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Porthole Players Newsletter

Happy Spring to all!

This newsletter has several opportunities for those who want to participate and get involved with Porthole Players. I hope you will take time to read it over and note names and numbers you can contact to learn more about up-coming productions.

A special welcome to those new members who came to the annual meeting in January! We are excited to have you with us, and look forward to getting to know you.

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- A. Dear Fellow Thespians,

My, oh, my do we love to play! Currently our company generously shares with the community its production of "My Fair Lady". If you have not warmed a seat at the PAC yet to see the show you had better hurry and call the box office!

Next up will be "Side by Side by Sondheim" which we are producing this summer, to be followed by

"Opera Comique" in the fall and "Jesus Christ Superstar" in the spring of 2011. Stay tuned for audition information.

The board's projects and tasks as we know it for the foreseeable future are possible upgrades to the sound system, refining policies, and educating ourselves and others within the Porthole family in furthering our art (through workshops, mentoring new directors, providing support, etc.)

If you have thoughts, concerns, ideas please let any of the board members know. Or better yet, attend a board meeting (second Monday of the month, 6:00PM at our office,) make a proposal, volunteer to lead a project. It takes all of us to keep theater alive and thriving.

With a bow and a curtsy,
Linda Annable

B. The Porthole Annual Meeting was held January 9 at the First Presbyterian Church. We had a good crowd, and all who attended had a good time. It was a nice chance to meet new people and also to connect with old friends. There were several new folks there, and to you new members, we especially hope that you will find something interesting to you in the newsletter and become involved with us. Lee Ritzman, Linda Annable, and Stephan made delicious soups for dinner, and attendees brought breads and desserts. Thanks to the soup makers, and to everyone who participated by bringing food or helping. A special thanks to Linda Curtice-Hayden, who washed a LOT of dishes! Entertainment was provided by cast members of the Porthole shows MY FAIR LADY and SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM, as well as CAP, which presented a couple of songs from WILLY WONKA.

The treasurer's report let us know how we are doing financially. A CHRISTMAS STORY made \$3,000. Thanks to Bonnie for being an outstanding treasurer! We re-elected Vickie Steen and Akia Woods to the Board, and welcomed Elizabeth Atly as a new Board member.

A Life Membership was given to Jennifer Haggerty for her many years of serving on the Board and directing shows. She seemed genuinely surprised, and is very deserving of the award.

A reminder that our dues are Jan - Jan, so if you haven't paid this year, you can still do so. The money we collect from dues is very important to us, as it helps pay our ongoing costs for insurance, office supplies, and other necessities. You can send your dues to Porthole Players, Box 1452, Newport, OR 97365. An individual membership is \$10, a Family membership is \$30, and other amounts have different designations. Need more info? - contact Cindy at mcconn@charter.net

The next annual meeting will be in January 2011. We hope to see many of you there!

C. MY FAIR LADY - If you haven't seen it yet, this weekend is the last one to enjoy this fabulous show! Kathryn Heater and Sara Coxen have assembled an outstanding cast and crew. Last week's papers had a great Letter to the Editor and Review. Performance dates are Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th at 7:00 (NOTE: 7:00!) and the final performance is Sunday the 21st at 2:00. Everyone is talking about this show - join the throngs at the theater this weekend.

D. SBSBS: This is a musical review, which is already cast, and will take place in the Studio Theater in August. We are sponsoring the production, as the previous sponsor didn't work out. The singers are Stephan, Akia Woods, and Gidget Manucci, with Ramona Martin as accompanist. Those of us at the annual meeting heard some of it, and it is a great show. They are in need of a lighting tech, a sound tech, and someone to manage the house (ushers, lobby sitters, etc.) If you would like to help, contact Stephan at stephanartist@hotmail.com

E. OPERA COMIQUE - Stephan is directing this hilarious farce in November of 2010. He has his production team in place, but needs someone to head up the construction team. He has ideas about what he would like to do, but needs people to do it. The CAST is made up of 10 people, 8 adults 30-50, and 2 teens (18 or so). This is a farce, which means exaggerated acting and well-timed humor with the obligatory constant entrances and exits through three doors. A character or two break the fourth wall and speak directly with the audience. Auditions will be in the summer - information will come out later about when and where. You may contact Stephan with questions.

F. JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR - Directed by Michael Eastman, this is scheduled for Spring 2011. He is still in need of a producer - so if you are interested, please contact him at choirboy1953@gmail.com Information on auditions will be sent out and also put in the paper as soon as he is ready.

G. The JoAnn Buckout Memorial Scholarship is given each year to a graduating senior who has been active in Porthole Players. We are working on getting the paperwork together for this. If you are a graduating senior, or have one in your home, and would like more information on the scholarship, please contact Cindy at mcconn@charter.net and I will work on getting the information to you.

H. The next Porthole Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, at 6:00 pm in the Porthole office at 306 SW Coast Hwy, Suite 200. This is above the American Red Cross office on the corner. Everyone is welcome!