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In the Wings

The Newsletter of The Concord Players

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The **Man Who Came to Dinner** cast rehearses on the completed set designed by Allen Bantly—another example of the splendid set design and construction The Concord Players do for every production!

BOX OFFICE MANAGER NEEDED

The position of box office/subscription manager is open as of June/July 2010 and offers a stipend. The Players produce three shows/year and sell subscriptions late summer to early fall. The job responsibilities are:

- Fulfill all ticket requests (subscribers, web sales, phone orders, walk-ins, etc.).
- Manage the box office on performance nights with the help of a team.
- Monitor web sales and have web-ordered tickets available at performances.
- Record all requests in an online database and provide periodic reports to the Board of Trustees and producers of a given show as needed.
- Welcome guests at the door, resolve ticket issues, and answer any questions.

We will provide hands-on training this spring during our production of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. If you are interested in filling this key and very important position for us, please email jnewlon@logixinc.com

DON'T MISS OUR WINTER SHOW!

The Concord Players will present George Kaufman and Moss Hart's award-winning comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, February 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, at 8 p.m., with a matinee February 21 at 2 p.m. In the play, a rapier-witted, east-coast bon-vivant meets a socially aspiring couple somewhere in Ohio in 1939. The result will be an evening of superbly intelligent repartee, robustly seasoned with ridiculous comedy. Hilarious, satisfying, and a perfect prescription for battling the winter blahs. Locale: 51 Walden Street Concord, MA. Tickets: \$18.00. Reservations and additional info: www.concordplayers.org or call 978-369-2990.

ANNUAL MEETING HAS NEW DATE

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting, now on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. The 2010–2011 season slate will be announced; we will introduce and vote in new members to the Board and Executive Board; and you will hear from Board members on what they have been up to and are planning for next year. Enjoy an entertainment directed by Faith Pelletier, and have a great time catching up with friends. See you all there!

PLAYERS SHOW BUS ON THE ROLL AGAIN!

Chase those winter and tax blues away! Join our Showbus to see the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater at the Wang Center, Wednesday, April 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. 40 tickets are available at \$90 each (great seats!) Includes busfare and refreshments. Bus leaves 51 Walden Street at 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact Susie Baldwin 978-287-4898; susanbal@verizon.net or Sally Bull 978-369-2042; sallybull@erols.com

This is a special opportunity to see one of the best dance companies in the world!

NEW CONCORD PLAYERS MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce that the following new members have joined The Players: Stephen and Jennifer Newbold and Peter A. Stark.

WE NOW HAVE A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Concord Players member Laura LeVan has started work as our new Volunteer Coordinator. She will track and place volunteers according to their expressed interests and the needs of our organization.

We will be updating the Concord Players website soon to include a page on volunteers, giving further information about how to get in touch with Laura. If you know people who want to get involved in volunteering at The Concord Players, please direct them to Laura.

PLAY DIRECTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE BUSY AT WORK

The Play Director Selection Committee led by chair Rick Frese has been very busy over the last few months. They have reviewed dozens of plays, whittled the list down to a manageable number of good possibilities, and presented their top choices to the Board.

While the Board is busy reading these plays, the PDSC will interview a number of excellent directorial candidates for next year's season. The committee is working closely with the Board, who expect to finalize their choices shortly and announce the slate at the Annual Meeting.

PLAYER PASSAGE

We are greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Muriel Herve, long-time member of The Concord Players and the Savoyard Light Opera Company. A memorial service will be held in the Concord Funeral Home at a time and date to be announced. To see the online guestbook and tribute, visit www.concordfuneral.com

PLAYER NEWS FROM AROUND THE AREA

Tom Richardson will be appearing in *My Comic Valentine*, a one-night musical revue at Quannapowitt Players in Reading, February 13.

Nancy Berger (*Sunday in the Park with George*) will be playing Golde in the Wellesley Players' production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, going up March 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20, 21. Celia Couture (*Sunday in the Park*) is directing. Tickets and information can be obtained from www.wellesleyplayers.org

Shana Dirik is currently in rehearsal as Crazy Teri for the Burlington Players' production of *Sideman*, running March 5–20 at the Burlington Park Playhouse. For info and tickets go to www.burlingtonplayers.com

Craig Howard (cast in *The Scarlet Pimpernel*) has received a nomination as Best Actor in a Musical from the New Hampshire Theatre Awards for his performance as Max Bialystock in the Actorsingers production of *The Producers*.

DON'T MISS PLAYERS DISCUSSION ON CCTV

The Man Who Came to Dinner Director Paul Murphy, Assistant Director Linda McConchie, and some of the cast appear this week on CCTV's entertainment program *Discussing Creativity*. They talk about the play and how they work together to create funny moments on stage.

Members can watch the episode on CCTV's Channel 8 on Wednesday 2/10 at 5 p.m. and Friday 2/12 at 8 a.m. It's also available on the web: www.concordtv.org Click on Video on Demand, click on Entertainment Programs, and then click on *Discussing Creativity with The Concord Players*.

COME SEE WONDERFUL TOWN AT CC HS

The students of Concord Carlisle High School are presenting their late winter musical *Wonderful Town* February 26 and 27 and March 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m., and February 28 and March 7 at 1:30 p.m. For information and tickets, please visit <http://ccpops.org/>

NEWS FROM CONCORD YOUTH THEATRE

February 17, CYT presents Jim West, renowned puppeteer performing with life-size puppets, in two performances of *Aesop's Fables*, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at 51 Walden. On Feb. 26–March 7 at CYT's new home at 50 Beharrell St., West Concord, CYT will present an amusing, original musical production of *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, written by Rene Pfister. Tickets for both of these events are \$13 and may be purchased online with a credit card at www.concordyouththeatre.org To pay with cash or check and make reservations, call 978-371-1482.

Visit the website at www.concordplayers.org for more detailed information.

The newsletter deadline is the third Friday of each month.

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