



callboard

SUMMER, 2010

The dog days of summer seem to be here to stay! Hoping everyone is enjoying the weather. The Milton Players are ramping up for Season 78. We have three terrific shows this year, "A Streetcar Named Desire" in November, "Let's Murder Marsha" in February and the musical "The Secret Garden" in April.

STREETCAR AUDITIONS

Auditions for "A Streetcar Named Desire" will be held on **AUGUST 18 & 19, 2010**, At Cunningham Hall, 55 Edge Hill Road in Milton from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. There is an audition notice enclosed in this callboard. The show will be directed by Rick Fairbanks and co-produced with his company, Popoptions. Dawn Labrie is the producer for this show. We have entered into this venture with Popoptions so that we can do some creative things set wise and in other areas and remain within the budget. You can contact me at gdlabrie@comcast.net or 617-918-3136 if you would like to be part of the production staff. If you have questions regarding auditions you can contact Rick at popoption@gmail.com or 617-584-8552.

SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Enclosed is a Season Subscription form. Thanks to Steve Hamilton for the terrific graphics. We are having a contest this year: Any member who sells **TWO NEW** season subscriptions or **ONE NEW** ad (form enclosed) for the program will receive a free ticket to one of the shows. As you know our Season Subscription base has grown a little each year and the ads help defer the cost of the programs. Our goal each year is to have the ads offset the cost of the programs. We have reached this each year. Help us to reach our goal this year and increase our Season Subscription base by 10%. That means we only need **10 new subscribers!** We can do it! The deadline for this contest is October 15th.

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Steve Hamilton has set up a "night" (day!) on the town. The North Shore Music Theatre is producing this fun show. We are organizing a group to go and see the show. The date will be Sunday, October 3rd at 2 p.m. The cost is \$40.50 each and we need 10 people or more for the group rate. Please contact Steve if you are interested in attending. His email address is steve.union.print@verizon.net and his phone number is 617-696-4040. We will need all reservations and monies by September 10th. (No worries – the Patriots are playing on Monday this week!)

BIG LAUGHS! BIG AUDIENCES!

This year's Play Reading Committee (Steve Hamilton, Chair; Dave Daly; Jes Maxfield and Glenn Ryan) are on the lookout for **BIG CAST FUNNY** shows to read for the 2011-2012 season.

Our initial list thus far (which also includes shows that have been suggested by various members) is:

PLAYS

Boeing Boeing	The Graduate
The Hot L Baltimore	Lend Me A Tenor
Inspecting Carol	Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell
The Man Who Came to Dinner	Moon Over Buffalo
Caught in the Net (Sequel to Run For Your Wife)	The Odd Couple
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)	Strangers on a Train
Sly Fox	The Sunshine Boys
Fools (The Curse of Kulyenchikov)	The 39 Steps
Uproar in the House	You Can't Take It With You

MUSICALS

Animal Crackers	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
Avenue Q	The Drowsy Chaperone
Chicago	Little Me
Nunsense	Curtains
25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	City of Angels
Monty Python's Spamalot	The Producers
Urinetown	White Christmas
Hair	Legally Blonde
Hairspray	
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum	

If anyone has any other shows they would like to add to this list, please contact Steve at steve.union.print@verizon.net or hamiltongraphix@comcast.net

The committee is going to attempt to have the final list of plays submitted to the Board by the January Board Meeting.

MEETING

Our first membership meeting for the season will be on September 15, 2010 at 7:30 pm. We are still working out where the meeting will be held. We hope to see you all there as we have an exciting season to talk about.

ARMCHAIR THEATRE

Pat Brawley has put together an outreach program that we will present at the library. The concept is to get some of the people of Milton interested in theatre and our group. She is holding this "Armchair Theatre" on Wednesday, September 29th at the Milton Public Library from 7-8:45 pm. This will be a reading and discussion of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie". The library is excited about this venture and we are too. At least one act of the play will be "read". We hope this will elicit excitement about our fall show. Please contact Pat Brawley at 617-549-4175 or plbstar@aol.com if you are interested in participating. We are always looking for a few good actors! Deadline for sign up is 9/25/10.

T-SHIRTS

So it's been a long time since we offered t-shirts for our members. Enclosed is a flyer with the top six choices. Come to the meeting to vote! Yes, your vote counts!!!

STREETCAR

We are on the look out for several props and set pieces. Here is a list to date: a trunk, a claw foot bathtub, a wrought iron spiral staircase, a metal kitchen table and chairs (circa 1940-1950). We are also looking for several talented people. We are in need of a stage manager, props chairperson, costumes chairperson, lighting technicians, and sound technicians. We are also looking for a space to construct the set prior to set up. The set will be modular and will be put together at the club. **Set up is OCTOBER 23 & 24, and the show dates are NOVEMBER 5, 6 & 12, 13 and 14. SO RESERVE THE DATES!** Please contact Dawn if you are interested or have any leads or stop by auditions on the 18th or 19th of August.

WEBSITE

Visit the Milton Players website at www.miltonplayers.org. Join our Facebook group.

BOARD MEMBERS

Please feel free to contact any one of us with any comments, questions, etc. The key to this year is **COMMUNICATION**. We heard you and we are listening. I believe that we are all members because we have a great organization that is thriving. We are surviving during these times due to all the hard work of its members. Please consider helping out in some capacity this year. However small, it all counts to the big picture – **“great live theatre. right here. right now.”** I know that sometimes there are differences and conflicts, but overall we are all proud to be members of The Milton Players. Being around **for SEVENTY- EIGHT YEARS** is a huge accomplishment. Here's to 78 more!

Here is our contact information:

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MEMBERS CORNER

Our condolences go out to Bob & Glee Brown on the passing of Bob's mother.

Also enclosed is a form for membership dues. Please send them in as soon as possible. Your dues do matter and help us fund our shows.

Hope to see all of you soon! ~ Dawn