stoddard **Garth E. Schafer**
Mr. Webb **Dan Wyse**
Woman in the Balcony **Katie Lynn Erwin**
Woman in the Auditorium **Laura Schafer**
Lady in the Box **Terri Chabala**
Simon Stimson **Rob James**
Mrs. Soames **April May Ohms**
Constable Warren **Patrick Palamara**
Sam Craig **Joshua Yankovic**

Chris Martin is directing, and Kim Martin is producing. Chris Rotz will be the backstage stage manager, not to be confused with the role Alan Solter is playing onstage.

Our Town runs in May, still a ways away. The show dates are May 13-15 and 20-22, with the typical performance times of 8:00 PM on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday matinees at 2:00. Mark your calendars now! Also please be thinking about the many ways you can support this production, as we will be soon calling for builders, painters, lighters, sounders, grippers, ushers, and boxers.

Into the Woods – Audition dates have not yet been firmed up but should occur right around the Our Town production dates in mid-to-late May. Rob James is directing, with Corey Hess producing. Julie Schwan is Stage Managing.

February's Meeting included two votes: the proposed By-Laws amendment was narrowly defeated (the vote was 16-10, but a two-thirds majority of those voting was required for passage). Rob James was elected to the post of Vice President.

The April Board Meeting will be Sunday, April 3rd at the theater, at 7:00 PM. The April General Meeting, which will feature the Playreading Committees presentation of shows for next year, will be held Monday, April 11th at 7:30 PM at the theater.

Playreading is finalizing their selections, but if someone is specifically interested in directing, they should get in touch with Patrick Palamara before their final meeting April 3rd.

Renovations in the theater have taken yet another unexpected turn. For whatever reason, the architects decided that an eight by eight section of the costume room was the perfect place to put a new breaker box and gave rather short notice to have us clear out. Several volunteers have been participating in going through the costume room, also making the effort to clear out costumes ravaged by time and the odd flood or two.

April 1st was the target date for the completion of this phase of renovations; your editor is not sure how close to the target date the renovations are proceeding. We are looking forward to the completion of renovations, which should be done well before Our Town, and appreciate the patience and cooperation of all who have been called to duty or otherwise had to work around (and walk around) the many obstacles imposed by the renovations.

Boxers?

OPENINGS:

Baldwin Players is presenting Robert Fulghum's musical All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. The show runs March 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19 at the Baldwin Methodist Church on Baptist Road across from Caste Village. Carol Karl is Music Director and Jackie Nicoll is directing. For more information, call (412) 833-4624.

West Allegheny High School's production of Into the Woods is into its second week, running March 17, 18, and 19 @ 7pm. The A Cast (3/18, 3/19) includes Rachel Knarr (Rags) as Little Red Ridinghood and the B Cast (3/17) includes Kyle Helliard (The Secret Garden, Rags) as Jack (of Beanstalk fame). Both casts also feature a familiar Milky White, harp and hen that lays golden eggs! The production staff includes Meagan Bruno as Asst. Director/Vocal Director, Andrew Peters as Orchestra Director and Lisa Flynn Cignetti as Choreographer. Toni Baldanzi is

also in the pit orchestra. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the high school office during the regular school day.

Carlynton High School is presenting Honk! on April 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 and Sunday April 17th at 2:00 PM. Rob James is tech directing, with Becca Smith, Ronni Olson, Vince Ferro, and Julia Gordon are appearing in the cast. Chris Rotz is stage managing and Steve Baldanzi will be featured in the pit.

Ed Gergerich (Moses) along with daughters Anna Gergerich (Pharaoh's daughter) and Maura Gergerich (Miriam) will be appearing in the Assumption Theater Guild production of Crikey, Moses! Performances are at 8PM on Saturday, March 12 & 19 and at 2PM on Sunday, March 13 & 20 at Assumption Church in Bellevue. The British show is directed by Carol Randolph.

Anna Gergerich (Pharaoh's daughter) and Maura Gergerich (Miriam), along with their father Ed Gergerich (Moses) will be appearing in Children of Eden when the Pittsburgh Musical Theater production goes up at the Byham, March 31, April 1 & 2 at 7:30PM and Sunday, April 3 at 2PM. "Eden" tickets are available by calling 412-456-6667.

Next time, Maura Gergerich (Miriam) goes first.

Carnegie Performing Arts Center is presenting an original adaptation of Pinocchio! on April 22, 23, at 8 PM / April 24 at 2 PM. Sandy Boggs is directing, and Adrienne Elion has the role of The Cricket. For tickets, call (412) 279-8887. Our co-tenants are actually quite busy these days; their spring ballet, Peter Pan runs this weekend and their semi-professional core company Ballet Forte is presenting Rebooting Retro (featuring Adrienne and Amber Nagy from the cast of Melodrama...) in early April.

Heritage Players is producing Annie!. The show runs May 6-22, and will feature Emily Columbus and Kyla Feliz Williams.

More details should be available in the next issue of Callboard, but you can check out www.heritageplayers.org if you want a preview of what's up.

Karen Hanes will be appearing in the next Pohl production, Movie Madness along with regulars, Gary Baughman, Leigh-Anne Yost and Lisa Weiss. Shows will be May 6,7,13,14 at the Elks Ballroom, Canonsburg & May 20,21,27,28 at the Greentree Holiday Inn. Call 724-746-1178 for ticket information.

ALSO:

Dustin Giffin and Kevin Cole had featured roles in Chartiers Valley High School's production of Beauty and the Beast. Kevin played the role of Le Fou and Dustin was seen as the Prince/Beast; it was an excellent high school production. Debra Humphries (Red Queen) played Sister Mary Robert in Hickory's recent production of Nunsense.

LUCKY SEVEN

Until this issue, no member of Stage 62 has ever had their last name listed seven times. Congratulations on setting a new Callboard record are in order for Ed Gergerich and family

Oops. I guess it still holds. Now Gergerich has appeared eight times. Nope. Nine.

ALSO

To report items for The Callboard, call John Elion at (412) 276-9439 and leave a message at the beep or e-mail john.elion@comcast.net. PLEASE report items for The Callboard!

A Few Nights to Remember:

Next Board Meeting - April 3rd 2005 @ 7:00 PM @ Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall

Next General Meeting – April 11th 2005 7:30 PM @ ACFL&MH

Next Auditions (*Into the Woods*) – TBA @ ACFL&MH

Next Work Days – TBA

Next Show Dates (*Our Town*) May 13-15, 20-22 2005 @ ACFL&MH