

**STONE ARCH PLAYERS'
ON CUE
FALL QUARTERLY 2010**



Chris Brannen, Regina Brannen, Rob Burns, Mark Casamento and Devin Varner to star in DIAL M! (Andy McCarlle was unavailable for photo)

SEASON OPENING WILL BE MURDER!

The Stone Arch Players' first offering of the season will be the classic drama **DIAL M FOR MURDER**. Our group's president, Thiry Olbrich, will direct the show, assisted by Susan Turns and Teresa Williams.

The play and screenplay were written by English playwright Frederick Knott, whose work often focused on women who innocently become the victims of sinister plots. It originally premiered in 1952 on BBC television, before moving to the stage in the same year. In 1954, Alfred Hitchcock directed the movie version starring Ray Milland, Grace Kelly, and Robert Cummings. In June 2008, the American Film Institute revealed its "Ten Top Ten"--the best ten films in ten "classic" American film genres--after polling over 1,500 people from the creative community. **DIAL M FOR MURDER** was ranked the ninth best film in the mystery genre in the list. **A PERFECT MURDER** is a 1998 remake starring Michael Douglas and Gwyneth Paltrow in which several characters are combined. In this version, the wife solves the mystery rather than the police inspector.

DIAL M FOR MURDER is chock-ful of SAP stars, leading off with Rob Burns as Tony Wendice, the duplicitous husband. Burns has been a member of our organization for some years and most recently appeared in the multi-rolled, tour-de-farce **GREATER TUNA**, two summers ago. Last seen here in **THE UNEXPECTED GUEST**, Chris Brannen plays the wife's paramour. Brannen appeared in both **WONDERFUL TOWN** and **HELLO DOLLY** this summer at the Boal Barn. The two actors also portrayed brothers in 2007's **SABRINA FAIR**.

Ladies' favorite Mark Casamento, who debuted with us as loveable younger brother Jimmy in 2006's **THE RAINMAKER**, is cast against type in **DIAL M**, as the sleazy murderer-for hire and friend of the scheming husband. Rounding off the male portion of the cast, Andy McCarlle (**DEARLY BELOVED**) and Devin Varner (**CHARLEY'S AUNT**) play the policemen.

Starring as the tormented and harassed heroine of this classic murder mystery is new member Regina Brannen. Brannen is a well known actress with the State College Community Theatre and favorite roles include Gypsy Rose Lee in **GYPSY**, Sally Bowles in **CABARET**, and Maggie in **CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF**. Recent performances include a hilarious 2008 turn as Sister Robert Anne in SCCT's **NONSENSE**. She is married to Chris Brannen's brother Patrick, has five beautiful children, is a marathon runner, owns and operates the children's store **SPELA**, and is an avid Facebooker. Welcome, Regina!

DIAL M FOR MURDER opens Friday, November fifth and runs for three weekends. Please note this change in schedule: Sunday matinees will be the first and second weekends: November 7 and 14. There will be no Sunday matinee the final weekend of the show.

DIAL M FOR MURDER promises to be a treat for all fans of murder mysteries and domestic drama, filled with the Olbrichian touches we've come to expect from our premier director. Will the greedy and straying husband frame his wife for the murder of a man he'd hired to kill her? Join us in November to find out!

Our Forty-Third Anniversary Season!

1967-2010

**at the
Theatre In The Park**



DIAL M FOR MURDER

By Frederick Knott

Murder Mystery, Directed by Thiry Olbrich

Performances: 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

November 5,6,12,13,19 and 20

2:00 p.m. Sundays, November 7 and 14

RUMORS

By Neil Simon

A Farce, Directed by Phyllis Johnson

Performances: 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

February 25,26 March 4,5,11 and 12

2:00 p.m. Sundays, March 6 and 13

LOSING PATIENTS

By A. Duke and Virginia Cate

A Farce, Directed by Alan Peoples

Performances: 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

May 6,7,13,14,20 and 21

2:00 p.m. Sundays, May 15 and 22

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www.stonearchplayers.com

*Madam Prez Thiry Olbrich
and Stage Manager
Extraordinaire Susan Turns
confer over the new season.*



**NEW SEASON
ANNOUNCED**

The Stone Arch Players are pleased to announce their 2010/2011 season at the Theatre In The Park. Starting off the theatrical year will be Frederick Knott's classic murder mystery **DIAL M FOR MURDER**, directed by Thiry Olbrich. Founder and long-term president, Olbrich recently directed both **LAURA** and **THE UNEXPECTED GUEST**, other chilling murder mysteries. A husband's nefarious and twisted plot against his maybe-not-so-innocent wife fuels the plot of this classic thriller.

Neil Simon's **RUMORS** takes second spot in our line-up. In our special repeat offering this year, Veep Phyllis Johnson redirects her 1995 hit with the hopes that it will retickle your funny bone as much as it did fifteen years ago. An upper class dinner party is derailed by . . . what else? **RUMORS!** And rumors, aplenty. How many of the original cast members will reappear in this hilarious retread? Only time and the next edition of this newsletter will tell. **RUMORS** reruns from Feb 25 to March 13.

Our final main stage production for the season is **LOSING PATIENTS** by A. Duke and Virginia Cate, and directed by Secretary Alan Peoples. A violent thunderstorm rages, a drug dealer is on the loose, the police comb the area for an escaped mental patient, and in the middle of it all sits stately Silver Crest Manor, once respected nursing home. Hilarity abounds as patients disappear, identities are mistaken, and double dealing is revealed. **LOSING PATIENTS** plays from May 6 to 22.

One mystery followed by two farces make for a delightful and entertaining new season with the Stone Arch Players at the Theatre In The Park!

PLAY WRITING CONTEST CONSIDERED

The board of the Stone Arch Players is considering holding a play-writing contest for the area high schools, with the winning entries to be performed, radio-fashion, at the Theatre In The Park for family and friends. This is another project about which we are interested in having your input, so please tell us what you think

CENTRAL PA'S GOT TALENT

The Stone Arch Players are considering another event for next summer: **CENTRAL PA'S GOT TALENT!** In late spring, auditions will be held and over two handfuls of finalists will be selected by a panel of judges. These finalists will then perform in front of a live audience and the judges will winnow the group down by half. The remaining entrants will then perform again, and the audience will choose the top three performers, with cash prizes as their reward.

We are interested in hearing what patrons think of this idea.

AN EVENING OF COMEDY WELL RECEIVED

The Stone Arch Players' first venture into stand-up-comedy, held on August 14th, was a huge success. Featuring four comedians from the Harrisburg area, Ryan Colwell, Mike Trucco, Jasiel Ayala, and Tom Sanford, the hour-and-a-half of comedy was very funny and well received. Our organization was able to make a generous contribution to The Friends Of The Embassy from the proceeds. Because the show was such a success, SAP is considering hosting another evening of comedy next summer.

RHIANNON McCLINTOCK UPDATE

SAP's own Rhiannon McClintock has two exciting roles coming up in as many months. From October 29 to 31, at 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm, she will appear in Love and Light Productions presentation of THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW Live! at the Arena Bar and Grill at 1521 Martin Street in State College Pa. She will play one of the Phantoms (pictured on right).



From November 12 to the 21, McClintock will star as Julia in Edward Albee's A DELICATE BALANCE with the Next Stage at the State Theater.

Congratulations on these two great roles, Rhiannon!

FURTHER EDUCATION

Two of our members are currently pursuing degrees: Teresa Williams is attending Harrisburg Area Community College to earn an Associate's Degree. Williams is an aide in the Juniata County Schools. Newlywed Abby Burns is attending nursing school at the Lewistown Hospital. Burns' husband Rob is starring as duplicitous Tony Wendice in November's DIAL M FOR MURDER. Best wishes to both of these "Stone Arch Students!"



Bill Daup played opposite former Broadway actress Martha Travers this summer in SCCT'S HELLO DOLLY! Congrats on a great performance! (Photo by Phillip Mackenzie)



Joe Krabill appeared in TWELVE ANGRY MEN this May with the State College Community Theatre. This and other SCCT photos are by Drew Frank, unless noted.



Charlie Wilson appeared at the Boal Barn Playhouse in May in TWELVE ANGRY MEN. Congrats on a great performance!



Phyllis Johnson, Charlie Wilson, and Mike Knarr discuss the upcoming season with the Stone Arch Players!



STONE ARCH PATRONS HOLD WEDDING



Photos by Buffie Boyer and information from the Lewistown Sentinel



Karthik Jayaraman whisks his wife Monica Malhotra off the dance floor during their first dance.

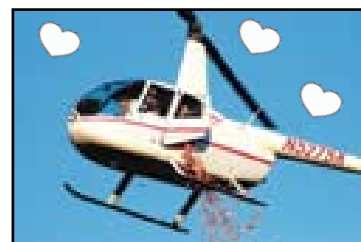
Long-time patrons of the Stone Arch Players, Drs. Rajeshwar and Shashpal Malhotra hosted a two day wedding celebration, September fourth and fifth, for their daughter Monica and her husband, Karthik Jayaraman.

The celebration began at the Lily Manor in Mifflin, with a Mendhi and Sangeet ceremony. The next day, Judge Aaron Gingrich performed a civil ceremony for the couple. Later in the evening, a large reception at Brookmere Winery was hosted by the family. A highlight of the reception was its beginning, when Dr. Rajeshwar Malhotra flew over the crowd in a helicopter and tossed flower petals on the lawn.

The couple met while both were working in New York City. They later both found jobs in London, and will reside in Notting Hill, England.

Congratulations to the entire Malhotra family!

Dr. Rajeshwar Malhotra released flower petals from a helicopter while flying over the Brookmere Winery. The flowers covered the ground before his daughter, Monica and her husband Karthik arrived at the reception



George Baumer and Rhiannon McClintock starred as the concerned doctor and his very special patient in THE CURIOUS SAVAGE, this September at the Boal Barn Playhouse.



George Baumer appeared at the Millbrook Playhouse July 22nd to August 1st in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM.



Our original production of RUMORS, fifteen years ago, starred Michael McCollim, Anita Leitzel, Becky Havice, Bill Daup, Jim Shannon, Val DeArment, Chelly Ney, Mike Crone, and Andy McCartle.

