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Greetings, Friends of Mask & Mirror Community Theatre!

Good news! Mask & Mirror has announced a series of three online plays that we'll perform over the coming months to keep us all entertained. And there's even better news - the Oregon Cultural Trust has provided grant funding to help us do it!

Online Performances Continue with "Help Desk"

"Help Desk" by Dan Zolodis

Dates: March 19-21 2021

Directed by Rick Hoover

With a cast of over 20 Mask & Mirror performers

"Have you tried turning it off and on again?" When you call the help desk, you're looking for a solution - but your problems might just be beginning. Whether you're getting shamed about your inability to log in, giving your credit card information to a scammer, or having serious conversations with a clown, customer service calls spiral into absurdity for the customers and employees alike in this hilarious comedy.

We hope to mount this as an online video performance (think: Zoom-based performance), though this will be confirmed at a later date.

More information at: <https://www.maskandmirror.com/help-desk.html>



Grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust

During our continued Covid-19 gathering restrictions, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre has risen to the challenge by presenting several online audio-only performances in the past few months: "War of the Worlds" (Oct/Nov 2020) and "A Christmas Carol" (Dec 2020). With the help of a newly acquired grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust and Cultural Coalition of Washington County, three more online shows are planned in 2021:

- **"Help Desk"** by Dan Zolodis : Mar 19-21 2021
- **"Motherhood Out Loud"** by various : May 14-16 2021
- A collection of short plays by Rich Rubin : TBA (sometime in Jul/Aug/Sep 2021)

We hope you'll join us for these fun and innovative performances! And please read below how your contribution to the Oregon Cultural Trust can help the arts - and not cost you a dime!

MIGS Spotlight - Rebecca Rowland-Hines

"Member In Good Standing" simply refers to an individual that has paid the annual membership dues of \$20 to become an official member (tax deductible) and supporter of Mask & Mirror. This grants the individual voting rights at the annual meeting and free coffee or tea at performances.

The MIGS Spotlight recognizes one of our Members and thanks them for their support of our theatre.

Rebecca Rowland-Hines



Rebecca has been a Member In Good Standing for years and currently serves on the Executive Board where she is the Recording Secretary and the Chair of the newly-created Diversity Committee. She previously served on the Play Selection Committee and as the Membership Chair.

Originally from Salt Lake City, Rebecca studied at the University of Utah and later Brigham Young University from which she received her B.A. in Speech & Dramatic Arts. She moved to Oregon in 1979 and she and her husband Pete currently live in Washington County. They have 3 daughters, Sandra, Bevyn and Laura.

Rebecca enjoyed a varied career, starting as an Administrative Assistant and then working in Telephony as a Telecommunications Specialist. She eventually retired from Kaiser Permanente where her primary focus was on their call centers.

Some things you may not know about Rebecca: she has seen the Green Flash twice (a rare sunset phenomena)! She will probably predict the next one as she is mildly psychic! She is also a direct descendant of Martin Luther!

Rebecca starting acting on the stage at age 5 as her whole family was involved in theater and film. She eventually took a hiatus but you can't stay away from a passion for long - she returned to the world of theater in 2012. Some of her favorite roles with Mask & Mirror have been Carrie Watts in *The Trip to Bountiful*, Bernice in *Musical Comedy Murders*, and Mrs. Paddy in *The Curious Savage*. One of her fondest memories is a scene in *The Trip to Bountiful* where she worked with Joe Silva to convey the true emotional anguish her character was feeling. She has been part of the first two radio-style plays M&M performed in 2020.



When asked what she enjoys about Mask & Mirror, Rebecca stated without hesitation that the people are awesome (if not a bit eccentric!). She really likes that M&M is a community-based organization. And the way it was organized / founded taught her a great deal about aspects of theater other than acting.

We appreciate all that she has done and continues to do for our theater company!



How Double Your Donation to the Arts

Did you know that when you make a donation to an arts organization like Mask & Mirror Community Theatre, you can make a second donation to the arts in Oregon **for free?**

Let's say you donated \$100 to Mask & Mirror. If you then give a matching \$100 donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, that amount will be returned to you as a 100% tax credit subtracted from any tax bottom line when you file your annual Oregon State Income Tax return. This cultural tax credit is generous: up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly, \$2,500 for corporations. This isn't a \$100 deduction off your declared income, it's \$100 off your total tax bill! It's like making a free donation to the arts in Oregon. (Talk to your tax consultant for full details, of course...)

Doubling your donation in this way ensures that community theater will flourish in Oregon's future. Our group receives a direct benefit, and other cultural groups across the state can receive support from the state fund. Several grants received by Mask & Mirror since 2012 were funded in part by the Oregon Cultural Trust and they have regularly supported our UnMasked show series. Your gifts can come back to support us a second time in this way, and you also gain by the tax benefits offered!

You can find out more here on the [Oregon Cultural Trust donations page](#).

And while we've got you thinking about it... you can learn more about [donating to Mask & Mirror online here](#).



Mask & Mirror Wearable Gear Available Online

Proud to be a Mask & Mirror supporter? Then show that to the world with our wearable gear! We have T-shirts, hoodies, hats, carry bags and window decals to choose from.



You can check out the [full selection at our online store here.](#)

Thanks again for your continued support of our community theatre - we hope you are able to join us at one of our coming productions! Until we see you again, please stay safe & healthy.

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