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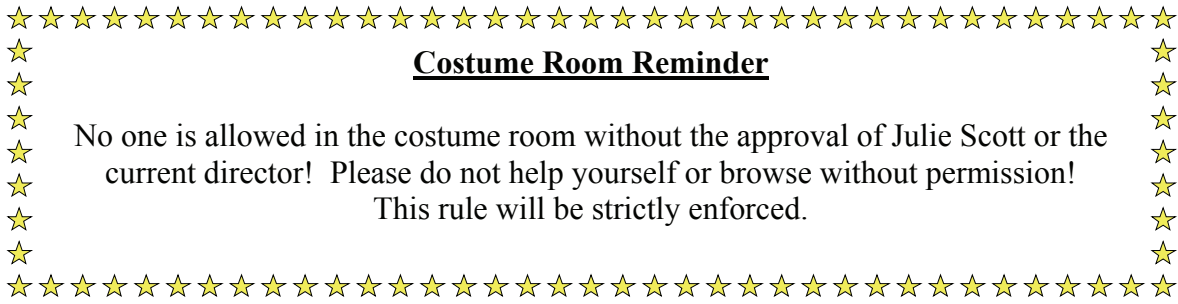


Ridgedale Roses

To Viki Higle and her wonderful cast and crew from 2 x 2. It received rave reviews from the audience! Due to the illness of Noah, the final weekend was moved to Easter weekend.

Despite the change in schedule, Ridgedale came together and did not disappoint those who came the following weekend. *“I would like to personally thank everyone who helped us survive a very difficult week at Ridgedale. We made the best of it and came together as a group to meet the adversity head on. To my cast, I am proud to know you as people first and as actors second. You were generous with your time and kind to my family. Thank you. I hope you continue to be all physically well and emotionally strong”.* Viki Higle
THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE RIDGEDALE!

More Roses to; Michelle Colosi for a fantastic game night! Turn out was great, the snacks were yummy and a good time was had by all! *“Can’t wait for another round of Catch Phrase next time”* -Michelle



Costume Room Reminder

No one is allowed in the costume room without the approval of Julie Scott or the current director! Please do not help yourself or browse without permission!
This rule will be strictly enforced.



2008/2009 SLATE
The Odd Couple
Dracula, the Musical?
Proof

Crazy for You

Noises Off

“Start spreading the news”

Additional Roses to the Play Reading and Casting Committee!
Julie Fuller, Vanessa Grayson, Jeff Jones, Laura Kerr, Alexandra LaCombe,
Kent Martini and Julie Scott! Great Job! Fantastic Slate!!!

BOARD BRIEFS
BAD YEAR FOR
TOMATOES CONTEST!

The Board is sponsoring a contest for our last show of the season! The member who sells the most tickets, will win a fabulous prize! Talk about a win-win-win situation! Your friends, family and co-workers will win because they will see a fabulous show! You will win because you sold the most tickets! Ridgedale will win with sold-out houses! Do your part and start selling tickets today! Don't miss this opportunity to support your theater!



See you at Ridgedale!
Next meeting
April 8th 730pm



SAVE THE DATE!
HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 6th, 2008
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Contact your favorite organization and help them plan a benefit today!

We sell blocks of seats to our shows at a reduced rate!

For benefit information for any of our

shows

please contact:
Tom Arwady
(586) 344-6343



Hospitality Needed! Please call Jim West to volunteer for "Tomatoes". Jim West (248) 399-9631

Kent Martini is looking for creative ways to build his set for next season's "Noises Off". The set has 2 stories, 7 doors and must completely spin around between acts! Kent is looking for suggestions. Give him a call.

DID YOU KNOW?

Greg Martini was accepted into the Western Michigan University Theater Program?

Jerry Martini was accepted into Grad School at City University in New York? His area of study is American Political Theory.

Jim Rink has received over 400 emails from Kent thanking him for his patron donation? When is enough, enough?

A certain Jar Mom, Board Member, and costume key holder had way too much fun picking out pictures for the last directors book!

Guy Copeland was a finalist in a comedy contest that sent him to LA! He can be seen around the Detroit area at different clubs.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you have member news, I'll put it in the next Backstage!

Many Ridgedalers' attended the memorial service for Gene Ewald. Many donations were made to Ridgedale in Gene's name.

Relay for Life Update:

Dates to remember.....

Friday April 4th 7pm

Lia Sophia Jewelry Party

Diane Dillard's home

kddillard@comcast.net

(248) 828-1957

Orders here by Mother's Day

Saturday April 12th

Bowling for a Cause

Contact Margaret Topij

(248) 990-7934

Thursday May 8th

Evening @ JD's Piano Bar

Silent Auction

\$10.00 Cover

RELAY FOR LIFE

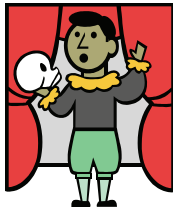
May 31– June 1

<http://events.cancer.org/rfltroymi>.

It is not too late to join as a team member or donate to the Ridgedale Ranglers!

Members Appearing Elsewhere.....

Tom Arwady, Ed Berger, Greg Bowman, Jamie Glenn, Vanessa Grayson, Marie Lee and Sue Mance can be seen on the stage at Village Players of Birmingham in Jesus Christ Superstar. Performances will be May 23—June 8th.



JAR NEWS

AGES 7-17

Charlottes Web Auditions!!!!

Saturday April 12th

2-4 pm

Show Dates June 7th and 8th

Please be prepared to read from the script and prepare a Broadway song. Bring a CD.

Cast of Characters listed on the website.

For more information call Peggy Miller Zelinko
(248) 969-7718

Reserve your tickets today!



TAR NEWS

AGES 13-17

THEATER AT ITS BEST: LAUGHTER AND SONG

AUDITIONS!!!!

May 19th at 7pm

Show Dates June 27th-29th

Directed by Kent Martini

This year we want to make sure that all those involved in the TAR show can showcase their talents. As a result we will be doing 3-4 comedies and a musical to allow everyone in the show a chance to “shine”. We will also be doing other mini-workshops on various aspects of theater in addition to the normal rehearsals. Other directors will be on hand to assist. The goal of this years TAR production is to get the actors prepared to audition for leads in their High School theater programs.

TOMATOES CAST

Pam Heath and crew are delighted with the cast for “A Bad Year for Tomatoes” Famous actress Myra Marlowe needs to get away from the demands of her career. She leases a home in Beaver Haven and settles in to write her autobiography. She is successful in turning the offers pressed on her by her long time agent, but dealing with her nosey omnipresent neighbors is a different matter.

Cast includes:

Julie Fuller, Joe Worthington, Suzanne Barcewicz, Michelle Simasko, Phil Berns, Sandra Deering, and Tracy Altman. Jeff Jones is AD and **Tracy** is also the Stage Manager. Producer **Diane Dillard**.



Do you enjoy having a cup of coffee at the theater? Please be mindful of cleaning up after yourself! Take a moment after your meeting or rehearsal and make sure the coffee pot is off and your cups washed!



T.A.R. Meeting & Audition Notice

Meeting: Sunday, February 17th at 1pm

-We will discuss the auditions, cuts from plays selected, rehearsal schedules and the performances. If you have a favorite comedy play, come prepared to suggest it as an alternate to the 2 we currently have planned. Ages 13-18 only.

Auditions: Monday, May 19th at 7pm

-We will be reading cuts from the comedies; RUMORS & RETURN ENGAGEMENTS. For those who are interested in singing, we will do several songs from ANNIE GET YOUR GUN. The plays selected will give each person cast the ability to “showcase” their talents (i.e.: everyone will have a fair number of lines...no really small parts).

-There will also be a “Narrator” role, which will explain (set-up) the scenes we will be doing for the audiences. This part will be memorized & requires solid acting skills.

-Not everyone that auditions is assured a part. We will invite everyone who auditions to attend some of the general theatre workshop exercises that we will be doing during some rehearsals.

The Show: “Theatre at it’s Best - Laughter & Song” June 27-29th

-There will be 3 segments to the show. Two segments will be from the comedies RUMORS & RETURN ENGAGEMENTS (about 30 minutes each). We will also do 2-4 songs from ANNIE GET YOUR GUN.

Rehearsals: **days/times depending on the casts’ availability—we will be flexible as needed*

-The intent is to have specific (positive, but “honest”) direction to improve the acting skills of the TAR actors. We expect high quality acting from all those cast in the show and will provide a “theatre workshop” atmosphere to develop the skill-levels expected.

-Other seasoned Ridgedale Directors will be assisting in some of the rehearsals to help develop specific skills. We are looking to prepare everyone for leads in high school plays, help them prepare for college theatre programs or community theatre as they get older.

If you have questions before the Feb 19th meeting: email Kent Martini (the Director)

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BACKSTAGE

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MAKE A DATE
FOR THE
THEATER!



Mark Your Calendars!

DRESS FOR "TOMOTOES"
A BAD YEAR FOR TOMATOES
TAR AUDITONS
CHARLOTTE'S WEB
TAR SHOW

APRIL 27th 2pm
MAY 2nd - MAY 18th
MAY 19th 7pm
JUNE 7th and 8th
JUNE 27-29



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



**WELCOME
SPRING!**