



November 2024 Newsletter

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Spirit Level opens our 2024-2025 season

Veteran cast hits the stage tonight!



Mask & Mirror's season kicks off with ***Spirit Level***, and it opens tonight on The Main Stage at Rise Church.

The story starts out with famous crime writer Jack Cameron and his wife Susie drowning in a boating accident, then they are refused entry into heaven – Jack is a card-carrying atheist – so they return to haunt the country cottage where they lived. Life is dull. Their only pleasure comes from spooking the estate agent and frightening away any would-be tenants. Things change when Susie persuades Jack to allow a young couple, Simon, an aspiring crime writer, and Flic, his pregnant wife, to move in.

Inevitably Susie and Jack become drawn into their lives, and whilst Simon has writer's block, Marcia, Flic's monstrous mother, is doing her best to separate them.



Patti Speight and Jeff Ekdahl are not looking well. Or maybe they're getting into character for *Spirit Level*, opening Nov 1 at Rise Church. (Photo Credit: Jodi Johnson - Patti Speight/Facebook)

Director Stan Yeend says this “well-written, humorous play moves along at a brisk pace and elicits belly laughs as well as heartwarming emotion. The cast I have assembled is excellent, and the crew is a joy to work with. Quite literally everyone who reads this play seems to fall in love with it. Please join us for what I know will be a very enjoyable theater experience!”

Stan is excited to work with seasoned vets of the community theater stage including Jeff Ekdahl as Jack, Patti Speight as Susie, Bryce Bristow as Simon, Karen Johnson as Flic, Patricia Alston as Marcia, Kraig Williams as Mark, and Robin Michaels as the Guardian Angel.

Pam Valentine’s hilarious ***Spirit Level*** opens tonight, November 1 on The Main Stage at Rise Church, 10445 Canterbury Lane, Tigard, and runs through November 17. Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 and Sunday matinees at 2:30.

Tickets for all performances are [available now](#).

More about ***Spirit Level*** [here](#).

Spirit Level, by Pam Valentine, is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd (www.mtishows.co.uk). This show is presented, in part, by a grant from the city of Tigard, OR.

ICYMI: *UnMasked* series shows - new venue, new days What you need to know about our 2024-25 season

As announced in the October 2024 edition of *The Newsletter*, our *UnMasked* series of shows will be performed in a new venue, starting with Fiction, opening January 17, 2025 at the Tualatin United Methodist Church, 20200



Martinazzi Ave, Tualatin.

Here's a look at our new home for *UnMasked* shows starting with **Fiction** on January 17th.



Tualatin United Methodist Church (Photo Credit: Tualatin United Methodist Church (Facebook))

Also, it's important to note that the schedule of our *UnMasked* shows will change as well. To help eliminate confusion, here's our show by show line-up, including venue, days, dates and times for all shows.

<i>Spirit Level</i>	Rise Church	Nov 1 - 17, 2024	Fri/Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm
<i>Fiction</i>	Tualatin United Methodist Church	Jan 17 - Feb 8	Fri 7:30pm, Sat 3:00pm
<i>Pride & Prejudice</i>	Rise Church	Feb 28 - Mar 16	Fri/Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm
<i>See How They Run</i>	Rise Church	May 2 - 18	Fri/Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm
<i>5 Women Wearing the Same Dress</i>	Tualatin United Methodist Church	July 11 - Aug 2	Fri 7:30pm, Sat 3:00pm

Again, nothing changes with the Rise Church (Main Stage) shows.

However, there are multiple changes to note for our *UnMasked* series shows including, but not limited to, a new venue (at the Tualatin United Methodist Church, 20200 SW Martinazzi Ave., Tualatin) and for *UnMasked* shows only - there are just

two shows per weekend, Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Single show and season ticket information, as well as more details about each of our shows can be found at MaskandMirror.com.

We look forward to seeing you at any and all of our *Mask & Mirror* productions.

Fiction - Opens January 17

Our first *UnMasked* show of the season opens at new venue



Tony Broom is pleased to announce the cast and crew assignments for *Mask & Mirror's* production of *Fiction*.

Linda Waterman - Justine Summers

Michael Waterman - Evan Seifert

Abby Drake - Sela Underwood

The crew includes *M&M* stalwarts Kathleen Silloway (Production Manager), Jodi Johnson (Stage Manager and Costumes) and Steve Hotaling (Lights and Sound).

Director Tony Broom tells *The Newsletter*, "It's a pleasure to welcome Evan back to the *Mask & Mirror* stage after his debut with us last year in ***Private Eyes***. I'm really looking forward to working with Justine and Sela in their first *Mask & Mirror* production. They're a strong, talented cast and I couldn't be happier. ***Fiction*** is one of my favorite plays and I'm excited to get started on it again."

Performances for ***Fiction*** are slotted for Jan 17 - Feb 8 (Note: 4 consecutive weekends), at the Tualatin United Methodist Church, 20200 SW Martinazzi in Tualatin, Fri 7:30pm, Sat 3:00pm. NOTE: New venue and no Sunday matinee.

Find more information about the show [here](#). Ticket information is [here](#).

Fiction is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals, LLC, on behalf of Samuel French Inc. (www.concordtheatricals.com). This project is supported in part

by the Oregon Cultural Trust and the [Cultural Coalition of Washington County](#) and the [City of Tualatin](#).

From the President's Desk

By Rick Hoover, President, *Mask & Mirror Community Theatre*



We are so excited to announce our new home for our *UnMasked* shows. Starting in January, we will be performing at the Tualatin United Methodist Church. Our show entrance will be via the lower parking lot only. It will give us more space to perform in and better seating. Unfortunately, it also means that there will no longer be any Sunday matinees. But I hope that you will enjoy the new surroundings.

Our new season has started! We are so excited to bring you three comedies.

Our first one, ***Spirit Level***, opens tonight at Rise Church. Not only is it fitting for Halloween time but there are also some Christmas themes as well. We follow that with a *Pride and Prejudice* like you have not seen before. And we end with *See How They Run*, a wild slapstick comedy that will have you laughing from beginning to end.

We now have season tickets available on our web site. There are numerous ways to purchase tickets for our shows. Just check out the ticket sales.

Well, no more to say right now. But if you get a chance, stop by the tech area during ***Spirit Level*** and say "Hi!" I'm manning it for the run of the show except for November 9th.

Tickets for all shows are on sale now Season and single show tickets are available



Season Tickets for the 2024 - 25 season are now on sale. You can buy tickets for all five *Mask & Mirror* shows or just for three Main Stage shows at Rise Church.

Individual as well as Season Tickets for the 2024 – 2025 season are now on sale at *Mask & Mirror's* web site (www.maskandmirror.com).

Main Stage Regular Season Shows- Single tickets

Adults	\$20
Seniors (55+), Active Military, students, children and <i>MIGS</i>	\$17

UnMasked Shows - Single tickets

All Seats	\$15
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2024-2025 Full Season tickets (All Main Stage and *UnMasked* shows)

Adults	\$80
Seniors (55+), Active Military, students and dues paying members of <i>Mask & Mirror</i> (<i>MIGS</i>)	\$71

2024 – 2025 Main Stage tickets (3 regular season shows at Rise Church)

Adults	\$54
Seniors (55+), Active Military, students and dues paying members of <i>Mask & Mirror</i> (<i>MIGS</i>), children	\$45

There are also special prices and packages for Groups of 10 or more, and for children under 10. You can find more information about tickets [here](#). You can buy tickets for individual shows [here](#). Season tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Remember, *Mask & Mirror's* productions of *UnMasked* shows are now ALL at the *Tualatin United Methodist Church*, 20200 SW Martinazzi in Tualatin.

Audition dates set for all *Mask & Mirror* shows ***Pride and Prejudice*** auditions Nov 16 and 17

Audition dates for all *M&M* shows have been scheduled.

Pride and Prejudice - [Nov 16, 17. Callbacks Nov 19.](#)

See How They Run - [Feb 15, 16](#)

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress - [May 10, 11](#)



Audition dates, times and venue for ***Pride and Prejudice***, written by Katie Hamill and directed by Kathleen Bean Jones are listed below.

Auditions are for ages 15+ and are available by signing up for a time slot. Please sign up for your audition time [here](#).

Please bring your schedule conflicts to the audition. Once you have signed up for your time slot, audition sides will be emailed to you shortly afterward.

Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Headshots and resumes are encouraged but not required.

Audition dates:

- Saturday, November 16th (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM), and Sunday, November 17th (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM).
- Callbacks (if needed) are Tuesday, November 19th from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Audition location:

- Rise Church
- (Downstairs “middle school room” - keep an eye out for posted signs.)
- 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard OR 97224

Roles: (Some roles may be doubled)

- Casting 14 actors -- 6 females, 5 males, 3 any gender
- All roles are available and are voluntary without pay. Individuals of all levels, all experiences, and all ethnicities are invited to audition.
- All actors will be expected to use a British accent for the show, but it is not necessary to have this accent ready for auditions

Complete information about ***Pride and Prejudice*** auditions can be found [here](#).

Pride and Prejudice opens February 29 at Rise Church. **Tickets [on sale now](#)**. Read more about the show [here](#).

Although audition dates have been set for ***See How They Run*** and ***Five Women Wearing the Same Dress***, more details were not available at presstime. [Bookmark this page](#) or [sign up](#) to receive notices about our auditions.

New feature: What are you working on?

Let people know about your next performance



Can we all agree that the Portland Metro has a vibrant community theater scene? Many of our *Mask & Mirror* "MIGS" are participating.

As much as we'd love to see and support them in their show, we often don't know about it until it's too late.

Why not use the power of *The Newsletter* to let your theater friends know what you're doing? Introducing "What are you working on?"

Hey, who are better customers of local community theater than those of us in local community theater? Here is a real life listing showing the info you can provide which will be posted in *The Newsletter*.

- John Knowles will be performing in the Stumptown Stages' production of *It's a Wonderful Life, the Musical* at the Winningstad Theater in downtown Portland. It

opens on November 29, the day after Thanksgiving, and runs through December 22.

This feature is open to all current *Mask & Mirror "MIGS"* and cast members of prior *M&M* productions. Send info about your latest theater gig to pbolger414@gmail.com by the 15th of the month prior to its production and we'll promote it here!

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