



CALLBOARD

August 2004

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 30 & 31	"Annie" auditions	Cunningham – 7 pm
September 1	"Annie" callbacks	Cunningham – 7 pm
September 22	Members Meeting	Cunningham – 7:30 pm

The State of Milton Players

Artistically strong, financially...not so

The 2003-2004 season included 3 great shows that were seen by more than 1600 people. Artistically, it was a very successful year. Financially, we ended the year with about a \$2500 deficit. This followed a year that also showed us in the red at the end of the year.

How did this happen to us, you ask? Well, 60% of a shows budget goes to renting The Woman's Club. In addition, prices of just about everything have gone up and our audiences have decreased. Our ticket prices have only increased a small amount over the years.

So, what are we going to do about it? We've got a lot of ideas and plans, but without the memberships help, either financially or just be donating an hour or two to help out, we aren't going to get far.

First, if you haven't paid your membership dues, please do so. You can find the form on line at www.miltonplayers.org or call me (Ray – 617-522-7934) and I'll get you one. With the membership form, we have introduced new donation categories:

\$1000 Producer	\$ 500 Director
\$ 250 Stage Manager	\$ 100 Techy
	\$ 50 Actor

All donations will be listed in the program for the year. Anyone will be able to donate, not just members.

Next, attached is a Program Advertising form. Printing, especially our programs is one of our highest expenses. One of the reasons is that we look for high quality and not something second rate. We subsidize our printing cost with the ads we sell for the program. Last year, we sold almost no ads at all. If everyone sold just one ad, just think what that would achieve.

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"ANNIE" Auditions

The Creative Team has been assembled and auditions are scheduled

Auditions for our opening production, "Annie", are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday August 30 & 31, 2004 at 7 pm at Cunningham Park Hall. Call Backs will be Wednesday, September 1, 2004 at 7 pm at Cunningham.

Glenn Kane (directed "Arsenic & Old Lace" last season), will be directing this wonderful show. He will be joined by Steven Key as Producer, Jason Whiting, Musical Director and Carrie van Meter, Choreographer.

For auditions, please be prepared to read, sing (please prepare 16 bars) and dance. Performance dates are November 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 2004. ❖

The Old, The New and Everyone Else

Thank you to the Old Board and Welcome to the New Board

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank Steven Hamilton and last year's board, Jeannette DeJong, Cathy Larson, Dawn Labrie, Mary Quatrimoni, Erica Prussman, Ed Poznysz, Pat Barwley and Steve Key. With their guidance and work we made it thorough a good year.

Thank You!

Introducing the Board for 2004-2005:

President	Ray Possick
Vice President	Erica Prussman
Recording Secretary	Dawn Labrie
Corresponding Secretary	Julie Poznysz
Treasurer	Mary Quatrimoni
Member-at-Large	Jeanette DeJong

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In addition, to the two things our members can directly help with, we have a few other projects we are working on. We will be continuing the 50/50 raffle at each performance in the next season.

Each show will have a Producer who will be responsible for maintaining a budget for the show. Any one buying anything for a production will work only with the Producer of that show regarding reimbursement. The Treasurer will no longer accept any receipts from individuals, only from the Producer.

In the upcoming months, we will be looking at more ideas and letting you know what they are and how you can help. In the meantime, if you have an idea, feel free to contact me (Ray – 617-522-7934).❖

Milton Members Madness...

The goings-on of Milton Players Members

- Paul Conroy is directing Bad Seed for FootLight Club in JP. Performances are September 17,18,24,25 and October 1 & 2.
- Wishing a speedy recovery to Erica Prussman and her injured foot.

Let us know you are up to and get a free plug at the same time!

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ANNIE – The energetic musical about a little girl who wins the hearts of the world!

Glenn Kane, Director ♦ Jason Whiting, Musical Director
Carrie van Meter, Choreographer ♦ Steven Key, Producer
November 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 2004

Picasso at Lapin Agile – The Steve Martin comedy pitting Picasso against Einstein!

Paul Conroy, Director ♦ Laura Dunkum, Producer
February 18, 19, 15, 26, 2005

School House Rock! – The musical! Saturday morning’s greatest hits live on stage!

Cammie , Director
April 22, 23, 29, May 1, 2, 2005

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Feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns. If all goes as plans, soon, each board position will have an e-mail address from our website at www.mitlonplayers.org.

In addition to the general board, the following folks will be acting as chairs for the following committees:

Box Office Manager	Christine Mallet
Budget Director	Pat Brawley
Business Manager	Stephanie Baker
House Manager	Laura Benjamin
Play Reading	Cathy Larson
Publicity	Ken Senibaldi
Technical Director	Ed Poznysz

Also working as the liaison to the board will be a Producer for each show. So far the producers are:

<i>Annie</i>	Steven Key
<i>Picasso</i>	Laura Dunkum
<i>School House Rock</i>	TBA

There are still a few more slots the board would like to fill for the upcoming year. These positions include:

- Volunteer Coordinator someone to maintain a list of volunteers and help keep in touch when they are needed.
- Fundraising someone to try to come up with some other ideas for fundraising and to help facilitate the programs we already have.

If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out with any of the committees, please feel free to contact any of the chairpeople or myself (Ray – 617-522-7934). ❖

PLEASE, WE NEED

OLUNTEERS!