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In the Wings

The Newsletter of The Concord Players

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**HAY FEVER IN FINAL REHEARSAL, GETTING READY
TO DELIVER GREAT HILARITY!**



During rehearsal, Nectaria Kordan, Mike Babish, Kristen Dattoli-Organos, Stephen Russo, and Ian Dowell react to Katheryn Holland as Judith Bliss play-acting a faint on the floor.

In Noel Coward's delicious confection *Hay Fever*, each member of the eccentric Bliss family – a retired actress, her novelist husband, and their two grown children – invites a guest to their country home, without informing each other. The

innocent visitors arrive expecting a romantic weekend, and step into a whirlwind of confusion, chaos and comedy. *Hay Fever*, one of Noel Coward's best, is a play about bad manners, outrageous behavior, incomparable wit, and biting satire.



JUDITH BLISS INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE OPENING NIGHT WITH HER!

Judith Bliss (played by Katheryn Holland) invites you join her for the Opening Night Champagne Reception for *Hay Fever*, hosted by The Concord Players from 7 to 8 p.m. in the lobby. Join us in a toast to the Bliss family weekend adventure. *Hay Fever* is a very funny English comedy written by Noel Coward. Come join us in laughter and fun. What better way to spend a Friday night: Champagne and laughter!

TICKETS FOR *HAY FEVER* ON SALE

Remember to get your tickets for *Hay Fever*, on sale through our website www.concordplayers.org Visit the "Tickets" link to buy tickets to the show. Also, the box office is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thanks again to our subscribers, both new and renewing for this season. Our subscriber base continues to grow (a testament to the shows we present and the quality of our productions).

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

EMACT will move their Festival next year to the Merrimac Theatre in Lowell. The Players are collaborating with FOPAC and the Orchestra in producing *Red Riding Hood* on Dec 7. FOPAC's schedule for this year, 2008–2009, is full of great entertainment. Check out the FOPAC web site www.concordplayers.org and click on FOPAC. Jean Devine will be the new Head of the Nominating Committee. Lida McGirr is leaving the Board. She is going to New York and will be acting in and producing *The Portable Dorothy Parker* in February. Dates and theatre TBA. Bill Maxwell thanked everyone via email for the Huddle tribute and his gift.

Publicity: There was a picture and an article on *Hay Fever* in the *Concord Journal* this past week. The Players are buying a full page ad in *Action Unlimited* for next Saturday.

Opening Nights: Opening Night Reception planning for *Cabaret* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be done by Linda McConchie, Faith Pellitier and Jill Henderson.

Backstage: The Board is considering adding new line sets to rigging between rows of pipes, especially in the front of stage, to give productions more flexibility with lights and hanging or flying items. Jill was thanked for the couch she found for the *Hay Fever* set from Household Goods Recycling of MA.

PRODUCER NEEDED

Susan Tucker is looking for an experienced producer who has produced for the Players before, to be co-producer for *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

FOPAC PUBLISHES HISTORY OF 51 WALDEN

Inspired by the listing of 51 Walden on the National Register of Historic Places, FOPAC has published a softcover booklet *Celebrating the History of 51 Walden*. The book chronicles the building's history from the Concord Artillery in the 1870s, the construction of the original Armory in 1887, up through the present major renovations of the drama stage floor and the Heddie Kent Green Room. The booklet is available for \$10 and may be purchased at Barrow Bookstore, or the office at 51 Walden.

MEMBER NEWS

Two of our membership families have lost loved ones since the last newsletter and we wanted to share the information with you and send our condolences to both families:

On September 25, 2008, Jonathan Noyes Hatch, son of Richard and Mary-Jacqueline Hatch, passed away after a long illness. Dick and Mary-Jac have been lifelong members, subscribers and former Presidents of the Players. If you would like to make a donation or send a condolence in Jonathan's memory, this is the information: Online condolences to the family may expressed and a guestbook signed at www.independentdeathcare.com. Memorials donations may be made to The Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (www.arlgp.org)

On Oct. 17, 2008, Grace Livermore, mother of Lori (Livermore) Hack, passed away. Lori is a long time member and subscriber and has headed up many props teams for the Players. If you would like to send condolences or a donation, this is the information: Gifts may be made to the Trinitarian Congregational Church, c/o Caring Connection, Concord, MA 01742 or the charity of one's choice. For online guestbook, visit: www.concordfuneral.com.

We also welcome these renewing members:
Betsy Suter, 100 Newbury Ct., #5515, Concord
Pamela Dritt, 386 Border Rd., Concord
Bill and Janet Mason, 176 Williams Rd., Concord
978-369-3650, masonconcord@aol.com

CABARET AUDITIONS

Sunday November 9 starting at 1:00, Wednesday November 12 starting at 7, with callbacks on Saturday November 15 starting at noon, all at 51 Walden. Scripts available at the Concord Main and Branch Libraries.

Performance dates: February 13, 14, 15 (mat), 20, 21, 22 (mat), 27, & 28, 2009.

Vocal Audition: Please prepare 32 bars from an uptempo song (preferably not from the show). Please bring sheet music. *Acting Audition:* Please prepare a 1-2 minute monologue that best represents the character you are interested in. *Dance Auditions* will be held separately prior to callbacks.

Character breakdown:

Emcee - Any age from 20s up - Tenor
Clifford Bradshaw – 30s - Baritone
Fraulein Schneider- 50+ - Alto/Mezzo
Herr Schultz - 50+ - High Baritone
Fraulein Kost - 30ish - Mezzo
Sally Bowles – mid 20s to late 30s - Mezzo
Ernst Ludwig – 30s - Baritone
KitKat Klub singers/dancers: 5-7 females and 2-4 males over 18.

For more information, see the Players website, www.concordplayers.org, or email Cabaret@concordplayers.org

DON'T FORGET TO SEE SHANA WITH GUN!

Shana Dirik, playing Annie, is currently in rehearsals for "Annie Get Your Gun" with the Savoyard Light Opera Company in Carlisle. The show is being directed by Lisa Astbury, choreographed by Jay

Newlon, and features John Alzepieda as Frank. The show opens on November 14 and runs through November 23. Info for show and tickets can be found at www.savoyardlightopera.org

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for more detailed information.

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