



ATHENIAN PLAYERS THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2000-2001 season. I hope we have a great year. We have some good shows this season. Let's do our best to get the word out about them. We hope to have a general membership meeting on Tues., Sept. 12. We will be looking at committees, and so forth for this year. Remember, we are fronting the money for our productions this season, so we really have to work at getting the At The Door ticket sales up.

A Christmas Memory did very well at State OCTA over Labor Day weekend. Thank you to cast and crew and to those who went along for support. We had a super time!!

Let's all try to find at least one new member each this year. We shouldn't be keeping all this fun to ourselves.

2000-2001 SEASON

"WILD HONEY"

.....by Michael Frayn

Translated and adapted by the Tony Award nominated playwright Michael Frayn, the critically acclaimed "Wild Honey" is the story of lost estate, lust, friendship, and comical fate.

"Wild Honey", a then untitled play by the great Anton Chekov, was mysteriously discovered in a Moscow bank safe deposit box sixteen years after Chekov's death. The play is believed to be one of Chekov's first.

November 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8 PM. Matinee November 19 - 2 PM, Stuart's Opera House, Nelsonville, Oh

"ALL BECAUSE OF AGATHA" by Jonathan Troy

Set in historic Salem, Mass., a young couple moves into a centuries-old house with a bizarre feature - yearly visits from a destructive witch named Agatha Forbes. When the couple decides to turn the yearly visit into a festive party, Agatha has something else in mind.

March 1, 2, 3 - 8:00 PM
Matinee on March 4 - 2 PM
Stuart's Opera House,
Nelsonville, Oh

"BEDROOM FARCE"

by Alan Ayckbourn

A wickedly funny romp through the bedrooms of three couples, Bedroom Farce portrays the couples' lives through the different stages and ages of their relationships on one particular evening. Written by Alan Ayckbourn, often considered the English Neil Simon, Bedroom Farce explores what happens in a marriage when the "spark" is gone.

May 4,5, 11, 12 at 8 PM
Matinee on May 13th - 2 PM
Stuart's Opera House,
Nelsonville, Oh

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

As most of you know by now, Athenian Players Theatre is participating in Ohio's Adopt-A-Highway litter control program. APT has accepted responsibility for the cleanliness of a 2-mile stretch of State Route 50 just east of Athens, approaching and including Canaanville.

We have made a commitment to pick up litter on our section at least four times each year for two years. In exchange, the Ohio Department of Transportation has erected a sign at each end of our stretch, which indicates Athenian Players Theatre as the responsible group. This sign is seen by hundreds, if not thousands, of motorists

each day, giving APT a little more public notice.

So far this year we have conducted three clean-ups. The next (and final) one for this year is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. All APT members are encouraged to help in this public service effort. Those who can will please meet at 8am at the intersection of State Route 50 (east of Athens) and County Road 24-A. Judging by our first three clean-ups, this should only take about two hours or so.

-Steve Haskins
Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

VIETNAM VETERANS EXHIBIT

The Dairy Barn will be hosting an exhibit of Vietnam Veterans artwork. They have invited the community theatre groups... ATP & BCP to participate during the run. It will open on Sept. 29 & continue through Nov. 19). We, as a group, can do readers theater or act out scenes from works that are written by Vietnam Veterans or about Vietnam.

Opening night will begin with a ceremony/reception & then hopefully "Backwards" will play at the O.U. Inn.

Tentative date for us is October 30th. If anyone is interested in participating, please call Tawna Rogers at 593-8833

If you have any questions about the exhibit you can call Julie at the Dairy Barn, 592-4981.

SUCCESS AT OCTA FEST

Athenian Players Theatre took A CHRISTMAS MEMORY (from the 1999-2000 season) to Regional OCTA Fest in Marietta in June, winning the honors for Excellence in Directing (Mark Mann) and Outstanding in Ensemble (Mark, Sylvia Abbott and

Michael Mazzocca). APT went on to the State OCTA Fest in Toledo over Labor Day weekend, again with success! With the off-stage voices and technical assistance of Christine Neumann and Joe Balding, our group won additional honors. Sylvia and Michael each won a certificate award for Merit in Acting, Mark received the award for Excellence in Artistic Directing, and the entire group was awarded the honors for Outstanding in Ensemble Performance.

In addition, Steve Haskins had entered his set design for NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th into competition and came home with the First Place trophy for Excellence in Set Design.

This was the first time APT had participated in State OCTA Fest, and only the second time for Regional (last year in Coshocton Pat Berry Frazee received the award for Merit in Acting for her portrayal of SHIRLEY VALENTINE, doing APT proud in our first OCTA Fest participation).

All APT members should give serious consideration to joining in on the fun next year. State OCTA Fest will be hosted by the Worthington Players over Labor Day weekend at the Holiday Inn in Worthington, Ohio. This year about 500 community theatre people from around the state attended and had a ball (literally!). There were two days of play excerpts, many workshops covering many facets of theatre, parties, talent shows, auctions, parties, a parade, a Mardi Gras masquerade ball, parties.....did I mention parties? It was truly fun. Please join us next year! Whether or not we end up taking an excerpt from our

2000-2001 season, you will be guaranteed a good time.

AUDITIONS

"WILD HONEY"
by Michael Frayn
Directed By Chica Salerno
candc@frognet.net

Friday, September 15, 2000,
Athens Public Library, 30
Home St. - 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Saturday, September 16 at
Stuart's Opera House - 7:00
pm-10:00 pm

Callbacks Sunday, Sept. 17 at
Stuart's Opera House 6:30 pm-
10:00 pm

First rehearsal will be
Tuesday, September 19, 6:30
pm at the First Presbyterian
Church in Athens. On the
corner of Court and
Washington Streets. Across
from the parking garage.

Rehearsals will take
place four nights a week.
Sometimes Monday-Thursday,
sometimes Tuesday- Friday.
Starting November 4,
rehearsals will take place six
nights a week and will include
Saturdays and Sundays. There
will be a touch up rehearsal
November 16 at 7:00 pm, right
before our closing weekend

Keep your calendar opened
for auditions for:

"ALL BECAUSE OF AGATHA"
by Jonathan Troy
directed by Chris Coleman
ccoleman_457@email.msn.com

Sunday Nov. 12 from 3:00 -
5:00 ; Monday Nov. 13 from
7:00 - 9:00 at Stuart's Opera
House.

Cast includes 6 women and
4 men