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Mask & Mirror UnMasked 2 New Shows in Tualatin!!

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SEASON SIX!

Last Night of Ballyhoo Nov 4-20 2016

Crimes of the Heart Mar 4-26 2017

Anatomy of Gray May 5-21 2017

The Stage at Calvin Church; 10445 Canterbury Ln; Tigard, OR 97224

Tickets Online At www.MaskandMirror.com or Tickets@MaskandMirror.com
or 503-333-1139

Adults \$15; Seniors, Military, Students \$12; Children Under 11 \$7; Groups
of 10+ \$10

AND

Mask & Mirror UnMasked

SEASON ONE!

SHOW #4 TBD Jan 13-22, 2017

SHOW #5 TBD June 16-25, 2017

Tualatin Heritage Center; 8700 Sweek Dr; Tualatin, OR 97062

All Tickets \$10; On Sale Soon; Watch Our Website For Details



From The Prez...

As your newly elected President, it is my honor to take the helm of a well-established theatre company and help it continue to grow and thrive. I sincerely hope that each of you will decide to step forward and walk with

our excellent leadership team to make Mask & Mirror the place where local theatre people want to hang out, and local audiences flock to see our fascinating productions!

We have an exciting season scheduled at Calvin this year, and we are about to launch Mask & Mirror Unmasked in Tualatin this January, so there are even more opportunities for you to get involved. Read more about M&M Unmasked in this newsletter.

We still have some leadership roles needing leaders, most notably a Poster Distribution Team Manager, a Community Outreach Committee Chair, a Volunteer Coordinator, a Donor Outreach Coordinator and a few others. If you would like more information about any of these important positions, contact me at info@maskandmirror.com or call 503-524-2058. It is your turn to step up to bat!

Although we have a break from mounting shows during the summer, our library play readings continue. These are great previews of shows being considered for the next season, and are fun opportunities for people who haven't the time to be in a show to keep their acting chops exercised. It also gives you practice in doing cold readings; an important auditioning skill. I hope to see you at the library on August 18!

Production teams have started to gear up for the season's shows. Contact us via email or phone to get signed up to work on a team. And watch for announcements of audition dates on our Facebook page and website.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I'll see you at Calvin soon!

Pat Romans



Mask & Mirror UnMasked Theatre On The Edge

You asked - we answered!

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre has agreed with The Heritage Center of Tualatin to return to that venue twice each year and produce 2 additional plays in addition to our traditional (Hey! - After 5 seasons its traditional!) mainstage 3-show season at Calvin Church in Tigard.

These 2 "edgier" shows will be positioned apart from our 3-show season for reasons that will become clear as you read on. They will be sold separately and not as part of any season ticket package.

Statement of Purpose:

Mask & Mirror UnMasked will present unique plays of merit not usually produced by all-volunteer, non-profit community theatre; especially plays that are edgy: having a bold, provocative, or unconventional quality. We will take advantage of our opportunity to utilize a low cost, oddly configured, small theatre space by seeking out and staging simply produced plays appropriate for that venue.

Some details:

- 6 performances of each show over two weekends; Fri/Sat 7:30pm; Sun 2pm

- Only 50 seats sold for each performance
- \$10 per ticket; no children's tickets sold; no comps given
- Dates booked for 2017: Jan 11,12,13,18,19,20; June 16,17,18,23,24,25
- Shows will be vetted by the Playreading Committee and given public playreadings; and selected by the Mask & Mirror Executive Board
- All roles filled by open auditions as usual

About the shows:

- There are 2 main criteria we will use for show selection:
 - 1. Shows that we can not perform at Calvin, either by Calvin's restrictions or by our own by-laws restrictions:
 - Shows of excellent artistic quality, but limited appeal (sometimes call "actor's shows"). They may be fun for us to act in or direct, and they may be well written, but while they can attract close to the 300 seats we have to fill for 6 performances at The Heritage Center (THC), they wouldn't attract the mass audience necessary for our mainstage productions.
 - The play contains subject matter and/or language not acceptable for a general audience (swearing; religion; politics; violence; sex; prejudice of various types, etc.)
 - Shows with "unusual" (for Mask & Mirror) cast sizes. UnMasked shows can have only 1 or 2 actors; or all male or all female casts; etc.
 - When necessary, shows will be marketed with the caveat "Due to content/language/subject matter this show is suggested for adults only."
 - 2. Shows that can simply and easily be produced on the

rather strange stage at The Heritage Center.

- Limited cast size: certainly less than 8, fewer is probably better. There are limited dressing room and off stage facilities at THC
- Preference will be given to shows without an intermission. THC has only one bathroom and an intermission for 50 people adds at least 25 minutes to the run time.
- Unit sets, and/or very, very limited set pieces. There is no wing space or storage space at THC.
- NOTE: It is also important that UnMasked shows be kept simple so as not to compete with resources (cast, crew, sets, props, costumes, lights, etc.) needed for Mask & Mirror mainstage shows.

CALL FOR DIRECTING PROPOSALS: If you read this far you may be interested in throwing your hat in with an idea for a show you've always wanted to do that fits what we've talked about. If you want to propose a show, send an email to playreadings@MaskandMirror.com to receive a packet of information about submitting a proposal. If you have any questions about the stage at THC, or any other issues, contact Gary or Pat at 503-524-2058. It's real important that you understand the limitations of the venue before you propose a show.

Make sure to attend the August playreading listed elsewhere in this newsletter to hear and discuss one of the shows being considered for Mask & Mirror UnMasked.



Love and Pearls at the August Library Reading

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre's August Library Play Reading

Tualatin Public Library
18878 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin
6:30 PM Thursday August 18, 2016

Join The Play Selection committee of Mask & Mirror for a dramatic reading of a play submitted for possible inclusion in the coming season. Volunteer actors make the voices from the printed page come to life. After we read parts of the play, we hold a short discussion about suitability for Mask & Mirror and our audiences.

This month we will be reading

String of Pearls

By Michele Lowe

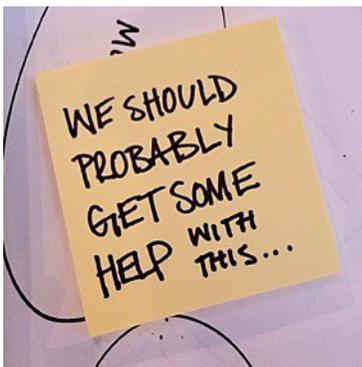
Michele Lowe's radiant play explores the possibilities that open up in the lives of an array of women as they come into contact with a certain strand of pearls. While the pearls are stolen, bought, bestowed, unstrung and nearly lost, four actresses play 27

characters in this deeply moving drama that is as fresh as it is funny. On the eve of her granddaughter Amy's wedding, Beth asks to see the pearls she gave Amy's mother long ago. When Amy cannot produce them, Beth determines to find the pearls. She takes us back to the time when she received them and then gave them to her daughter, who passed them on to her dearest friend Ela who lost them one Sunday morning. Spanning 35 years, the pearls touch the lives of mothers and daughters, sisters and friends, even husbands and wives as they weave a deeply affecting story of love and loss.

***String of Pearls* is under consideration for Mask & Mirror Unmasked at the Tualatin Heritage Center. The script includes explicit sexual language and content that is not appropriate for audience members under the age of 18.**

This play has 27 characters, typically acted by four female actors, each playing multiple roles. If we have lots of volunteers, we'll adapt and try to offer as many reading opportunities as possible. Contact Kathryn to register your interest so we can plan our strategy. Besides, assigning roles in advance saves us precious time at the reading. If you do not wish to read, you are welcome to watch and listen and take part in a short discussion after the reading.

If you would like to read a role, please email Play Selection Committee Chair Kathryn at playreadings@gmail.com or call 503.644.5304.



Nag, nag, nag, nag, nag, nag, nag.... but we are a VOLUNTEER organization, so volunteer!

Poster distribution; Program Ad Sales; Ticket Sales; Volunteer Coordinator;
Donor Outreach . . . or just about anything else.
Email Info@MaskandMirror.com



FREE \$\$\$\$ FOR MASK & MIRROR !!!!

and all YOU gotta do is follow directions at:

Fred Meyer: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

(Note: If you signed up at Freddie's last year you gotta go back and do it again this year. Everything expired in July. Please do so - we just got a quarterly check for over \$60 - it adds up!)

or

Amazon: <http://smile.amazon.com>

Neither of these cost you \$\$\$\$ or reduce any of your other benefits in any way.

or

If you, a relative or a friend is a Nike employee go to their "We Portal" and give to Mask & Mirror and Nike will match the contribution.

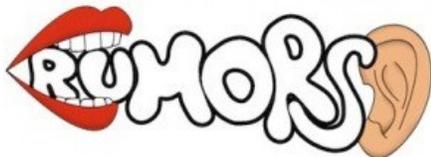


Where Are They Now?

(Open to all paid Mask & Mirror members and cast members of prior Mask & Mirror productions. Send info about your new theatre gig to info@maskandmirror.com by the 15th of the month prior to its production and we'll promote it here!)

Harvey Brown: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Canby Community Theatre, August 4-6

Mark & Helena Greathouse: "You Do Speak English, Don't You?" Cabaret Style Variety Show, suitable for all ages; 10AM, August 11, Senior Estates Club, 1776 Country Club Drive, Woodburn; 5PM, August 13, 150th Anniversary of Incorporation of Scio, 38704 N. Main St., Scio.



...and Raw, Random Data

- Rumor of the Month: Is it true that extensive use of the Comic Sans type font has been proven to raise your IQ by at least 7 points per year?
- Quote: "Artists can color the sky red because they know it's blue. Those of us who aren't artists must color things they way they are or people might think we're stupid." - Jules Feiffer
- Website: www.stumbleupon.com - and suddenly 3 hours are gone...

(Do you have a website, book, movie, music, quote, joke, or rumor - no names allowed - to add to this section? Send it to info@maskandmirror.com with "For The Phantom" as the Subject. ☺)



Support Community Theatre - These are the other, local, all-volunteer, non-profit community theatres in our area. After you buy your Mask & Mirror tickets, please consider supporting them by attending their upcoming performances:

Beaverton Civic (www.beavertoncivictheatre.org)

DARK

Canby Community Theatre, (<http://www.canbytheatre.com>)

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - August 4-6

Gallery Theater of McMinnville (<http://www.gallerytheater.org>)

DARK

Hillsboro Artists' Regional Theatre (www.hart-theatre.org)

DARK

New Century Players (www.newcenturyplayers.org)

DARK

Theatre in the Grove (www.theatreinthegroove.org)

Spamalot - August 19-28

Twilight Theatre Company (<http://www.twilighttheatercompany.org>)

Mr. Marmalade - August 4-6

Something Wicked This Way Rocks - August 19-21

Seth Michael Gallery Reading - August 27

Valley Repertory Theatre of Newberg (<http://valleyrep.org>)

DARK

Wilsonville Theatre Company (www.wilsonvilletheater.com)

DARK

(An authorized representative of the above theatre companies can make it easier on us by sending an email by the 25th of each month with show information to

Info@MaskandMirror.com)

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