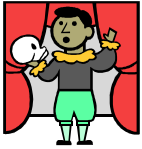


BACKSTAGE

February 2011 ~ 79th Season



JAR Jargon—

The Tales of Scheherazade

Exciting auditions were held on Saturday, February 5th at the theatre.

Congratulations to all our new actors! Our Junior actors not only learn characterization, stage direction, singing & choreography, but they also learn some exciting skills and history. Mr. Taitt will be teaching us Persian geography & language as our play takes place in Persia 600 BC. We will learn some juggling skills & you will hear the use of some unusual instruments such as the GONG.

Cast:

Rachel Miller-Zelinko, Colleen Bielman, Erin Tepatti, Eric Struble, Michael Schaeper, Jason LaCombe, Ellen Stachowicz, Ellen Paquet, Kayla Sharpe, Jordan Lang, Cara Balagna, Audrey Thomson, Gabrielle Feber, Rebecca Feber, Dylan Miller-Zelinko, Rebecca Miller-Zeliko, Andy LaCombe, Monica Roberts, Christina Crane, Lauren Brinker, Angelina Uptain, Kaitlynn Perfect, Rachel Taitt, Taylor Lewis, Laurel Lungklip, Jessica Stefut, Alexandria Jones, Sarah Cripsey

Director: **Peggy Miller-Zelinko**~Assistant Director: **Lisa Feber**~
Production Team: **Alexandra LaCombe, Julie Scott, Amanda Engle, Cheryl Murrish, Kayla Murrish, Kevin Feber & Parents**

ONE ACTS -WHAT A NIGHT

Congratulations to the Directors, Cast & Crew of the 2011 One Acts evening. The evening was filled with conversation, food, and fun—and oh the talent. We have talent pouring out of the woodwork.

Cast includes: Tracy Altman, Tom Arwady, Shauna Barcewicz, Phil Berns, Colleen Bielman, Diane Dillard, Lauren Fuller, Stephanie George, Bill Hellebuyck, Tim Higle, Mike Jeffries, Jeff Jones, Marie Lee, Rachel Miller-Zelinko, Steve Morgan, Michael Schaeper, Dave Scott, Kate Sweeney, Greg Thom & Scott Welborn.

A special thanks to the One Act Committee—Amber Filipski & Julie Scott.

BRAVO!!!



I'm Herbert



A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum



"What is this Feeling"
from *WICKED*



Graceland



Channel 11 o'clock Reaction News Update



The Miracle Worker

Photos by Amy K. Ricker

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ATTENTION! Calling Cast & Crew Members of 1975 & 1990 *FORUM*

To celebrate the current run of *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* a **DOUBLE** cast and crew reunion is scheduled for 5:30p—7:30p Saturday, March 12th in the Ridgedale Green Room. Both casts and crews from the 1975 & 1990 shows are invited to share memories, enjoy a cocktail, have their picture taken, and attend the performance. The response has been amazing and we are all looking forward to a wonderful reunion evening. All are welcome. Please feel free to stop by and say hello. Bring an appetizer and drink and be sure to order your tickets for the show in advance. Any questions??? Please contact Viki @ 248-217-2278



A very **BIG** thank you to those Members, family & friends who attended the fundraiser to benefit the organization S.O.C.H. We were able to raise \$7000. **THANK YOU THANK YOU!**

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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 20th— 2p	Member Dress Rehearsal for <i>Forum</i>
Friday, February 25th— 8p	<i>A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum</i> Opening night
Saturday, February 26th— 8p	Show— <i>Forum</i>
Sunday, February 27th— 2p	Show— <i>Forum</i>
Friday, March 4th—8p Saturday, March 5th—8p	Show— <i>Forum</i>
Sunday, March 6th—2p	Show— <i>Forum</i>
Monday, March 7th	Auditions— <i>Expecting Isabel</i>
Tuesday, March 8th	Board Meeting—Players Board
Friday, March 11th—8p Saturday, March 12th—8p	Show— <i>Forum</i>
Sunday, March 13th—2p	Closing Show— <i>Forum</i>
Saturday, March 26th—2p-4p	TAR Auditions



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.

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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 of 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



Ridgedale Roses

~ A bouquet of roses to Co-Chairs **Amber Filipski & Julie Scott** for a wonderful evening of food, music and laughter at the 2011 One Acts!

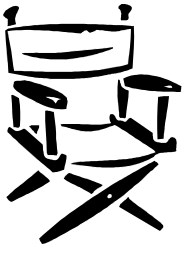
~ Roses to the Directors of the One Acts—**Aaron Filipski, Mike Jeffries, Chris Polhill, Pamela Shaw-Health & Eileen White**

~ Additional roses to the production team for One Acts: **Katie Jeffries** (Stage Manager), **Rick Haines** (Technical) & **Kevin Feber** (Video Capture), **Amy K. Ricker** (Photography)

~ A rose to **Laura Schmitt** for maintaining the calendar.

A Word from our President

Peggy Miller-Zelinko—president@ridgedaleplayers.com



What does it take to plan, produce, and execute a great play for our entertainment? Yep...you are right. Producers, Directors, Actors, Set Dec people, dishwashers, etc. BUT...lurking around behind the scenes is a group of men called the "INC Board". This hardy group of "lurkers" are known as Dave Scott, Kent Martini, Tracy Altman, Dan Fuller, and Jeff Jones. Their job is to keep us in show BIZ.

You may have seen them sitting up at the table at the Annual Board Meeting looking all prominent and official but wait....have you ever seen them with their hands down the toilet unplugging one of those overflowing, stinking holes? I have. Have you ever seen them on a ladder installing new lights in the freezing cold so the Ridgedale Players awning can be seen at night? I have. Have you ever called upon them when patrons say it is too hot, too cold, the roof is leaking in the girls dressing room, and there is a puddle behind stage? I have. Have you ever noticed the sign out front gets changed in the freezing cold winter and the hot summer? I have. Have you ever noticed the trash is emptied, the grass is mowed, the snow is plowed? I have. And the bills are paid! So...when you see these fearless men that keep our great theatre going, give them THANKS, give them a hug,...but just make sure their hands didn't just come out the toilet.

Regards, Peggy



PROPS

At Ridgedale Theatre we have always loaned out props, so that we have a reciprocal relationship with other theatres. We have now established a new policy that may assure that we keep our props in good condition and that we know where they are and what we have. If you are borrowing props:

1. Call Peggy at 248-969-7718
2. Fill out Prop Form listing props and dates used
3. Pay REFUNDABLE prop fee
4. Check props in with Peggy
5. The form will be in Peggy's File



Dear Ridgedale.....

Letters from the community.

January 14, 2011

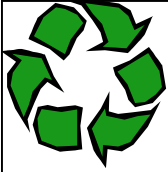
Dear Ridgedale Players & The Painter Sisters,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and especially the clients of the Troy People Concerned, we would like to extend a heartfelt, sincere thank you to the members of Ridgedale Players. It is because of organizations like you that we are able to carry out our mission to service the Troy Community, as we have done since 1974. These past few years we've experienced an increase in the number of Troy citizens seeking help, notably during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your donation to low income families during the Holiday season was particularly helpful!

Your caring support, donated time and resources truly helped make a difference in the lives of families in Troy who would have not had the blessing of the holiday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Troy People Concerned would like to thank you for being a partner with us to provide this holiday Help...from the Heart.

With Kind regards,

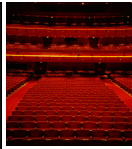
The Board of Directors & Staff of Troy People Concerned, Inc.



Bravo to those remembering to recycle when you are at the playhouse. Water bottles & pop cans are being placed in the hallway behind the kitchen at a good percent. However, we should be doing a much better job at recycling other items such as plastic containers, cans, cardboard of all types and printed material. So before throwing an item in the garbage, stop and think about whether it can be placed in the hallway. The City of Troy does recycle. Let's all do our part to help!

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.



**Around the Aisle—
Member News**

~ **Don O** passed away this past September. He and his wife Lois, were Honorary Members.
~ Current Members **Michele Colosi, Amy K. Ricker, Viki Higle, Emma Guzman & Cara Schaeper** along with Past Members **Greg Bowman, Jennifer & Brittany Ward** and Friend of Ridgedale **Kerry Price** performed in Royal Oak for the S.O.C.H with Bible on Broadway. Congrats everyone.

Play Reading & Casting



Join a committee! Get involved choosing the 2012-2013 Ridgedale season of shows.

Contact Julie Fuller @ 248-544-3752 or email dramaqueenjlf@aol.com

Thank you!

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