



On Cue
SUMMER QUARTERLY 2008
Special Romance Issue!



GREATER TUNA

The Stone Arch Players are happy to announce that they will present a special summer production this year in addition to their three annual main stage presentations. Directed by founder Mike Knarr,

the show will be performed July 31st through August 10th.

GREATER TUNA is the hilarious comedy about Texas' third smallest town, and the eclectic band of citizens that make up this town are portrayed by only two performers, making this satire on life in rural America even more delightful as they depict all of the inhabitants of TUNA--men, women, children, and animals.

Starring as the plethora of different characters are two of SAP's hottest young stars: Nate Smith and Rob Burns.

Nate Smith began his acting career in 1991 when he starred in his senior high school show BYE BYE BIRDIE. Phyllis Johnson directed this Lewistown High School Production and encouraged him to join our group. He did, and immediately appeared in a special summer production of LAFFING ROOM ONLY. Since then, Smith has been involved in all aspects of theater production, from set designing to running the tech booth to serving on the board of directors. He directed the Standing Room Only hit THE SENATOR WORE PANTYHOSE and last appeared in IT'S ONLY A PLAY.

Rob Burns joined our group playing the reporter in 2004's THE SOLID GOLD CADILLAC. He quickly won a major role in the following show, THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 and has also appeared in THE SENATOR WORE PANTYHOSE. He most recently starred as Linus Larrabee in SABRINA FAIR.

GREATER TUNA is the second show to be directed for us by Mike Knarr, one of our original members. Knarr appeared in our very first show in 1967, THE MOUSE THAT ROARED; and rejoined our group in 2007 acting in IT'S ONLY A PLAY. Last summer he directed a children's show THE GOLDEN GOOSE in the band shell in the park.

Please join us at the end of July for a side-splitting evening of uproarious entertainment.

ANNUAL PICNIC HELD

The Stone Arch Players hosted their annual summer picnic on June 19 at the Derry Township Community Park. During the evening, the election of officers and board members for the next season was held. All officers were re-elected. Jim Shannon and Barb Stahl were elected as general board members to replace Brad Williams and Alan Peoples.

Mike Knarr and Nate Smith entertained with readings from the upcoming GREATER TUNA.

A fine time and delicious franks were enjoyed by all.

POPCORN HAT PLAYERS



The Popcorn Hat Players of Harrisburg will mount a children's show at the Theatre In The Park on August 17th. WONDER TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD will be performed twice, at 1:00 and at 3:00, and admission is free. Last summer Mike Knarr, Eric Mowery, Colette Hartzler, and Keshia Baum presented THE GOLDEN GOOSE in the band shell in Derry Township Park. This year we are importing talent from Capital City. Bring the kids and join us on August 17.

OUR Forty-First Anniversary Season!
1967-2008
at the
Theatre In The Park

GREATER TUNA by Joe Sears, Jaston Williams and Ed Howard

Directed by Mike Knarr

Performances: July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10

FALL SHOW 2008: To Be Announced

Directed by Thiry Olbrich

WINTER SHOW 2009: To Be Announced

Directed by Phyllis Johnson and Nate Smith

SPRING SHOW 2009: To Be Announced

Directed by Alan Peoples

All Friday & Saturday performances at 8:00 p.m.

All Sunday performances at 2:00 p.m.

Stone Arch Box Office: 717-248-2224

SAP Email: stonearchplayers@yahoo.com

Color versions of the newsletter photos are available on our website:

www.stonearchplayers.com

SUMMER BARN WORK



Bewitching Melissa Rohan

Many of our actors were cast in shows at the Boal Barn this summer. Starting off the season, Bill Daup appeared as Sister Mary Regina in the musical comedy NUNSENSE.

Melissa Rohan starred in SCCT's second offering of the summer BELL, BOOK, AND CANDLE, the play on which the television show BEWITCHED was based.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, the hard hitting drama about racial prejudice, boasts a galaxy of Stone Arch Players including Rhiannon McClintock, George Baumer, Joe Krabill, and Christopher Brannen. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD runs from July twenty third to August second.

Sadly, Charlie Wilson had to drop out of SCCT's final musical THE FULL MONTY. Charlie won another prestigious Toastmasters Award and the ceremony conflicts with the play. Bill Daup is one of several actors recruited to fill in after the show lost a number of players. THE FULL MONTY concerns out of work Buffalo men who find self worth by becoming strippers. It runs from August sixth to the twenty third.

Box office for the State College Community Theater is 814-234-7228 and their website is www.scctonline.org.

Director Knarr and Stage Manager Knarr



A tense moment from GOD'S FAVORITE

New members Mike Holesapple and Adam Rossman



FROM OUR SECRETARY'S DESK

Anita Rishel reports we had attendance of 21 people at our annual picnic. She notes that our organization thanks retiring board members Brad Williams and Alan Peoples for their help in making SAP a success.

Changes coming to our physical plant include building a ticket box office in the lobby followed by new seats and computer generated ticketing.

On August thirteenth, SAP will host a two hour program for the SUMCD Inc. in coordination with the SES SACC Program, for children. Phyllis Johnson and Jim Shannon are coordinating the project.

Next season's directors, although not plays, have been chosen. Thiry Olbrich will direct the fall show; Phyllis Johnson and Nate Smith will direct the winter show; and Alan Peoples will direct the spring show.

We are looking for people interested in learning how to do lighting and sound tech.

--Submitted by Secretary Anita Rishel.



THE COLÓN CHICAS



A WEDDING FOR CHRISTY LEWIS

Christy Lewis and Jason Colón celebrated their first wedding anniversary on May 1. "Our first blind date was actually set up by fellow Stone Archer April Fultz. So we owe everything to Stone Arch," Christy tells us. "Jason asked me to marry him after a performance of THE SENATOR WORE PANTYHOSE."

The couple is to be congratulated also in turning out a new thespian for our group. Elena Maria Colón was born on March 7, 2008 at 6:42 pm. She weighed 8 pounds, 9.75 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Christy tells us she "can't wait to see what the shows are going to be this season. . . hopefully I'll be able to take part in one way or another (baby in tow)!"

Congratulations Colón family!

JOSH BOHN FINDS LOVE



Ron Patterson was best man at the wedding of SAP alumnus Josh Bohn in Fremont, Nebraska in October of 2007. Josh and his bride, Dana, currently reside in the Cincinnati, Ohio area where he works as a radio broadcast engineer and she is a radio on air personality. Josh grew up with the Stone Arch Players and is remembered for roles in such plays as ON GOLDEN POND and THE BOYS NEXT DOOR.

RHIANNON McCLINTOCK UPDATE

We recently touched base with the hardest working woman in community theater, Rhiannon McClintock, and caught up on her recent projects.

This winter she worked on four student films with the Penn State University Film Department-- EXPLORING THE HARROWS, SLEEP, IGNON, and THIS SIDE UP. Both EXPLORING THE HARROWS and SLEEP were chosen for inclusion in this year's student film festival.



On February 17th, Rhiannon performed "My Angry Vagina" as part of THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES at the State Theater in State College.

In mid April, she appeared as Maggie the Maid in Moliere's THE PRETENTIOUS YOUNG LADIES. This one act farce set in 18th century France tells the story of two hilariously showy young women in search of love. Determined to prove that the pair's standards for romance are hopelessly arbitrary, two wealthy young men, snubbed by the pretentious young ladies, order their servants to attempt to win them over. The maid serves as the voice of reason in a city full of idiots.

And of course, local audiences were treated to McClintock's superb performance as the "Nancy Kulp-ish" book author in MOVE OVER MRS. MARKHAM in March at our own Theatre In The Park.

Next up? TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD with the State College Community Theater. McClintock plays Miss Maudie in Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning masterwork of honor and injustice in the deep south, and the heroism of one man in the face of blind and violent hatred.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD runs from July 23 to August 2.

HILDERBRANDT APPEARS IN PLAY

Grant Hilderbrandt appeared in TOM JONES last April in Sterling, Virginia. TOM JONES is a comedy by David Rogers, based on Henry Fielding's novel. Returning to his country estate from a long trip, Squire Allworthy discovers a baby in his bed. He eventually finds the mother Jenny Jones, an unmarried servant of a school teacher named Partridge. After Allworthy generously offers to raise the child as his own, Jenny gratefully accepts the offer and leaves town without revealing the father's name. The play follows Tom through various trials and tribulations of life, until he finds true love.

The play ran from April 4th to April 15th. Hilderbrandt played a quartette of roles including Captain Blifil, the Highwayman, the Constable, and the Squire. Fans will remember Grant Hilderbrandt from many roles here with the Stone Arch Players, most recently as the romantic lead in 2005's ROMANCE IN D.

Congratulations, Grant!

NUPTUALS FOR BECKY HAVICE



Congratulations, Becky and Bob!

Becky Patterson and Bob Havice were married by District Magistrate Tammy Hunter on the afternoon of Friday, April fourth. The couple then journeyed to Fells Point and Inner Harbor for a weekend honeymoon. They stayed at a haunted old hotel called the Admiral Fell Inn, which was right on the waterfront and featured ghost guided tours of the hotel in the early evening.

Becky has been an integral member of the Stone Arch Players for over twenty years. She is remembered for many roles on stage in plays such as INVITATION TO A MARCH and FAITH COUNTY and has also been active backstage, primarily in the costume department.

TINA BASHORE'S MARRIAGE



Tina Bashore, SAP ingenue of the 90s, was recently wed in New York City. She and her mother Kathy were both active with our group, appearing together in 1993's STEEL MAGNOLIAS. Tina married Joseph (Scott) McLelland on February eleventh at St. Malachy's Church on West Forty Ninth Street in New York City.

Tina is a hotel concierge manager in the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. Scott took a sabbatical to act, but returned to school to finish his degree with a major in Political Science and a minor in Film Documentary.

Congratulations to our two newly married New York thespians!

CHARLIE WILSON TIES THE KNOT

Charlie Wilson, a favorite with Stone Arch audiences for several years, recently married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Chelko.

Fifty years ago, Charlie and Carolyn dated while they were in high school. On the day before Chuck was to leave for Penn State, they pledged to write and get together the next summer. But when Chuck came home the next summer, he called Carolyn and asked her to go to a movie. "My Dad says I can't go out with you because you're a college boy." Chuck's heart was broken, but he made no protest. The two went their separate ways. One day, fifty years later, Chuck received an email: "Remember me? -- Carolyn."



A year later, the two high school lovebirds have finally tied the knot. We offer them the warmest of congratulations, and hope we'll see Carolyn around the Theatre In The Park as often as we see Charlie!

Charlie most recently appeared in the SRO winter hit MOVE OVER MRS. MARKHAM.



STONES FROM THE PAST

A Forty-First Anniversary Classic Photo

. . . presents a barefoot Becky Patterson rushing to her wedding while Val DeArment, Chelly Ney and Kathy Bashore look on, in 1992's FAITH COUNTY.

