



FREMONT COMMUNITY THEATRE

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A TUNA CHRISTMAS

Seasons Greetings from **A TUNA CHRISTMAS**, the hilarious sequel to the hit comedy, *Greater Tuna*, starring veteran FCT actors **Michael PJ Foos** and **Tim Bolton**. Come spend the holidays with all your old favorite citizens of Tuna, Texas and make some new friends while you're there. Master comedians Bolton and Foos, along with some split-second costume changes, portray all 22 citizens of Texas' third smallest town, where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies.



Bertha (Tim Bolton) and Charlene Bumiller (Michael PJ Foos)

This time, it's 24 hours before Christmas and all comic hell is about to break loose as the delightfully eccentric characters attempt to cope with seasonal traumas such as a disaster prone little theatre production of *A Christmas Carol*, and a yard display contest that is being sabotaged by a mysterious Christmas phantom!

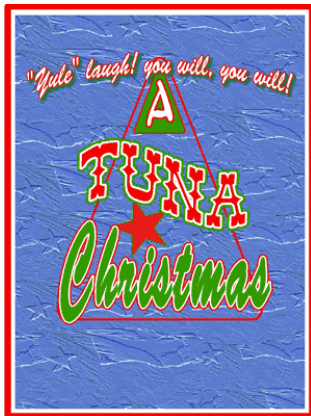
Sue Stotz and Judy Smith are hard at work preparing the

many costumes required for the play. To help with these quick costume changes Judy is leading a team of dressers who will be assisting PJ and Tim backstage as they are rapidly transformed from one character to another.

Mitch Antesky and his set crew are rapidly bringing set construction to a successful

completion so Mitch will soon be turning his attention to decorating the set with a special emphasis on a number of unique Christmas trees featured prominently in the show.

Bring the whole family and join in the holiday fun with director Pete Lowry and his cast.



A Tuna Christmas Info:

- Performances are December 4-6, and 11-13.
- Call 419-332-0695 to make reservations

CANNED FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE SANDUSKY CO. EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

In the spirit of the holidays, FCT is sponsoring a food drive during the run of *A Christmas Tuna*.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to the show.

You might even consider making it a theme by bringing some Tuna helper or canned tuna!

The Sandusky County Emergency food pantry is located at 128 1/2 South Granville

Blvd. in Fremont.



TRYOUTS FOR KITCHEN WITCHES

Auditions for Kitchen Witches by Caroline Smith will be held on December 6th and 7th.

Take two parts cooking show divas, add 30 years of hatred, frantically mix with a complicated past and let simmer until all comes to a boil!

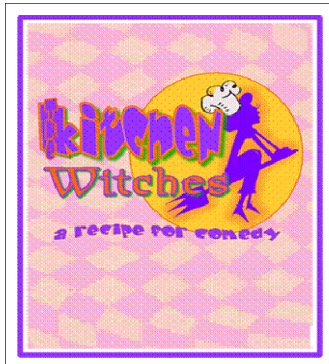
Meanwhile in a separate bowl, combine one long-suffering

son with a generous portion of loyalty to his mother and a heaping serving of his job as producer to her smash hit show, when the heat in the kitchen is turned up you have baked up a cross between Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer.

long as Dolly's dressing room is one inch closer to the set than Isobel's, it's a losing battle.

With hilarious broadcast highlights, including guest judges in the cooking challenge and an on stage food fight balanced with plenty of backstage drama this Fremont premiere of a relatively new play will have you rolling in the studio audience aisles.

The show, under the direction of Dan Henning, requires a cast of two women, one man, and one minor part that can be played by a male or a female.



Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two "mature" cable-access cooking show hostesses who through a spontaneous on air encounter are teamed together and create the biggest hit of the new television season, called The Kitchen Witches. Before long the insults are flung harder than the food! Dolly's son Stephen tries to keep them on track, but as

WE LOVE A PARADE!

FCT will once again this year be participating in the annual Fremont Holiday Parade, Nov. 28th.

with an FCT production, in anyway, over the last few years to help us march, carry banners and pass out flyers.

THAN A STAGE IN YOUR LIFE.

If you are interested in joining the fun, leave a message on the theatre machine (419-332-0775) with your RSVP and then plan to meet at the theatre at 2 PM.

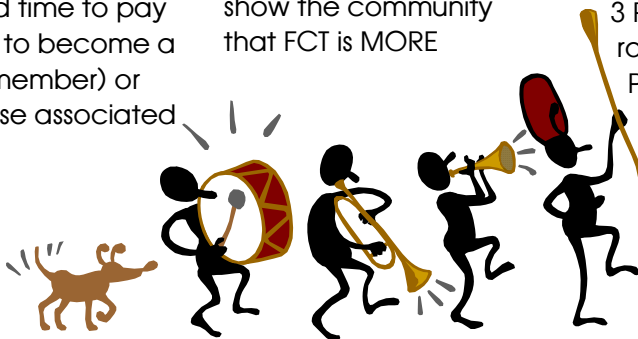
A wide variety of seasonal costumes will be available to layer up and help keep you warm. The line up is at 3 PM with the parade starting at 4 PM. The parade

The cast of *A TUNA CHRISTMAS* will be donning their most outrageous costumes but we are still looking for additional FCT members, former members (this would be a good time to pay your dues to become a "current" member) or anyone else associated

We hope to represent our active adult volunteers, teen theatre members and our youngest budding thespians the FCT family of youths as we show the community that FCT is MORE



2008 Holiday Parade



MORE THAN A STAGE IN YOUR LIFE MOVES FORWARD WITH YOUTH PROGRAM

As we move ahead in our plans to make Fremont Community Theatre *More than a stage in your life*, we have many challenges in front of us. Leading the list is the **formation of a continuing youth theatre program** that will expose 6-12 yr. olds to life in theatre and hopefully generate their life long interest in the arts and all the benefits that can come from the experiences that await them in the theatre.

In order for this to happen it is going to take the efforts of many individuals who are willing to step up and help build the foundation of who will be the next generation of

FCT actors, musicians, techies and leaders.

The tentative plans right now are to have a Youth Theatre program complete with production ready for an audience by late summer or early fall of 2010.

We are very open to any suggestions that anyone might have to help us organize some workshops, show selections, professional advice, previous experiences, anything that will help us provide an outlet for the many talented youth in the area whose needs are currently being overlooked.

I believe that we **MUST** act now to create this opportunity for the youth of the area so that they may learn, grow and experience all that participating in live theatre has to offer. This groundwork will then help them be prepared to enter into the Teen Theatre program which for years now has provided an educational and social outlet for hundreds of teens, many of who have gone onto to pursue professional theatre related careers. Eventually they could be the mainstay of the adult membership of FCT and help keep it a strong and vital asset to the community as it has for the last 54 years.

PLEASE, volunteer to help, direct, assist with music or dance...even if it's just in the smallest way as a Saturday afternoon "stage mother" or a seamstress or computer save publicist. Can you swing a hammer? (these days we use power drivers!) Paint? (we supply drop cloths) Who can't stuff an envelope? There is a job for every level of skill or interest.

So maybe spending hours in a theatre filled with...let's say.. "enthusiastic" children doesn't sound like your dream of a fun, good time. How can you resist the rewards of that smile on their face during that first curtain call?

Please help these children, help FCT be MORE THAN A STAGE IN YOUR LIFE.

—*Mitchell Antesky*

PLAYREADING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT

The Playreading committee is still in the process of evaluating plays for inclusion in the 2010 - 2011 season.

If you have any suggestions for shows you would like to see, we would love to hear them.

Let us know soon so that we have time to order scripts and read them before it's time to choose the season.

E-mail your suggestions to Pete Lowry at: pete@signature-label.com or call the theatre (419-332-0775) and leave a message.

OTHER ITEMS:

- In order to use your **credit card** at the FCT box office you must also have a **valid email address**.
- With this newsletter a new address database is being used. If you had any **mistakes** with the spelling of your name or address, please call the box of-

• fice and leave a message or email Scott Havice at havices@woh.rr.com.

- If you would like to **receive this newsletter by email** please email Scott Havice at the above address. This saves the theatre copy and mailing costs and is earth friendly to boot!

- The theme for the 2010 OCTA conference will be Peace, Love, and Theatre...A Salute to the 70s. The 2010 conference will be held at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, September 3-6. Chair Joe Barton is looking for members to be a part of the steering committee. Please contact

Joe at: jbarton22@msn.com or call Ginny Wise at 332-2879.



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November 17.....Board meeting, 7pm
November 26.....Gobble Till You Wobble
November 27.....Shop Till You Drop
November 28.....FCT in Fremont Holiday Parade
December 1.....Press Dress, *A Tuna Christmas*
December 4-6, 11-13.....*A Tuna Christmas*
December 6-7.....*Kitchen Witches* auditions, 7pm
December 8.....Playreading committee, 7pm
January 15.....Board meeting , 7pm



Spotlight On... produced and edited by Scott Havice