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Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 Nov 3-19 2017 (a big success!)

Picasso at the Lapin Agile March 3-25 2018 (great show!)

NEXT: Living Out May 4-20 2018

The Stage at Calvin Church; 10445 Canterbury Ln; Tigard, OR 97224
Adults \$15; Seniors, Military, Students \$12; Children Under 11 \$7; Groups of 10+ \$10
Tickets at www.MaskandMirror.com; Tickets@MaskandMirror.com; 503-893-5945

AND



SEASON TWO!

The Receptionist Jan 19-28, 2018 (another hit, 1st UnMasked Sellout)
Eleemosynary July 13-22, 2018

Tualatin Heritage Center; 8700 Sweek Dr; Tualatin, OR 97062
All Tickets \$10

Tickets at www.MaskandMirror.com; Tickets@MaskandMirror.com; 503-893-5945

And save these dates for the start of our 8th season:



September 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2018



Prez Message, 4-30-18

My "letter" has developed into a long series of appeals....**BORING!!!!** Please shut me up by filling one or more of these great opportunities-**WE NEED YOU!!!**

Pat

Come Play with Us at Camp: We need three more camp counselors for our first ever

Children's Theatre Project. Our first camp will be sited at the Brown's Ferry Community Center in Tualatin. There will be 3 half-day two week sessions:

Session One, June 11-22, 9 am-noon, for children aged 6-11

Session Two, June 11-22, 1-4 pm, for youth aged 12-17

Session Three, July 9-20, 1-4 pm, for youth aged 12-17

There will be fun activities designed to increase knowledge of and confidence in theatrical arts; and art activities involving scenery, masks, and costumes. The teacher, Gabrielle Widman, is delightfully creative and appealing; great fun to work with.

We prefer counselors who can commit to a session for the full two weeks. If you can make the time to help, contact us at youthproject@maskandmirror.com or 503-524-2058, I am sure we will have a great time!

Mask & Mirror Elections: We will elect new officers for the 2018-19 season at our **Annual Meeting and Season Preview Tuesday, June 19** at the Tualatin Heritage Center. I have found several MIGS willing to run for office on the Executive Board, but I am seeking a few more good people to step up and throw their hat in the ring. There will be much more information about the candidates and the election process in the May newsletter.

We will have one opening on the Board of Trustees for which I have no candidate. This candidate must be a MIGS (Member in Good Standing) who paid their dues by December 31, 2017.

We still have important committees without a chair to run them. If you are interested in moving into a leadership position with our dynamic team, please consider volunteering to be a committee chair of one of the following:

Membership Committee-charged with actively recruiting new members at our shows and community activities, keeping the community informed about our MIGS and donors, and maintaining records of volunteers

Community Outreach-coordinates our efforts to reach out to the community at various community events. We have been unable to participate in community festivals for the last two seasons due to lack of someone to lead this committee.

Group Sales-seeks out clubs, groups, and facilities to purchase blocks of tickets for our shows

Volunteer Coordinator-matches volunteers with service opportunities in the group

Technical Director-develops and trains a set of volunteers to manage the technical aspects of creating a show: set building, lighting, sound, transportation, and maintains our storage facility

If you can serve in any of these capacities, board, trustee, or committee chair, please respond to me at info@maskandmirror.com, or if you have questions phone (503-524-2058) to get answers.

PLEASE, PLEASE step up. Mask & Mirror has grown and done well for its first seven seasons, and we need good leadership to take us forward into the coming years! Let me know what YOU want to do to help.

Ready to produce?

You may not realize how important a producer is in getting our shows up on stage. They work very closely with the director and coordinate the production personnel-the designers and builders, the painters and decorators, the costumers and lighting and sound designers and techs to ensure that it all comes together to mount the show, while the director works with the actors and consults closely on all the artistic aspects of the production.

We have been able, over the past six seasons, to find producers for all of our shows, but over this past season, we have experienced an extreme decrease in our pool of experienced producers.

So, it's time to replenish the pool! If you are an experienced producer and willing to produce a show in the 2018-19 season, please contact me at info@maskandmirror.com

If you would be willing to serve as a producer, but need to learn the job, we can fix that! We will teach "So Ya Wanna be a Producer?" on Thursday, July 26, starting a 6:30 pm at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Send your name and contact information to info@maskandmirror.com and we will sign you up!

Preview performers needed: We are currently finalizing our season for 2018-19, and asking directors to prepare a short preview of their show for the Annual Meeting and Season Preview Tuesday, June 19 at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Some directors may need actors to fill out their staged reading. If you are available and interested in reading a role in a preview, please send your name and contact information to info@maskandmirror.com and we will sign you up!

Living Out to be interpreted in ASL for the Deaf: We received a grant from the Regional Arts and Culture Council for Living Out, which enabled us for the first time to

hire interpreters to live-translate the show into American Sign Language. The interpreters will be with us for the Sunday May 6th 2:30 pm matinee. If you have a friend or even just know someone who communicates via sign, please invite them to the show!

Your President,
Pat



Living Out - OPENING May 4 - Sign up to volunteer and get
FREE admission: [CLICK HERE](#)

Living Out

A dramedy by Lisa Loomer

May 4-20 2018, Fri/Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2:30 pm
"The Stage" at Calvin Church, Tigard OR



In photo, back to front:

Nancy Robin played by Yelena King

Richard Robin played by Jordan Fugitt

Ana Hernandez played by Eleanor Amoros

Bobby Hernandez played by David Cabassa

Not in photo:

Zoila Tezo played by Naiya Amilcar

Sandra Zavala played by Laila Mottaghi

Wallace Breyer played by Lydia Ellis-Curry

Linda Billings Farzam played by AureaTaylor

Living Out tells the story of the complicated relationship between a Salvadoran nanny and the Anglo lawyer she works for. Both women are smart, hard-working mothers. Both want better lives for their children. The play explores what is the shared humanity between them...and what are the differences wrought by race, class, and Ana's illegal status. Through Ana, we understand what it means to leave a child in another country to come here, and the potential cost of sacrificing one's own child in order to care for someone else's. Through Nancy we understand the pressure on women today to "do it all," and the cost of making that choice. The play also looks at the prejudices and misconceptions between different cultures. How do we make someone "the other?" What is the cost of doing so? The play is both biting funny and tragic.

Auditions

for *Eleemosynary* by Lee Blessing

directed by Daniel Hobbs

May 6, 7 & 8, 6:30 pm at The Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Dr, Tualatin

Please arrive as close to 6:30 pm as possible. Readings begin at 7:00.

Needed: resume (include all stage experience), headshot (if available), and a **2-minute serious contemporary monolog**.

Cast

Echo — 18-early 20s. Spelling bee champion. Echo appears at various ages.

Artemis — late 30s to early 40s, research worker, emotionally distant mother of Echo; Artemis appears at various ages.

Dorothea — 60s+, grandmother of Echo, eccentric pursuer of Quixotic projects; Dorothea appears at various ages.

NOTE: Diversity of auditioners is welcomed. All roles are open and unpaid.

Licensing requires all roles to be performed by females.

An assistant director/stage manager is also needed.

Rehearsals

Scheduled rehearsal dates at the Tualatin Heritage Center: May 14, 15, 22, 24; June 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 18, 25, 26, 28; July 2, 3, 5, 8(move in), 9, 10, 12. Other rehearsals TBA.

Performances

Six performances: July 13-22, Fridays/Saturdays @ 7:30, Sundays @ 2:30.

Send email to Info@MaskandMirror.com if interested and you will receive audition sides prior to the audition dates.

Synopsis: Denied opportunities as a young woman, Dorothea is determined her daughter Artemis and granddaughter Echo will not suffer the same fate. Her aggressive approach has alienated Artemis, who has left Echo to be raised by Dorothea. While Echo loves her grandmother, she yearns for a deeper connection to Artemis. "Eleemosynary" depicts the struggles of these three extraordinary women as they begin to find the intimacy and healing they need.

Mask & Mirror Youth Theatre Project - Summer 2018

Only \$100 for each 2-week, ½-day session!

Only 12 students per session – small class size!

A limited number of scholarships will be available for those who need financial support to enroll their child. Apply to youthproject@maskandmirror.com for further information

Mask and Mirror is proud to announce that we are now offering a summer theater program for kids! In this new camp of theatrical adventure, children to young adults will have fun finding and exploring undiscovered parts of themselves while supporting this process in others. Theatrical training builds confidence, self-expression and the ability to cooperate and create with others. The training also helps develop focus, listening and communication skills, trust, leadership, empathy, commitment, courage, and much, much more! Classes run from June 18th through July 20th depending upon the participant's age and level of ability. Give your young actor a chance to be seen and heard. Give them an opportunity to express themselves, create and grow in a safe, supportive environment. Sign up today! Contact youthproject@maskandmirror.com for enrollment forms and information.

Mask & Mirror Youth Theatre Project

Will be held at:
Brown's Ferry Community Center
5485 SW Nyberg Lane
Tualatin, OR 97062

Our Teacher:

Gabrielle Juliette Widman, Theater Arts Educator

A native Oregonian, Gabrielle is an accomplished artist and teacher. She writes, directs and has performed in classic and original plays. Gabrielle co-wrote and directed an original children's musical and taught teens acting and voice at a theater academy in Los Angeles. Gabrielle was also the director's assistant at the New Thought Spiritual Center Peace Village Camp for the Summer of 2017, which entailed planning the camp scheduling, coordinating programs and working with kids from ages 5 to 16. She has performed in musicals, operas and with her own original rock band. In 2016, Gabrielle wrote, directed and produced her own solo show - *Bud, Blossom & Bloom! -One woman's transformational journey*. She also wrote, directed and performed a 20-minute solo piece in verse entitled *Our Sleeping Beauty*, wrote and directed *A Brand New Day* and *The Last Survivors of Tonopah* as an instant playwright. Gabrielle continues to teach acting and voice to children. She is eager to reach children who have limited or even no exposure to theater arts. Mask & Mirror members with background and experience in education and theatre arts will assist Ms. Widman in the classes.

Course Descriptions

June 18th - 29th (Monday - Friday) 9am - noon

Level 1 Intro to Acting (ages 6 – 11 at start of class)

Igniting fertile imaginations through the development of new-found skills, this session will encourage these budding young actors to explore pantomime, dramatic emotional states and unique vocal expressions. Experimenting with a variety of original physical movements, situations and characters, each participant will have the opportunity to exercise creativity individually and with the group, thereby developing a sense of trust in working as an ensemble. Participants will improve their attention and listening skills while having fun creatively communicating. All will be encouraged and given the opportunity to explore a variety of theatrical landscapes where storytelling and make-believe are transformed into confident, theatrical expression. At the end of the second week, family and friends are warmly invited to observe a performance showcasing some of what these young thespians have learned throughout the course.

June 18th - 29th (Monday - Friday) 1pm - 4pm

Level 2- Beginning Acting (ages 12 -16 at start of class)

Calling all potential young actors...the stage is waiting for you!

This course will include improv warm-ups, games, pantomime, and an introduction to exploring theatrical emotions, motivations and acting etiquette. Students will gain basic knowledge of direction and blocking as they build trust working as an ensemble. Exploring beginners' monologues, scenes and skits with support from the group will enhance each student's self-confidence in their skills, and helping others evaluate and improve their own scene will promote development of understanding and empathy in relation to providing constructive hints rather than destructive criticism. All students will gain familiarity with the elements of drama used in all theatrical work, particularly with how conflict and resolution create a story. The students will demonstrate their burgeoning skills to family and friends on the final day of the session.

July 9th - 20th (Monday - Friday) 1pm – 4pm

Level 3 Intermediate Acting (ages 12 – 16 at start of class)

Participants further their stage study by honing already budding abilities. This class continues building on the theatrical skills established from the Level 2 beginning acting class with more advanced improv warm-ups, games and more! Everyone will learn the vital importance of Who, What, Where, When, Why and How in development of a story. Creating spontaneous improv scenes or monologues with these fundamentals in mind will generate greater depth and flow in exploring a fuller range of ideas. As students deliver monologues and participate in skit and scene study, they will continue learning how to work as an ensemble. Students will master introducing themselves in a professional manner with poise and confidence. As their understanding of theatrical storytelling deepens, these young aspiring thespians will be empowered to write their own scenes incorporating creative conflicts and resolutions. Family and friends are warmly invited to a final class performance.

Tuition for each 2 week session: \$100

Scholarships will be available for those who need financial support to enroll their child. Apply to youthproject@maskandmirror.com for further information

Program is supported by:

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre

City of Tualatin Parks and Recreation

AND...As a warmup:

Free Youth Acting Workshop

(Taught by a Mask & Mirror MIG - but not otherwise affiliated or endorsed by Mask & Mirror)



CALLING ALL ACTORS

ACTING WORKSHOPS

**MAY 10TH FROM 4 TO 5
FOR AGES 8 TO 13**

**MAY 17TH FROM 4 TO 5
FOR AGES 13 TO 18**

Who: Professional actress, award winning playwright, and new-to-the-Portland-area acting coach Janet Steiger Carr

Where: The Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Drive, Tualatin

How Much: Free (Donations will be accepted)

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May 10th & 17th from 4 to 5.



September 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 2018
Produced & Directed by Gary Romans & Kathryn Stevens

Audition Workshops for Tony n' Tina's Wedding: May 22, June 26
(Note: Casting may take place at these Audition Workshops)

Formal Auditions: July 23 & 24

Singing & Dancing Auditions: TBD

More details at: <http://www.maskandmirror.com/auditions>

For Audition Workshop instructions: Gary.John.Romans@gmail.com

Special Opportunity: Be a Tina Ambassador

We want Tony and Tina to have a full house for all eight of their wedding ceremonies in September. We've come up with a sure-fire way to call attention to the upcoming nuptials—send Tina into the community to invite people to her wedding. Tina and Tony's wedding planners have found a number of events in the Tigard-Tualatin area this summer where we want Tina to make personal appearances: weekend, daytime, and evening.

Our Tina Ambassador(s) will wear a wedding gown and veil and tell anyone who will listen all about the courtship, the engagement, the wedding, the big party and anything else that will entice potential wedding guests to buy a ticket and be part of the fun. You will have invitations to hand out, and you will be accompanied by a male member of the wedding party.

What do you need to be a Tina Ambassador?

- Tina should look 20-35.

- Have some improv experience. We'll give you Tina's story, but you'll be free to tell it any way you like, depending on the audience.
- You need to fit one of our wedding dresses (we have several), or have your own that you are willing to wear at an outside event where it may get soiled
- You can sign up for a one-shot Ambassador appearance or as many appearances as you like. We'll develop the list as we have Tinas available. Most events will be held in Tigard, Tualatin, or other nearby communities.

If you're interested, contact Gary Romans at Gary.John.Romans@gmail.com. We'll discuss your availability for daytime and evening events.

If you have an unused wedding gown sitting around doing nothing and would like to see it put to good use by a Tina Ambassador, please let us know. We'll talk.

Tina Ambassadors are welcome to audition to be part of the cast. No promises. Mask & Mirror does not precast.



May FREE Public Play Reading:
The Nerd

In our NEW venue:

The Community Center at the Marquis Community
19805 SW Boones Ferry Road
Tualatin 97062

Directions:

Follow Boones Ferry Road south out of Tualatin. As the road narrows to one lane, stay to the right and turn right into Nasoma Lane, and then right again into the parking lot of the Community Center.

6:30 PM Tuesday, May 15, 2018

The Nerd

by Larry Shue

In the 1970s, aspiring young architect Willum Cubbert often told his friends about the debt he owes to Rick Steadman, a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life after he was seriously wounded in Vietnam. He has written to Rick to say that, as long as he is alive, "you will have somebody on Earth who will do anything for you"—so Willum is delighted when Rick shows up unexpectedly at his apartment on the night of his thirty-fourth birthday party. But his delight soon fades as it becomes apparent that Rick is a hopeless "nerd"—a bumbling oaf with no social sense, little intelligence and less tact. And Rick stays on and on; his continued presence leading to one uproarious incident after another, until the normally placid Willum finds himself contemplating violence

Characters: 4 men, 2 women, 20s to 60s, and one eight year old child

Assigning roles in advance saves us time at the reading.

If you would like to read a role or have questions, please email Pat Romans at playreadings@maskandmirror.com or call 503-524-2058.

If you do not wish to read, we still need you. Come to watch and listen and take part in a short discussion after the reading.



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

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!)

"Flaming Idiots" at www.wilsonvillestage.org includes Rick Hoover, Michael Allen and Jeff Ekdahl, May 17-29 - various venues in Wilsonville.

Patti Speight will be appearing in Theatre in the Grove's "Savannah Sipping Society" June 1-17.

NOTE: If you don't see your name here - you didn't tell me about your role! I don't print it if you don't tell me! (Info@MaskandMirror.com)



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:

For April 2018

Beaverton Civic (www.beavertoncivictheatre.org)

The Hundred Dresses - May 4-19

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

Dark

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

Sordid Lives - April 13 to May 5

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

Happy Days, The Musical - May 25 to June 17

New Century Players (www.newcenturyplayers.org)
The Cemetery Club - May 4 to May 20

Theatre in the Grove (www.theatreinthegrove.org)
The Savannah Sipping Society - June 1-17

Twilight Theatre Company (<http://www.twilighttheatercompany.org>)
It's Only a Play - April 27 to May 13

WilsonvilleSTAGE (www.wilsonvillestage.org)
Flaming Idiots - May 17-29

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Artists can color the sky red because they know it's blue.

Those of us who aren't artists must color things the way they really are or people might think we're stupid.

- Jules Feiffer

The Meaning of "Community" Theater

"Community" theatre has more than one meaning. It doesn't just mean that the company consists of highly talented amateurs from the community. It means that within a company, or a specific production of same, all volunteers should behave as though they are in a community. Which means taking whatever actions that can be taken to better the community as a whole.

You are not just acting when you are in a show, even if you are a lead. You have other responsibilities to consider outside of your performance. For while being a good performer may get you the part, being a good theatre person will get you future parts, and open more doors. (Not to mention make people feel better when you are around.)

You know the stage needs to be swept before every show. You know where the broom is. If you aren't in costume yet, get sweeping. If a cast mate cannot find their script, or prop, or costume for some reason, join the search party. Talk with the stage manager and find out what, if anything, you can do while backstage that would make the life of the techies easier, and then proceed to do it. Spread the word to other actors as well.

People do come to live theatre mainly to see the actors. I believe this and stand by it. But this truth is in no way a free pass to go through a production concerned only with what is your immediate and obvious responsibility. You should tend to your own jobs first, naturally, but anybody who has been in a play knows there is always plenty to do. And often not quite enough time to do it in. So when applicable, be proactive in improving the entire production, not just your performance. (After all, your performance benefits from a cleaner, well run, and happy overall production.)

This is meant not only for actors. But tech crews, stage managers, lighting and sound people, and of course directors. Every theatre has certain things that must happen in order for a show to be successful, but also remember that every venue, and indeed every production is unique. Being 100% present in a production, no matter what your official title, means helping everyone else do their own thing.

It takes a little more energy, and a little more time. (Yet another reason I advocate getting to the theatre early each night.) But it pays off. Not only for the show, but for your reputation as a team player. A true community actor.

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