

BACKSTAGE

November 2010 ~ 79th Season

All the Better to Kill You With is Ready to Roll!!

You won't believe how evil **Scott Welborn** is as Doug. **Marie Lee** plays his new wife, who can't forget her former lover. **Aaron Filipski** is the younger brother who needs money badly. **Eileen White** is a rich Socialite who listens to RUMORS. (sound familiar?) **Chris Polhill**, new to Ridgedale, plays a rich businessman with designs on another man's wife. **Dan Muldoon** plays the seasoned detective who tries to put the pieces together to solve the MURDER. **Angela Moore** plays a young Police Sergeant who is thrilled to be working on her first big case.

The acting is superb and the set is fantastic! Be sure to come see it and of course help us sell tickets to loads of people.



JAR—The Velveteen Rabbit
December 4th & 5th

JAR production of "The Velveteen Rabbit" is coming to Ridgedale December 4 and 5. A very talented cast of 30 young actors, ages 8 to 18, is busy rehearsing this classic story of a stuffed rabbit that becomes real through the love of a child. And a dedicated production staff, ages 19 to ... is busy making sure that this will be a show to delight children and adult alike. You will not want to miss this one!

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through Ridgedale Players!

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

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



Ridgedale
Roses

- Roses to **Laura Schmitt & Amy Ricker** for being the Hospitality Co-Chairs for *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Special thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help: **Krista & Willa Adamo, Susan B, Phil Berns, Michael Cragg & friend Laura, Jean Crane, Michele Colosi, Maureen Cook, Bill Dixon, Kevin & Lisa Feber, Aaron Filipski, Dan & Julie Fuller, Rick & Bonnie Haines, Pam Heath, Stan Iobst, Tony Kovach, Alexandra LaCombe, Marie Lee, Sue Mance, Nicole & Kelly Neimeic, Tina Pleiness, Lisa & Mark Ralph, Schaffer Family, Fred Shulak, Laura Taitt, Peter Wojda, Jim & Pat West, Anna W., Peggy & Rachel Zelinko.**

2010-2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 5th—8p	Opening— <i>All the Better to Kill You With</i>
Saturday, November 6th—8p Sunday, November 7th—2p	<i>All the Better to Kill You With</i>
Tuesday, November 9th—7:15p	Players Board Meeting
Friday, November 12th & Saturday November 13th—8p	<i>All the Better to Kill You With</i>
Sunday, November 14th—2p	<i>All the Better to Kill You With</i>
Friday, November 19th & Saturday November 20th—8p	<i>All the Better to Kill You With</i>
Sunday, November 21st—2p	Closing— <i>All the Better to Kill You With</i>
Friday, December 3rd	JAR Show Set up
Saturday, December 4th—10:30a & 1p	JAR Show— <i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>
Sunday, December 5th—1p & 3:30p	JAR Show— <i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>
Saturday, December 4th—6pm	Holiday Party at Juliano's in Warren



CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!

Do you have an interest in directing? Test the waters at the *Ridgedale Players One Acts Festival* January 28th & 29th @ 7:30p! This annual members-only event is a one-day festival of short shows, music, and food. The length of the plays at the event is typically 10-20 minutes and play selection is up to each director. The public library is a great place to begin the search for a one-act play. This is a great opportunity for first-time directors to get their feet wet and a great venue for seasoned directors to try a new style or genre!

To sign up or for more information contact:
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SIGN-UP DEADLINE
November 27, 2010

Thank you!

Patron Donations

- Ridgedale Guardian (\$250-\$499)
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Audition Notice



Vaudeville, comedy, and farce create a laugh riot in this Tony Award winner for Best Musical, featuring a book by Burt Shevelove & Larry Gelbart, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. In a quest to win his freedom, a crafty slave in ancient Rome strives to win the hand of a beautiful courtesan for his master. Mistaken identities, wild chases, bawdy humor, and zany characters add up to outlandish spectacle and irreverent hilarity. And Sondheim's music lifts it all into the sublime

Auditions: Saturday, December 11, 2010 Registration at 1:00 PM. Auditions will begin @ 1:30 PM. Everyone will sing Comedy Tonight and check vocal ranges. Please wear comfortable clothing for your dancing audition. Please bring your list of conflicts.

Callbacks: Sunday, December 12, 2010 @ 6:30 PM. Please be prepared to sing a few verses of the song for the character the casting committee has chosen for you to audition. Most songs are available on youtube.

Member's Dress Rehearsal Sunday, February 20, 2011 - Performance dates: February 25-March 13, 2011.

Music cuts can be found at www.ridgedaleplayers.com

Director: Pamela Shaw Heath * Assistant Director: Laura Schmitt * Music Director: Dianne Cragg * Producer: Diane Dillard

- Pseudolus: 30-50 Playful, comic ringmaster of the show and slave to Hero. Baritone: A-High C (May double cast)
- Hero: 18-25 Senex's son, the handsome, innocent master, in love with Philia. Tenor A2 - F#4
- Philia: 17-24 The lovely-but-vacant courtesan. Soprano A3 - G5
- Senex: 45-60 Hero's father and master of the house. Baritone B flat to C flat.
- Marcus Lycus: 40-60 A buyer and seller of courtesans. Baritone A2 - F4
- Domina: 45-60 An overbearing wife. Mezzo-Soprano A3 - F#5
- Erronius: 60-70 A doddering old man A2 - F4 Baritone
- Gymnasia: 25-35 A courtesan from the house of Lycus with whom Pseudolus falls in love. Low A - high F
- Miles Gloriosus: 30-35 Lycus' pompous warrior client. Bass/Baritone A2 - F4
- Hysterium: 35-55 Pseudolus' hapless fellow slave and slave to Senex & Domina. Tenor A2 - C4
- Tintinabula: 18-30 A jingling, bell-wearing courtesan in the house of Lycus. Low A - high F
- Vibrata: 18-30 A wild, vibrant courtesan in the house of Lycus. Low A - high F
- Geminae: 18-30 Twin courtesans in the house of Lycus. Low A - high F
- Panacea: 18-30 A courtesan in the house of Lycus. Low A - high F
- 3 Proteans: 18-40 Choristers who play multiple roles (slaves, citizens, soldiers, and eunuchs). B-High A

*The ages mentioned are that of the character not the actor.

Any questions can be answered by emailing or calling director Pamela Shaw Heath - pheath28@wowav.com or 586-573-8740.



2010 Ridgedale Holiday Party

When—Saturday, December 4th @ 6pm

Where—Juliano's in Warren

Cost—\$28 per person (price includes two meat buffet and full bar for 3 hours)

****RSVP by December 1st****

Please contact Holiday Party Chairperson—Laura Schmitt
at 248-721-7152 or email schmittl@oakgov.com



NEWS FROM THE INC BOARD:

We've received final approval from the Health Department and are now operating under our regular permit. Thanks again to Tim Tepatti for getting us through this. The Girl Scout landscaping project is now completed and is a big improvement for our theatre entrance. We plan on initiating a spring and fall clean up day beginning next year to make sure it stays looking nice. Hopefully each spring we can plant some annuals as well to supplement what's there now. We'd like to thank Christal Renaud and the Girl Scouts for getting this done.

During the regular operation of the Inc Board we are constantly looking at potential projects, putting budgets together, prioritizing and, as money allows, implementing as many as we can. Some of the improvements currently being discussed and evaluated are:

- * New auditorium, kitchen and patron restroom flooring.
- * Updated phone system, service and internet access for the theatre.
- * Improved parking lot lighting.
- * Ticketing software.
- * New stage lighting control board.
- * Memorial area.

These are in addition to the normal maintenance functions that the Inc Board has to deal with. If you have any suggestions for future projects that could improve Ridgedale please let us know.

We will also be starting a new continual committee to better organize our fundraising efforts. This committee will be responsible each season for putting together a list of scheduled fundraising activities to take place during the following season. Doing this will allow us to better coordinate, schedule and prepare for fundraising and allow us to project fundraising income from year to year. Once the activities are scheduled we'll be calling on member volunteer support to help run them. If you are interested in being on this committee please let me know.

As always, thanks for your support.

Treasurer Tid-Bits—Lori Altman laaltman@sbcglobal.net



It would be helpful if those of you who are authorized to charge at Kinko's, Trevarrow Hardware, Home Depot and Office Depot would send me a quick e-mail letting me know that you have charged something and what it is for. Quite often I get charges and don't know what "account" they need to go in. If I don't get the charges into the right account, shows could be charged incorrectly. Thank you!

Please remember to **recycle** when you are at the playhouse. In the hallway behind the kitchen, there is a container for returnable cans etc., a bag for water bottles and other plastics and a place for all types of cardboard. Let's do our best to **RECYCLE**. Thank you



Attention Directors and Special Event Promoters !!

If you need ad time on the theatre marquee in addition to whatever off-site advertising you've arranged for, contact me to avoid conflicts with regularly scheduled events. Directors: If you know what you'd like on the marquee to publicize your production, call or email me ASAP, i.e., jjones56@wowway.com or 248 435.6513.



As a representative to the Arts Council of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, Diane Dillard represented Ridgedale at the ARTS, MIX & MINGLE event held at the Michigan Design Center, Wed. Oct. 6. Season flyers were distributed. *ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN* was viewed on a lap top. Two lucky patrons won season tickets in a business card drawing. Over 70 artists were in attendance. Diane attends monthly Arts Council meetings to represent us. Want to know more? Contact Diane at kddillard@comcast.net