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New Logo Unveiled

Final touches complete, the new logo was officially added to the website on June 19th, 2010!



Little Women Goes To OCTA Regionals



After a successful four-performance run in March, director Valerie Schrader rallied the troops and took a scene of *Little Women* to the Southeast Regional OCTA Festival held in New Philadelphia the 5th of June. Traveling through a storm, the group of 14 cast and crew arrived in New Philadelphia only to find that the power had been taken out at the theater by the storm. The hardy 14 hunkered down to wait their turn and eventually managed to showcase the scene, albeit in the dark!

Seasoned actress Sylvia Abbott was given a merit award for her portrayal of Aunt March! Hooray Sylvia! Congratulations to all of you! We appreciate the effort and dedication you exhibited while representing ABC Players at regionals!



Aunt March (Sylvia Abbott), left, lectures Meg March (Kaylla Steadman) during a scene of *Little Women*.

Seussical Success



Joe Balding as "Horton", Emily Maluski as "Mayzie la Bird", and Charlie Smith as "The Cat in the Hat"



"The Cat in the Hat" offers the pill-berry bush to "Gertrude McFuzz" (Jane Adams)

What fun to be in the audience during a performance of our spring musical, *Seussical*!

Congratulations to director Sylvia Abbot, musical director Lynn Sullivan, choreographer Carol Ault, set designer Celeste Parsons, costume designer Patty Witmer and the rest of the talented production

staff, cast and crew!

House numbers ranged from 128 to 251 during the five-performance run. A total of 987 patrons of all ages saw the show.

This was a great way to wrap up the 2009/2010 ABC Season!



"JoJo" (Courtney Hull, center) saves the day!

Congratulations
to

Patty Witmer

for earning a 2nd
place award for
her *Seussical*
costumes at the
OCTA State
Conference held
over the Labor
Day weekend

The 2010/2011 Season Line-up

Summer is almost over and the beginning of a new season is upon us, a theatrical season that is!
Here is the line-up:

The Odd Couple (Female Version)

October 28-31, 2010



An adult comedy about mismatched roommates by Neil Simon.

Directed by Karen M. Chan, with an all female production staff!

In Rehearsal

The Story of the Nutcracker

December 3-5, 2010

A one-act play adapted by Celeste Parsons that is a Christmas present for the whole family.

Directed by Celeste Parsons.

Auditions in October



Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

March 3-6, 2011



A Pulitzer Prize-winning adult drama by Tennessee Williams.

Directed by Ron Luce.

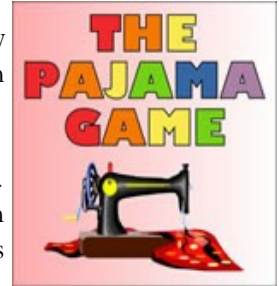
Auditions in January

The Pajama Game

May 6-7, 13-15, 2011

A Tony Award-winning family musical comedy about workers in a pajama factory.

Directed by Norman Cohn.
Musical Direction by Lynn Sullivan. Choreography by Gladys Bailin.



A Season of Theatrical Workshops

All workshops meet at Stuart's Opera House, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, call 740-753-2034. Free to members; \$10 for non-members (which pays your membership dues). You may participate in single workshops without signing up for all three.



HIT ME AGAIN! INTRODUCTION TO THEATRICAL VIOLENCE

September 18, 2010

Instructor: Shelly Riggs, fight choreographer and licensed theater instructor.

Learn how to safely execute punches, slaps, falls, and other common theatrical violence!

Space still available!



DON'T BUMP INTO THE FURNITURE: DIRECTING A PLAY

January 15, 2011

Instructor: Sylvia Abbott, director or assistant director of nine plays in ABC Players' past ten seasons.

Learn how to conduct auditions, break a script down for rehearsals, block stage action, give constructive criticism to actors, and more!



THE JOY OF SETS: SET DESIGN

April 2, 2011

Instructor: Celeste Parsons, designer of eight sets in ABC Players' past five seasons.

Learn how to evaluate set requirements, create standard and special set pieces, design quick scene changes, and more!

Please plan to attend our **next meeting** to be held at Stuart's Opera House:

Tuesday
September 14
6:00 PM

You don't need to be a member to attend. Come and see what we're all about!

This and That

Wanted: "Refreshment Czar" for *The Odd Couple*. Responsibilities include scheduling counter workers for each show, soliciting/coordinating donations of food, drink and supplies. If you are interested, please contact Celeste Parsons at the.abc.players@gmail.com.

Wanted: Business Sponsor for *Pajama Game*. If any one knows of a local business that is or may be interested in sponsoring this musical, contact Karen Chan at karenmargaretchan@gmail.com.

Remember: Time to pay your 2010/2011 dues. Still only \$10!

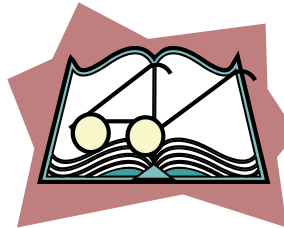
On the 9/14 meeting agenda: Vice President open office position election.

A Must Read

by Celeste Parsons

If you are “of a certain age,” you are lucky enough to remember watching Carol Burnett's wonderful television variety show. Whether you are one of these or simply someone who recognizes the name of this talented comedienne, you will enjoy reading *This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection*, Carol's autobiographical essays on her childhood and career. Carol was a significant figure on Broadway and in television and movies. Her friends and co-workers include many of the greats from the last five decades, and she describes them with the wit and charm that personified her show.

This book is a quick read (I went through it in a day), and includes pictures from Carol's own collection (my favorite was that of Carol as Scarlett O'Hara in “Went with the Wind” wearing the dress made from window curtains—including the curtain rod). You'll be chuckling all the way through, and reading bits out loud to whomever happens to be around. There is a copy in the Athens County Public Library.



Upcoming Auditions

The Story of the Nutcracker

1 p.m.

Stuart's Opera House

Saturday, October 16, 2010

If needed, callbacks will be held October 17

Character List:

Fritz, aged twelve or thereabouts
 Marie, his sister, eleven or thereabouts
 Drosselmeier, their godfather, a clockmaker and a judge
 Mother, their mother (can double as the sugar plum fairy)

Father, their father, a doctor

The Mouse-King, a horror

The Nutcracker, a hero. Age the same or slightly older than Marie

Mother Ginger, a fantastic baker woman; can be played by a man

Sugar Plum Fairy, ruler of a magical kingdom

Drosselmeier's Nephew, doubles as the Nutcracker

Additional roles for party guests, an army of mice, an army of toy soldiers, Mother Ginger's children, and the Sugar Plum Fairy's court.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

1-4 p.m.

Stuart's Opera House

Saturday and Sunday, January 8 & 9, 2011

Call backs Monday, January 10, 7-10 p.m.

call for singing; no song preparation is necessary for the audition.

Further information on roles, ability expectations, age limitations, etc. will be posted on the website soon. For questions not answered on the website, call Director Ron Luce at 740-594-2442 or send email to luce_r@live.com.

Committed actors of various age ranges are needed. Some roles

New to the Website

By Jim Parsons

It's now possible to contribute to ABC Players on-line. On our home page (www.abcplayers.org), there's now a button that says, "DONATE: We need your support." When you click that, you're taken to www.pledge.com, where you'll be asked how much you want to donate and whether or not you wish to donate anonymously. When you click the Submit button, you're taken to www.paypal.com, where you're prompted to log in and make your contribution. If you don't have a PayPal account, there's a link on the page for making your contribution via the common credit cards.

A Few Goodbyes...

by Celeste Parsons

During the summer, several members have left to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

After completing her PhD, Valerie Schrader and her husband Mike Ritter have moved to Schuylkill, Pennsylvania, where Val will be teaching at the Penn State campus there.

Dan Erlewine and his family are off to Santa Cruz,

California, where Dan will head the Internal Tools department for Apple.

Annah Korpi and her husband Jim are leaving for Saudi Arabia, where Annah will be teaching.

ABC Players will miss you all, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors, both on and off stage.



Valerie in a scene from *Quilters*



Dan as a castle guard in *Wyrd Sisters*



Annah singing in a scene from *Once Upon A Mattress*

Fall/Winter Southeast Regional Theater



Actor's Guild of Parkersburg	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> <i>Rent</i> <i>Leading Ladies</i>	9/17-18, 24-26, 10/1-2 11/12-14, 19-21, 26-27 1/21-22, 28-30, 2/4-5	Parkersburg
Actors Moveable Theater	Two One Acts: <i>Sorry, Wrong Number</i> & <i>Turn Of The Screw</i>	11/12-13, 19-20	Arts West, Athens
The Ariel Players	Schedule not available at this time		Ariel-Dater Hall, Gallipolis
Athens High School	Schedule not available at this time		Athens High School
Coshocton Footlight Players	Schedule not available at this time		Triple Locks Theatre, Coshocton
The Hope Players	Schedule not available at this time		Hopedale
Little Theater of Tuscarawas County	<i>Lost in Yonkers</i> <i>1940's Radio Hour</i> <i>Leading Ladies</i>	9/24-26, 10/1-3, 8-9 12/3-5, 9-11 2/11-13, 18-20, 25-26	New Philadelphia
Mid-Ohio Valley Players	<i>Are You Being Served?</i> <i>Look Away</i>	9/24-25, 10/1-3, 8-9 1/14-15, 21-23, 28-29	Players Theatre, Marietta
Zanesville Community Theater	<i>Doubt, A Parable</i> <i>The Odd Couple (female version)</i> <i>20th Annual Angel Tree</i> <i>Rent</i>	9/24-25, 10/1-3 11/5-7, 11/12-14 12/9-12 2/11-13, 18-20	Zanesville