



Spotlight on...

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Fremont Community Theatre

SOMETHING'S AFOOT...at FCT

The 53rd season will open with the murder-mystery-musical-comedy, *Something's Afoot*, written by James McDonald, David Vos, Robert Gerlach and Ed Linderman. It will be directed by two time Stanley Award winner, Mitchell Antesky with musical direction by fellow former Stanley winner Joe Kaiser.

This show was first produced at FCT 29 years ago and includes a returning cast member! It is such a fun show to be in and perform that four of the 10 cast members have done the show before at other local theatres and just had to do it again! Pure entertainment from beginning to end, it is filled with zany characters, catchy tunes, inspired dancing and lots and lots of laughs... it just has something for everybody!

The cast is lead by songbird /comedienne Erin O'Donnell as Miss Tweed. Fresh off the Grease stage, (bad girl Rizzo) Kayla Haase portrays Hope, the beautiful ingénue and (Teen Angel). Ryan Brown is the dashing stranger Geoffrey. FCT musical veteran Tim Bolton is Col. Gilweather and Linda Rich reprises her role of Lady Manley-Prowe from the 1979 cast. John Aiello plays Nigel, the black sheep nephew while Bob Ammanetti is Dr. Grayburn. After too long of an absence we welcome Jeff Buchanan back to FCT in the role of Flint and first time newbie to FCT Laura Pinkston as Lettie. Director Mitch Antesky even takes on a Hitchcock tradition and appears in a cameo role as Clive the butler.

We can't give away too much of the plot, since it is a mystery, but the elaborate set is also one of the main characters, filled with special effects that tech wizard Hank Povolny, assistant director John Carroll, and others are working on to provide more of the laughs and gags that will leave you saying "I've never seen anything like it before!" You are encouraged to kick off our "...and They Lived Happily Ever After?" season to see who, if any, of the cast members do survive this one of a kind show.

It's a great way to jump start the thrills and suspense of the Halloween season with this classic whodunit!

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Performances for *Something's Afoot* are October 3,4,5,10,11, and 12, please be sure to make your reservations early!

NOTE THAT THERE ARE ONLY 6 PERFORMANCES
FOR ALL FCT PRODUCTIONS THIS YEAR.

Auditions for *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*

Director Michael PJ Foos is pleased to announce auditions for the December holiday show *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. Open auditions will be held on October 5th and 6th, 2008 at 7:00pm in the FCT lobby. Parts are available for 3 men, 2 women, 1 boy, and 1 girl (both age 10-13). Some singing of traditional Christmas carols may be incorporated, and those auditioning should be prepared to sing both a cappella and in a sing-along with the audience.



When I sat down to write this edition of my president's notes, so many thoughts and topics went through my head I just didn't know what direction to take... thank our tireless dedicated volunteers and ask for even more help....thank our generous donors, advertisers and faithful patrons then beg for more even money...promote the opening show I'm proud to be directing (see elsewhere in this newsletter)...how about all of the above!

Seriously, being one who is never at a shortage of words I do have a lot to say about many things good and bad around FCT. I know space is limited here so I'll redirect you to my blog on the FCT web site, I have taken most the summer off from writing but I am here and now rededicating myself to keep my postings up to date, join me as I run the gambit of topics from FCT drama, on stage and off, and many other theatre related discussions I hope you will find entertaining, educational or fun for you and a good way for me to get all these crazy ramblings out of my bald head. Go to www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org Click on blogs on the left hand side of the home page, then on to "confessions of a crazy bald guy". But I don't want you to spend all your time surfing the net. Get on down to the theatre, ask what job you can do, or just see a show (and then tell a friend or ten to do the same)! *-Mitchell Antesky*

The Prez Sez

We have lost a friend. Karen Church was killed in an automobile accident on September 5th, 2008.

Karen was a graduate of Bellevue High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Lake Erie College and her master's degree in religious education from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. She was an accomplished pianist and music teacher and often acted as accompanist for schools, churches and theaters in Genoa, Tiffin, Bellevue and Fremont. She also taught music class at the Community Christian Academy in Genoa.

Karen's faith in God was the center of her life; she attended Worship Alive Church in Bellevue and was a long-time member of a ladies prayer group. She served as interim minister at various churches and was a Republican Precinct Adjudicator.

Memorials can be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators, Gideons, or Feed the Children in honor of Karen.



Although the official deadline for the 2008-2009 patron campaign and program advertising has passed, **IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to support FCT for the upcoming season. Get up off the couch, write that check and get it in the mail! We will make every effort possible to make sure you receive all the advantages associated with both these causes that are so important to the continued success of FCT. It is apparent to all of us that some tough economical times are upon us, we understand that and can only ask that you

consider one of the many affordable options we offer for showing your support to FCT and the arts in Sandusky County. If you have not received the forms for these programs, feel free to phone us at 419-332-0775.

Laurel Awards

The Fremont Community Theatre annual awards banquet was held on June 28th at the Fremont Inn. The following awards were presented:

THE STANLEY AWARD – Mitchell Antesky

AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS:

Mary Jo Foos – A Grand Night for Singing

Michael PJ Foos – Wait Until Dark

Cyrus Foos – Over the Tavern

Kathy VanWey – Love, Sex, and the IRS

Katie Elder – Guys and Dolls

BYE BYE BIRDIE

Hardies:

David Cook, Robbie Baker

Laurels:

Michael Wagner, Katherine Hoover,

Erin O'Donnell, Mason Lowry

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

Hardies:

Tracy Armentrout, Stephen Hayward,

Lauren Meyer, Mike Amos

Laurels:

Mitch Antesky, Bob Bell,

Darla Brown, Tim Bolton

WAIT UNTIL DARK

Hardies:

Pete Lowry, John Carroll

Laurels:

Michael PJ Foos, Scott Havice,

Elizabeth Stetzel

OVER THE TAVERN

Laurels:

Karen Langely, Bob Bell

Jake Kosanka, Donna Wollenslegel,

John Carroll

LOVE, SEX, AND THE IRS

Hardies:

Bobbe Povolny, Mary Jo Foos

Laurels:

Claire Zimmerman, Karen Langely,

Karen Auxter

GUYS AND DOLLS

Hardies:

Brian Knaup, Katie Elder

Laurels:

Ethan Mandeville, Bob & Linda Bell,

Darla Brown, John Carroll,

Judy Smith, John Ball,

Pam Meggitt, Tim Bolton

OTHER AWARDS

Ethan Mandeville – Outstanding Orchestra Member

John Carroll – Outstanding New Member

The 818 Club – Outstanding Business



**Psst...Don't
forget...**

**All shows this
season are
only six
performances.**

Play reading Committee

Play reading committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Theatre. We are always looking for new members!



Will this be your last mailed newsletter??? In an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs, we are going to purge our old database. Only currently paid patrons, advertisers, and members will be receiving future paper mailings. The electronic version will remain free to all. Contact Scott at shavice@woh.rr.com if you would like to be put on the distribution list.

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- **September 16**.....FCT board meeting, 7pm (all welcome)
- **September 30**.....Press Dress for *Something's Afoot*
- **October 3-5, 10-12**.....*Something's Afoot* performances
- **October 5,6**.....*It's a Wonderful Life: The Live Radio Play* auditions (7pm)
- **October 21**.....FCT board meeting, 7pm (all welcome)
- **October 25**.....Fall membership meeting and Halloween party
- **November 18**.....Auditions for *Funny Valentines* (7pm)



Happy Birthday...

SEPTEMBER: 2-John Ball, 10-Bob Ammanniti, 12-Linda Bell, 25-Mary Jo Foos

OCTOBER: 21-Charles Hayward, 25-Marte Ball & Sally Ruland

NOVEMBER: 2-Stephen Yates, 22-Ann Cain

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