



# Mask and Mirror Monthly Membership Magazine

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## The Prez Sez

COVID-19. It's like something out of science fiction movie (remember "The Andromeda Strain"...?). It's disrupted our lives in so many ways. We all want our lives back at some point soon, please. I've summarized below the many changes we've made and will be making at Mask & Mirror Community Theatre in the coming weeks and months.

### **This Season and Next Season**

Like everyone and everything else, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre was thrown for a big loop, cancelling our production of Deathtrap after only two shows. In the end, we postponed our current season's final three shows - Deathtrap, Suite Surrender and Laundry & Bourbon/Lone Star - until next season.

We plan to present the following shows in their entirety as our tenth season. However, we must remain flexible based on state and local restrictions. As of June 1, Washington County will be reopening under Phase 1, which limits gatherings to a maximum of 25 attendees, with physical distancing guidelines in place. We are currently planning on our tenth season as follows (again, subject to change due to changing conditions). Exact dates will be published on the Mask & Mirror web site soon.

## Tenth Season (2020-2021)

November 2020 Main stage: The Foreigner, directed by Rick Hoover

January 2021 UnMasked: The Dining Room, directed by Dan Hobbs

March 2021 Main stage: Deathtrap, directed by Tony Broom

May 2021 Main Stage: Suite Surrender, directed by Aaron Morrow

July 2021 UnMasked: Laundry & Bourbon/Lone Star, directed by Leslie Inmon

Some important details for our show patrons:

- 1) If you purchased season tickets for our current ninth season, we will honor it for our tenth season. We will reach out to our season ticket holders in the coming weeks with details on how this will happen.
- 2) If you purchased a raffle ticket during either of our March performances of Deathtrap, those tickets will be held until our next show raffle happens. They will be included in the final drawing and you will be contacted if you win.

## Finances

While programs like the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the CARES Act and others have helped many businesses large and small, Mask & Mirror has been unable to receive any assistance. We're all-volunteer, non-profit and a small theatre that doesn't receive national level arts grants, so we qualify for none of the available national assistance programs. But there is still hope: the Oregon Cultural Trust is working on a grant program for Oregon arts groups, but (due to the required approval of the Oregon Legislature) even this program is still months away.

Until such time as we can return to the stage, we are keeping our ongoing expenses to a minimum, and ask that you please consider making a donation to Mask & Mirror. To help encourage this, we've created a \*new\* Mask & Mirror Community Theatre T-shirt, for which Mask & Mirror receives a portion of the proceeds. You can choose the color and style shirt you want and it will be delivered by US mail to your door! Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter for details and ordering information.

## Our Annual Meeting

Yes, it's that time of year, for our annual community meeting! Mask & Mirror will be holding its 2020 Annual Meeting online, via Zoom, on Saturday June 27 2020 at 6:30 pm. Please see the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

We hope you're staying safe and healthy throughout these trying times. And we hope to see you at our tenth Mask & Mirror season shows!

Thanks!

John Bartholomew

President



## Mask & Mirror Community Theatre Annual Meeting

While Oregon is beginning to open up, gatherings of sufficient size for our Annual Meeting are still currently prohibited in Washington County. (As of June 1 under Phase 1 guidelines, no more than 25 attendees, with physical distancing.) So - it's time for us to enter the 21st century! Mask & Mirror will be holding its 2020 Annual Community Meeting online, via Zoom, on Saturday June 27 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Members in Good Standing will be emailed directions on how to attend this online meeting. Others who wish to attend can email me at [nnmprez@gmail.com](mailto:nnmprez@gmail.com) (no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting please!)

and I'll send the login details to you closer to the meeting date.

For those new to Zoom and online meetings, we will hold a short "how-to" session at 6:30 pm, with elections and other general business to be held starting at 7 pm. As we have done in the past, we'll close out meeting with short readings performed from several of our coming tenth season productions. We invite you to stay and enjoy the fun!

Our current elections slate of candidates is as follows. Members in Good Standing (MIGs) who can vote as part of the meeting will be sent a separate email with candidate statements and voting instructions. We have no Bylaws changes to vote on.

Executive Board:

President (2 year term) - John Knowles

Corresponding Sect (2 year term) – Jodi Johnson

Member at Large (replacing John Knowles, 2 years remaining in current term) - Aaron Morrow

Member at Large (3 year term) Tony Broom

Board of Trustees:

Trustee (3 year term): Dwayne Thurnau



## NEW T-SHIRTS AND MORE

Support Mask & Mirror through the Coronavirus Crisis and get your own custom Mask & Mirror T-shirt, hoodie, or bag to wear with pride!

Through a special deal with Golf Team Products, 25% of the price of this fine array of clothing will be returned to the M&M coffers. When we finally put our season together, we will need funds to pay the royalties. YOU can be part of that effort. There are many choices of style, color and size so you can make the design your own. Visit the website to make your choices! What you order will be delivered to your door via your choice of shipping within about 2 weeks.

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## A Good Bye

It is with sadness, but with resignation to the inevitable, that I announce my retirement from Mask & Mirror. This is my last newsletter, soon to be edited by younger and wiser actors!

It has been an excellent 10+ years since Pat & I had the idea that the time was ripe for a community theatre in Tigard and Tualatin. That dream has been exceeded beyond and above what was reasonable for us to imagine.

I have acted, directed and otherwise worked with some exceptionally talented and creative people at Mask & Mirror, and I thank them thoroughly for that privilege. Yow! This has been fun!

I hope to someday return in some way to Mask & Mirror, but that someday is entirely dependent on being given an effective COVID vaccine. I'm in that age (73+) and health (respiratory issues) class that is given little chance of surviving infection, so I'm under house arrest waiting for that vaccine. But don't pity me, save that for Pat who's stuck with me 24/7!

Keep breaking legs,  
Gary Romans