



Spotlight on...

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Fremont Community Theatre



The cast has been selected, the set is well underway, and all else is coming together in preparation for the 3rd show of the 08-09 season, *Funny Valentines*.

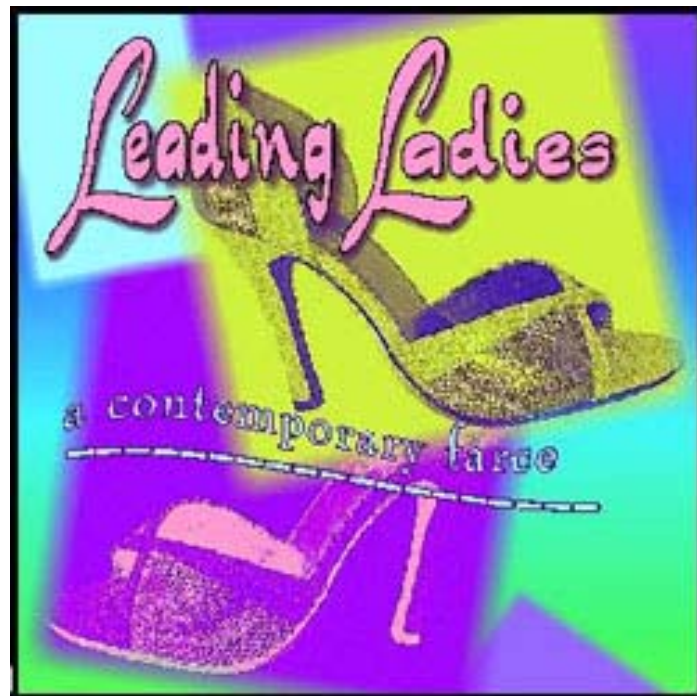
Cartoonist Andy Robbins (PJ Foos) has been divorced for 8 months and is just beginning to settle in to a life of relaxed bachelorhood when his crazy agent Howard (Mitch Antesky) tries to make a lot of money for both of them, but it's going to take a reconciliation of sorts

between Andy and his ex-wife Ellen (Sue Stotz). A few hilarious plot twists are exposed, a sexy executive (Mary Jo Foos) arrives on the scene to complicate matters, and an ex mother-in-law (Judy Smith) add to the unusual and funny situations that ensue.

This romantic comedy is guaranteed to warm your heart in the midst of the winter blues and opens Jan. 30 and runs through Feb. 8. Call 419-332-0695 to make your reservations.

As always, various tech and miscellaneous jobs around the theatre to prepare for this funny show are needed. Contact Claire or Mitch to lend a hand. Saturday mornings at 10 AM are also as usual, tech days for any number of building, painting, or general cleaning days at the theatre! Hope to see you there!





Directed by: Virginia Wise

Production Dates: March 20-22, 27-29, 2009

Cast: 5 males, 3 females *NOTE: One of the younger females (18-30) needs to be able roller-skate (not rollerblade).*

Audition dates: January 18 (1pm) & 19 (7pm), 2009 *(NOTE: 1/18 audition at 1pm instead of usual 7pm)*

Two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces! Romantic entanglements abound, especially when Leo falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg, who's engaged to the local minister. Meg knows that there's a wide world out there, but it's not until she meets "Maxine and Stephanie" that she finally gets a taste of it. Written by Ken Ludwig

This is by the same playwright that wrote *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo* (both also directed by Ginny at FCT)



Help wanted for *Funny Valentines*: props, lights, sound, box office, house manager



Book and lyrics by: Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by: Richard Rogers

Directed by: Timothy Bolton

Production Dates: May 8-10, 15-17, 2009

Cast: 6 females and 5 males, as well as a large singing/dancing ensemble of all ages. We will be casting a few children in the chorus as townspeople. No one under age 6, please.

Audition dates: February 15 & 16, 2009; 6:30pm

Audition info: Sunday will most likely be singing auditions all night, depending on how many potential cast members come out, and Monday will be singing auditions for newcomers only until 7:30 pm. At that time, we will begin reading from the script. If you just want to audition, you don't need to call -- just get up on stage and sing something! Please bring a short selection with music for our pianist, or choose from the books we will have available. (Memorization is not required, but it looks better!) Do not plan to sing along with recorded music -- this is one sure way to have a forgettable audition. Just get up there and have some fun. If nothing else, you can sing the birthday song or the national anthem. We hope to make casting announcements Monday night, but again, that will depend on how many people come out for auditions.

Orchestra: We are considering using a computer sequencer for the orchestra, but if we get a large enough response and commitment from our amateur musicians, I will use a live orchestra, or perhaps a combination of the two. Please call the theatre at 419-332-0775 and leave a message if you are interested in playing in the orchestra for the 2nd and 3rd weekends in May plus the final rehearsal week, including Sunday, May 3. There will be a few orchestra-only practice sessions during April. There are parts for piano, bass, flutes, oboe, clarinets, bassoon, horns, trumpets, trombones, harp, percussion, violins, viola, and cello.

FCT ON PARADE



Members of FCT ‘suited up’ to march in November’s Fremont holiday parade to promote “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.”
(photo courtesy of Spotted/Funcoast.com)



The President’s Pen: It is so hard to believe that the 08 part of the 08-09 season is behind us, Happy New Year to everyone! I guess since we last shared time here I owe you a Merry Christmas too. I do hope all our patrons and members had a joyful holiday season. If you saw *It’s A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* your season was certainly better off. My most sincere thanks to Michael PJ Foos and Scott Havice for their excellent direction, the EXTREMELY talented cast and crew for putting together by far one of the single most memorable and polished productions to grace the FCT stage in a long time! You truly all took it to the next level and FCT will be a better place for your efforts.

Now we face the next holiday/celebration/special day or whatever you call it...Valentines Day, it is just around the corner, and to usher in the most romantic day of the year we are proud to be present *Funny Valentines* by Dennis R Andersen. Director Claire Zimmerman has gathered an all star cast of Michael PJ Foos, Sue Stotz, Mitchell Antesky, Mary Jo Foos and Judy Smith to bring this light-hearted romantic comedy to the cold nights of late January and February. Be sure to make a date to bring someone special to you to see this warm, fuzzy and yet oh so zany and laugh filled show opening Jan. 30 through Feb. 8.

Now that the busy holiday season is over, things around FCT are just gearing up for a big finish to the 53rd season. Check in to see what you can do for the remaining shows. Ginny Wise and Tim Bolton both will be holding auditions for *Leading Ladies* and *Cinderella* respectively in January and February and then don't forget...still to come the announcement of the 2009-2010 season coming shortly, the annual election meeting and dinner (it's time to start thinking about running for a board seat!), the FCT teen show selection, a FCT appearance at the Hayes Center Veranda Concert Series, regional OCTAfest and then before you know it, The Laurels dinner again. Time sure flies when your having fun at FCT...so, On With the Show! —*Mitch Antesky*

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Fringe Benefits of FCT Membership: For those who missed the FCT Holiday Party and Christmas ornament exchange, I must tell you that Mitch cooked up a scrumptious meal for us, and it was healthy, too! The entree was tortellini with baby spinach, and we had a delicious salad and a tasty broccoli side dish as well. Beverages included sparkling cider and some white wine to complement the meal. Attendees contributed some home made appetizers and desserts to round out an evening of noshing. We entertained ourselves with the ornament exchange and an hour of table-top games at 4 tables, with players swapping tables every 15 minutes to "spice it up" and keep things interesting. After a few departures the remaining members enjoyed a quick game of Encore, a team-based singing contest that everyone, even the self-proclaimed non-singers, could not help joining in. The meal alone was well worth the price of annual membership, a mere \$10. I strongly encourage you to join us if you haven't already. There are still several opportunities to enjoy the benefits of an FCT membership this season. *-Tim Bolto*

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- January 13.....Playreading committee
- January 18, 19.....Auditions for *Leading Ladies* (1pm Sunday, 7pm Monday)
- January 20.....FCT board meeting, 7pm (all welcome)
- January 27.....Press dress, *Funny Valentines*
- January 30,31; February 1,6,7,8.....*Funny Valentines* (8pm Friday/Saturday; 2pm Sunday)
- February 15,16.....Auditions for *Cinderella* (6:30pm)
- February 10.....Playreading committee
- February 17.....FCT board meeting, 7pm (all welcome)
- February 28.....Winter membership meeting



Happy Birthday...

JANUARY: 8-Michael PJ Foos, 20-Judy Smith

FEBRUARY: 27-Hank Povolny

MARCH: 10-Ben Wurzel, 15-Ted Ball, 29-Mike Amos, 30-Tim Bolton

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