



STONE ARCH PLAYERS

2011-2012 Season • Our 45th Anniversary Season
Local Community Theatre At It's Best!

Dear Friend of the Theatre,

Since 1967, the Stone Arch Players Community Theatre has been serving the Mifflin and Juniata counties with quality entertainment. This year, we are about to enter our 45th season with another entertaining line-up of shows at the Theatre-in-the-Park, in Derry Township Community Park, Lewistown.

This fall, we kick off the 2011-2012 season with "Murder On Arrival," written by George Batson, and directed by Thiry Olbrich. The winter months find us presenting "Drop Dead," written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, and directed by Phyllis Johnson. We celebrate our 45th anniversary in the spring with "The Psychic," written by Sam Bobrick, and directed by Alan Peoples.

You can support our efforts by becoming a Patron of the Stone Arch Players. Your patronage not only provides us with the extra financial backing we need to cover operational expenses and production costs, it also reflects your gratitude to the actors, directors, designers, and other local artisans who volunteer their time and energy to produce our shows every season.

Starting at \$65, you can become a Friend of the theatre. Or you, or your business, could become a Producer by contributing as little as \$250. See the reverse of this letter for more information on the patron levels.

In return for your contribution, you will receive six (6) complimentary tickets for use in any combination during the 2011-2012 season. All patrons, regardless of donation level, can make early reservations for choice seating in advance of the general public. In addition, your name will be listed, by patron category, in the playbill for each show. And, you will receive "On Cue," SAP's quarterly newsletter.

New for this season, there are more ways you can show your support for your local community theatre.

SAP has purchased new seats for our guests at Theatre-in-the-Park. You can show your support, and help defray the costs, by sponsoring one of the new seats for \$150 per seat. In addition to a small engraved plate affixed to a seat, you will also be honored as a "Silver Legend" on a special plaque in the theatre lobby. Or, for \$50, you can be listed as a "Gold Star." See the back side of this letter for more information.

We are also accepting program advertising. If you are interested in featuring your business in a quarter-, half-, or full-page ad in our playbills, please check the appropriate section on the back of this letter, and one of our SAP volunteers will be in touch with you.

Our 45th anniversary season promises to be our most exciting yet! Why not get in on the fun, and become a patron, sponsor, or advertiser? Simply fill out the form on the back side of this letter, and the enclosed reservation form, and mail them back to us, along with your check or money order.

We look forward to seeing you at the Theatre-in-the-Park!

Sincerely,
Patron Drive Committee
Linda C. Knepp, chair

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Theatre-in-the-Park • Derry Township Community Park

“Murder On Arrival” by George Batson • Nov. 4-5, 11-13, 18-20 • directed by Thiry Olbrich

Jane Palmer, a widowed young artist, is involved in sinister happenings when she rents the charming, but lonely, Brook Hollow. The cottage had been the scene of murder years before, and Jane finds a new mystery when a corpus is discovered on her arrival. Surrounded by uneasy neighbors Kitty and Peter Collier, and Fred, a former suitor, Jane soon finds reasons to suspect all of them. Events become more puzzling when Steve Taylor, handsome and just out of the Army, arrives and declares he was invited to live at Brook Hollow by the mysterious slain man. Jane, too, is considered a suspect, and is plunged into unexpected thrills, comedy and romance. In a terrifying climax she, at the risk of her own life, employs a strategy that cleverly exposes the killer.

“Drop Dead” by Billy Van Zandt & Jane Milmore • Feb. 24-25, Mar. 2-4, 9-11 • directed by Phyllis Johnson

A cast of has-been actors plan to revive their careers in *Drop Dead!*, a potboiler murder mystery directed by "Wonder Child of the Broadway Stage" Victor Le Pewe (a psychotic, eye-twitching megalomaniac). At the dress rehearsal, the set falls, props break, and the producer and an actor are murdered. The murders continue at the opening night performance. The remaining thespians must save the show and their careers, solve the mystery, and stay alive for curtain calls.

“The Psychic” by Sam Bobrick • May 4-5, 11-13, 18-20 • directed by Alan Peoples

Adam Webster, a down-on-his-luck writer, desperate to make rent, has put a sign in his apartment window, “Psychic Readings \$25”. The characters it draws in lead into a tangled murder mystery of sorts in this hilarious original comedy.

Patron Categories

Friend \$65 • Angel \$80 • Major Contributor \$100 • Benefactor \$125

Or, you or your company may contribute as a Producer.

You will receive the same benefits as a regular patron, plus special recognition in each playbill.

Associate Producer \$250 • Producer \$500 • Executive Producer \$1000

Stone Arch Players 2011-2012 Patron Drive

Please return this form, along with your tax deductible contribution, made payable to Stone Arch Players.

Enclosed is my gift of: \$1000 \$500 \$250 \$125 \$100 \$80 \$65

Name _____

Address _____ C/S/Z _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please clearly PRINT your name as you wish it to appear in the playbill

Make my gift anonymous

I wish to contribute to the new theatre seats.

SILVER LEGEND: \$150 x # of seats _____ = total \$ _____

GOLD STAR: \$50

Name as I wish it to appear _____

I am interested in advertising in the playbill. Please contact me with additional information.

Phone _____

Best time to call _____