

BACKSTAGE

April 2011 ~ 79th Season

The Stories of Scheherazade

April 16-17, 2011 (Sat. 10:30 am & 1 pm, Sun. 1 & 3:30 pm)



Betrayed by his fiancée, the hot-tempered Raynah decides to punish all the women in his kingdom. Scheherazade is called upon to use her

tale-spinning talents to save her people. A delightful musical tale with royal counselors and powerful genies.

Thank You Ridgedale Roses

~Ridgedale Roses to Laura Schmitt for organizing GAME NIGHT on April 2nd at Ridgedale. It was SO MUCH FUN and was very well attended.

~A large bouquet of Roses out to Kevin Feber has generously rented additional high tech microphones for the JAR show with the use of his own money.



Congratulations to the Cast of *Expecting Isabel*.

Anyone who is a parent or has a parent will love this show. *EXPECTING ISABEL* is a comedy about a New York couple who is trying to have a baby ... by any means necessary. Their difficulties in conceiving lead them on an "Alice in Wonderland-esque" journey through the baby-booming business, as they negotiate the fertility trade, the adoption industry and their own unique families. A sweet and often hilarious play. **PLEASE BE ADVISED ~ This show is for mature audiences only. It contains strong language and sexual references**

Miranda - **Claire Ryan**
Nick - **Chris Newman**
Lila (Paula, Judy) - **Liz Kozek**
Yolanda - **Pamela Shaw Heath**
Sal (Bob) - **Mike Jeffries**
Dominic (Richard, Dr. John Wilde) - **Scott Welborn**
Pat (Tina, Taylor) - **Erin Hobbs**
Val (Harvey) - **Chris Peterson**
Gary (Cabbie, Eugene) -
Aaron Kurilik
Lupe (Lisa) - **Vanessa Grayson**
Isabel (Heather) - **Amanda**

Meet the Cast

Performances:
May 6 - 22, 2011
Fridays and Saturdays -
8:00p.m.
Sundays - 2:00p.m

Ridgedale Needs You!



Want to do more for the theatre you love? Do you want to see more positive changes? You can be part of that...consider running for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. Please contact a current Board Member to submit your name for the ballot.

**HAVE YOU GONE ON AN EXCITING TRIP?
HAD A BIRTH IN THE FAMILY? WANT TO
SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH THE REST OF THE
MEMBERS?**

**SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO
BACKSTAGE@RIDGEDALEPLAYERS.COM**



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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 16th	Show—The Stories of Scheherazade
Sunday, April 17th	Show—The Stories of Scheherazade
Sunday, May 1st—2p	Member Dress—Expecting Isabel
Friday, May 6th—8p Saturday, May 7th—8p	Show—Expecting Isabel
Sunday, May 8th—2p	Show—Expecting Isabel
Friday, May 13th—8p Saturday, May 14th—8p	Show—Expecting Isabel
Sunday, May 15th—2p	Show—Expecting Isabel
Friday, May 20th—8p Saturday, May 21st—8p	Show—Expecting Isabel
Sunday, May 22nd—2p	Closing Show—Expecting Isabel
Saturday, June 4th Sunday, June 5th	ACS Relay for Life/Troy
Saturday, June 11th	Golf Outing Fundraiser
Monday, June 13th—7p	Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 19th—2p	TAR—Dress Rehearsal
Friday, June 24th—7p Saturday, June 25th—7p	TAR Show—A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Coliseum
Sunday, June 26th—2p	TAR Show—A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Coliseum

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This is the official newsletter of Ridgedale Players Theatre, issued on a monthly basis during the theatrical season to all individual members on record. An occasional e-mail information update is sent to all members with e-mail addresses on record. Correspondences to the Backstage should be sent to the Editor at backstage@ridgedaleplayers.com.

Updated e-mail and postal addresses are maintained by the Membership Chairperson and should be sent to membership@ridgedaleplayers.com

Members: Please be sure to check the Ridgedale calendar on our website. It is under Calendar Of Events and is a great resource for knowing what is scheduled in the theater. Laura Schmitt is the "keeper" and does an excellent job of keeping the calendar super current. If you would like to add any events please contact Laura and be sure to check out the calendar regularly to know what's going on!

PATCHES ~ PATCHES ~ PATCHES

Christal Renaud has designed and ordered Ridgedale Players patches for a small fundraiser. They are available for purchase for \$1.25 and can be purchased from Viki Higle. You may contact her at 248-217-2278. Many scout troops have ordered these. They make a nice little gift memento.





A Funny Thing Happened.....REUNION!!

The special feelings of a reunion were present as the 1975 and 1990 Forum cast met in the Green Room for a double reunion. Those in attendance met their counterpart of the current production of "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" and sparked lots of fun conversation and memories. A special toast to honor all three casts and crew was given and our glasses were raised to remember all those that were not able to attend or are no longer with us.



Diane Dillard
and Bill Bradley

Julie, Jennifer,
Carl and Doris



Ken, Jonathan,
Julie, Kelly, Bill
and Sue



Jennifer & Carl
Jones, Jack Tillotsen,
Jonathan Frankel



3 Heros - Tim Hagle,
Carl Jones, Dan Fuller



Did you know that on June 4, 2011 at the Troy Community Center, Ridgedale Players will be represented for the 8th year in the ACS RELAY FOR LIFE/TROY? Our team has made many memories over the past years & we'd like to invite you to join us to make your own memories.

The RELAY FOR LIFE is the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser. The RELAY is a 24 hour event that offers the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. During the course of RELAY participants enjoy entertainment, activities, food, camaraderie and of course, we walk the track. The Opening Ceremony applauds our survivors. We're proud that Selma Cohen walks the Survivor's Lap every year. (Are any of you Cancer Survivors? We'd love to recognize your journey!) The Luminaria Ceremony is a special night event to remember and support our loved ones. (Unfortunately, many of us have lost dear ones. This ceremony is a beautiful reminder that they'll always remain in our hearts!)

We would like to personally invite you to become involved with this year's RELAY. Check out www.relayforlife.org/troymi

Ridgedale Players
we put the community in community theater

AUDITIONS "LOVE, SEX, AND THE IRS"

Auditions: Monday July, 18, 2011-
Registration @ 6:30pm-Will begin at 7:00pm



Performance Dates:
September 9-25, 2011

Cast of Characters

Ages of all characters range from 25 to 60

Jon Trachtman—Good looking young man
Leslie Athur—Gawky young man
Kate Dennis—Pretty young woman, Jon's fiancé
Mr. Jansen—Beer-bellied drunk of a landlord
Floyd Spinner—IRS agent
Vivian Trachtman—Jon's mom, stoic woman
Connie—Attractive young woman, Leslie's girlfriend
Arnold Grunion—A Shady character

Here is a wild farce with twists of fate, sight gags, mistaken identities and hilarious comic lines. Jon Trachtman and Leslie Arthur are out of work musicians who room together in New York City. To save money, Jon has been filing tax returns listing the pair as married. The day of reckoning comes when the Internal Revenue Service informs the "couple" they're going to be investigated by a Mr. Spinner. Leslie masquerades as a housewife, aided by Jon's fiancé, Kate. Complicating matters further Leslie and Kate are having an affair behind Jon's back, Jon's mother drops in unexpectedly to meet her son's fiancé, and Leslie's ex girlfriend shows up demanding to know why Leslie has "changed" and won't see her anymore.

Director: Laura Schmitt Assistant Director: Jennifer Ward Producer: Victoria Hagle

For more information go to www.ridgedaleplayers.com or
contact the Director at laura@ridgedaleplayers.com



Mini clean-up Day Scheduled Saturday, April 30th in the morning

Every Summer (mostly in August) we have a BIG clean-up day to get rid of things we don't need and to get the theatre prepared for the upcoming season. This year, the INC Board is going to try to have a "mini clean-up day" that just focuses on the outside of the theatre.

We will be going around the theatre property to clean up any garbage, rake, pick-up fallen branches and generally try to get the outside looking nice for the Spring (we may do some planting too).

We need all the help we can get, from adult and JAR-TAR members. We will start (bright and early) on Saturday, April 30th at 8am and go until about 1pm. We will have donuts and drinks for those who help.

If you can come, even for an hour, please do so. You don't have to, but if you could bring a rake & gloves to wear that would be great. If you have any questions call or email Kent Martini (248-219-4442 or kentmartini@rsvpstress.com).

We hope to see you on April 30th !!!!



Better Communications of Important Personal Events



We are trying to make sure our current, and former members, are aware of important personal events (weddings, new babies, illnesses or deaths) on a more consistent and timely basis. We have done a good job in the past, but have had a few personal events of ex-members that (unintentionally) were not known about.

We want to try to stop this kind of thing from happening in the future...we will never be perfect, but we can always try to improve!

To do this, we are going to have one member be the "point person to contact" if you have anything you think the membership should know, or if you hear about something important going on with a current or ex-member. This "point person" will determine if the information should wait until the next newsletter, or if it is something that needs to be emailed to everyone right away (because someone's in the hospital, a funeral, etc).

Kent Martini has volunteered to do this. So, if you have any news about a member, or ex-member, please email or call Kent with the information. His cell is: 248-219-4442 and his email is: kentmartini@rsvpstress.com

Having one consistent "point person," instead of giving it to a random Board Member, or someone else you think "might know what to do," will hopefully make our communications more timely on important personal issue. Please let Kent know if you know of something we should tell others about!



BEN NYE PERSONAL MAKE-UP KITS

Now Available for Purchase through Ridgedale Players!

To purchase a kit or for more information contact:
Amber Filipski (586)258-6090 • makeup@ridgedaleplayers.com

Kits are offered in a variety of shades and include the following items:

- Foundation
- Highlight/Shadow/Lip/Cheek Palette
- Detail Brush
- Eyeliner
- Stipple Sponge
- Loose Setting Powder
- Powder Puff
- Foundation Sponge

