



SUMMER QUARTERLY 2010



Theater Classic **CHARLEY'S AUNT** to Be Presented!

A special summer presentation will be mounted by the Stone Arch Players this July and August at the Theatre In The Park. CHARLEY'S AUNT, the 100-year-old classic written by Brandon Thomas, was first performed at the Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds on February 29,

1892. It transferred quickly to the Globe Theatre in 1893 to complete its record-breaking run of 1,466 performances. It broke all historic records for plays of any kind..

Silent film versions of CHARLEY'S AUNT were released in 1915 and 1925, and an early talkie version starred Charles Ruggles. Perhaps the best known film version was released in 1941 and starred Jack Benny in the principal role.

In Charley's Aunt, two Oxford undergraduates, Jack and Charley, wish to entertain and woo their sweethearts, but can't without a chaperone. When Charley receives word that his aunt is arriving from Brazil ("where the nuts come from") their problem is solved--Aunt Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez can act as duenna during an intimate tea. But disaster strikes when the arrival of the aunt is delayed. What can the boys do? Convince their friend, Lord Fancourt Babberly to impersonate her and act as chaperone. Jack's father is invited too, as a "date" for the "aunt," and when the real aunt arrives with her heiress niece in tow, comic mayhem ensues.

"This play has it all," states the director, "romance, mistaken identity, breakneck chases, and, of course, a guy in a dress."

CHARLEY'S AUNT is directed by Mike Knarr, with Eric Kress as stage manager, Jack Gottschalk is set designer, and Meredith Snook is costume designer. It stars several Stone Arch regulars, but introduces many more new faces to our stage.

Lord Fancourt Babberly, the friend duped into playing "Charley's Aunt," is played by Brandon Hain. Mike Smith and Devin Varner play the undergrads, Jack and Charley, who can only woo their sweethearts within the boundaries of Victorian convention. The sweethearts, Amy and Kitty, are Lauren Kennedy and Abby Burns. Jack's father, Sir Francis, is Brad Williams, and Amy and Kitty's guardian, Stephen Spettigue, is Mike Knarr. Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez is Jean Mank, and her heiress ward, Ela Delahay, is played by her real life daughter, Molly. Jack's valet, Brassett, is Emile Boulanger.

CHARLEY'S AUNT will be performed on July 29, 30, 31, and August 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Mark your calendars now for a night of classic farce that has been making audiences laugh for over a century!



Knarr directs
Smith, Hain, and Varner.

MEMBERSHIP

New membership chairperson Susan Cornbower Turns is now taking dues for the 2010-2011 season. Members who paid at the picnic will get a form in a few weeks. New membership cards are being printed and will be sent out to everyone as soon as they are ready. If you are not a member, but want to join in all the fun;

Contact Susan at 717-436-6851 or coyotesd39@mac.com.!

Our Forty-Third Anniversary Season! 1967-2010 at the Theatre In The Park

SPECIAL SUMMER PRODUCTIONS

CHARLEY'S AUNT

By BRANDON THOMAS

Farce, Directed by Mike Knarr

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

July 29, 30, 31 August 5, 6, and 7

2:00 p.m. Sundays, August 1 and 8

AN EVENING OF COMEDY

Featuring Stand Up Comedians:

Ryan Colwell, Mike Trucco, Jasiel Ayala, and Tom Sanford.

Performance: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 14

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are available on our web site:

www.stonearchplayers.com

AN EVENING OF COMEDY

The Stone Arch Players are hosting an evening of Stand Up Comedy at the Theatre In The Park on August fourteenth at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature four comedians from the Harrisburg area: Ryan Colwell, Mike Trucco, Jasiel Ayala, and Tom Sanford, and proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Embassy. Tickets are \$10.00 and reservations for the festival seating can be made by calling Phyllis Johnson at 717-248-1387, after five p.m. daily.

Give yourself a night of belly laughs this August fourteenth and join the Stone Arch Players for AN EVENING OF COMEDY.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC



The Stone Arch Players' annual meeting and membership picnic was held on Tuesday, June eighth, in Derry Township Community Park. Franks, fellowship, and a chance to participate in the democratic process were enjoyed by everyone. For the first time in decades, President Thiry Olbrich faced a presidential challenger--fellow founder Mike Knarr. Other officers ran unopposed, Alan Peoples taking the secretary slot in place of Anita Rishel. An opponent for that office was not accepted due to unpaid membership dues.

In the end, Madam Prez Olbrich emerged the victor by a wide margin, with Veep Phyllis Johnson, Secretary Alan Peoples, and Treasurer Linda Knepp all re-elected un-opposed. Susan Turns was chosen as new Membership Secretary.

The Stone Archers, their families, and friends all enjoyed the delicious pot-luck meal, the beautifully maintained community park, and the chance to witness Robert's Rules of Order in action! Congratulations to everyone!

SAP NEWSLETTER GLITCH

For the first time since July of 1988, we have missed publishing an edition of this newsletter. Our Spring Quarterly, set to advertise Alan Peoples' DEARLY BELOVED, was scrapped, due to the editor's computer crashing twice in one month. The editor apologizes and hopes that it will be another twenty-two years before this happens again.



DEARLY BELOVED WAS A HOOT! The Alan Peoples-directed, Kaitlyn Peters-Stage Managed comedy made audiences double up with laughter! It starred Jean Mank, Brad Williams, Andy McCartle, Michael Cramer, Jim Shannon, Anita Rishel, Susan Turns (as twins!), Jill Harbst, Colette Hartzler, Cara Harmon, and Linda Knepp. Congrats to all!



Morgan Higgens, Stephanie Gates, and Melissa Brannen.

STONE ARCHERS DOING SUMMER BARN WORK

Many members of the Stone Arch Players were cast this summer at the Boal Barn with the State College Community Theatre.

At the end of May, both Charlie Wilson and Joe Krabill starred in the courtroom drama TWELVE ANGRY MEN, concerning a hung jury. The tense, well-paced show was a big hit and both Charlie and Joe did outstanding jobs.

New bride Melissa Brannen appeared as hilarious kleptomaniac Maude Lewis in MRS. McTHING, a fairy tale about a high society dame matching wits with an evil witch, in early June. Stephanie Gates, daughter of SAP founders Dale and Vickie Gates, was Brannen's domineering sister. WONDERFUL TOWN in June/July features Melissa's blushing groom, Chris Brannen, as Speedy Valenti. July also offers A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE with Charlie Wilson as the Doctor. Congratulations on being double cast this summer, Charlie!

Next up, in August, the classic musical romp HELLO DOLLY stars Bill Daup as curmudgeon bachelor, Horace Vandergelder, and Chris Brannen as a member of the chorus ensemble. Congrats to Chris, also, on the double casting!

And finally, in September, SCCT will present their last summer season show, THE CURIOUS SAVAGE, starring Rhiannon McClintock as Mrs. Ethel Savage, and George Baumer as Dr. Emmett.

Congratulations to all the members of the Stone Arch Players who will be appearing with the State College Community Theatre this summer! Reservations may be made at 814-466-7141 Tuesday through Saturday from two to seven.



THE UNEXPECTED GUEST MESMERIZED

The first show of the season, directed by Thiry Olbrich, starred Jason Gobeille, Ron Patterson, Chris Brannen, Joe Krabill, George Baumer, Teresa Williams, Pat McKnight, Linda Swartz, Colette Hartzler, and Ethan Terry. Director Olbrich is on the left. Stage Manager Susan Turns is on the right.

A STONE ARCH WEDDING



Melissa Alfonsi and Chris Brannen were married at the Seven Mountain Wine Cellars on May 1, 2010. A reception followed at the Mount Nittany Inn, and the couple honeymooned on a Mediterranean cruise. Melissa and Chris have appeared at the Theatre In The Park in SABRINA FAIR, LAURA, and other shows. Daughters Sarah and Emma Rohan (R) are also actors, making it a family of four thespians! Congratulations to the whole family!

BAUMER TO APPEAR IN COMEDY

George Baumer, the most popular man in community theater, will appear in July at the Millbrook Playhouse in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM. The show runs from July twenty-second to the twenty-fifth, and July twenty-eighth to August first. Ticket information can be found at www.millbrookplayhouse.com.

RHIANNON McCLINTOCK IN PHROTH PHEST

Rhiannon McClintock, the most popular woman in community theater, appeared in April in the PHROTH PHEST, an annual sketch comedy show presented by Penn State's Phroth Magazine and No Refund Theatre.



McCONNELLSTOWN PLAYHOUSE

Bill Daup, George Baumer, and Rhiannon McClintock appeared together in June at the McConnellstown Playhouse in the murder farce EXIT THE BODY.



CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS

In February, Mike Knarr appeared with the Open Stage in Harrisburg in Sam Shepard's CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS. The Open Stage, which is in its twenty-fourth year, is located at 223 Walnut Street, and Mike has worked with them for many years. Congrats on a great performance!



TWELVE ANGRY MEN

Charlie Wilson and Joe Krabill (second row, L and R) starred in TWELVE ANGRY MEN this May with the State College Community Theatre.

DESTINY ZEIDERS

Master horsewoman Destiny Zeiders displays her skill as a rider. She last appeared here in THE AMOROUS AMBASSADOR.

