



The Whidbey Playhouse



STAGE WHISPERS

Summer 2010

Whidbey Playhouse presents
Auditions for **Missoula Children's Theatre**
"The Princess and the Pea"
August 16th, 2010

Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of The Princess and the Pea will be held on Monday, August 16th 10:00 A.M. at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church (Across from High School Stadium). There are roles for those students entering 1st grade through 12th Grade. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Director.

There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

However, the experience of auditioning is a fun way to spend the morning. Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-30 minutes after the audition.

This is a group audition - **no advance preparation is necessary**, but a smile J never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

Rehearsals will be conducted every day following auditions. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4½ hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, dinner or snack.

The performances will be held on August 21st at 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Students in the cast will be called for dress rehearsal before the performance that day. All those cast must be available for **all** scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers! The residency in Oak Harbor is made possible by The Whidbey Playhouse.

IF YOUR CHILD IS CAST, THERE IS A \$75.00 CAMP FEE (Per Participant)

CAST ANNOUNCED IN WHIDBEY PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTION OF TONY AND ACADEMY AWARD WINNING MUSICAL "CHICAGO"

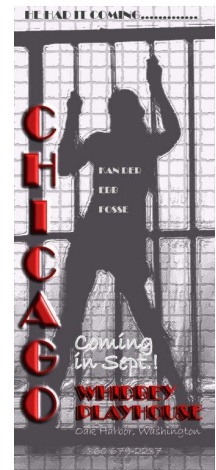


July 14, 2010

After auditions were held for the musical "Chicago", director K. Sandy O'Brien has announced the cast. Bringing the characters of "Chicago" to life is Gail Liston as Roxie Hart, Ken Martinez as Amos Hart, Mary K. Hallen as "Mamma" Morton, Allenda Jenkins as Velma Kelly, and Doug Langrock as Billy Flynn. Gaye Litka is Mary Sunshine. The singing-dancing ensemble includes Jennifer Bondelid, Dara Camacho, Patricia Duff, Nate Edmiston, Ned Farley, Troy Haugen, Tara Hizon, Caitlin Lewis, Darren McCoy, and Erica McCraine. Allen Young is the Master of Ceremonies.

Premiering in 1975 and the hit of the 1997 Broadway season, "Chicago" won six Tony Awards and later the Academy Award as Best Picture of the Year. "Chicago" tells the story of chorine Roxie Hart in roaring twenties Chicago. She murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband Amos to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess" Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune and acquittal. This sharp edged satire features a dazzling score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse. A dark parable of American justice, "Chicago" is a sexy musical extravaganza that includes several show-stopping numbers such as "All the Jazz," "Razzle Dazzle" and "Class."

The musical will be performed at the Whidbey Playhouse, 730 S.E. Midway Blvd in Oak Harbor, September 10-October 3, 2010. Tickets are \$16 and go on sale August 10, 2010. Groups of ten or more receive a \$1 discount on each ticket. Show times are 7:30 pm for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night performances, and 2:30 pm for Sunday matinees. Call the box office at 360-679-2237 for further information, show dates, group discounts and reservations, or email at office@whidbeyplayhouse.com or check the website at www.whidbeyplayhouse.com. "Chicago" is rated Guidance Recommended. The Whidbey Playhouse is wheelchair and handicapped accessible.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are our building blocks. The Whidbey Playhouse could not function without them. We are all volunteers and we would love to have more!

Would you like to get involved?

If you are interested in helping The Whidbey Playhouse in any capacity please let us know. We now have a data base for all volunteers. Your name will not be lost...it WILL be used! Everyone is important and we could use all the help we can get.

Here are some of the areas in which we could use help:

- Set construction (anyone can help)
- Theatre clean up
- House Crew (ushers & concessions)
- Acting
- Costumes and Props
- House Manager/Ticket sales, afternoons and in the evenings of the nights of performances.

Please call 360 679-2237 and leave your name, number & area you'd like to help. This information will then get to the person in charge of those jobs and they will contact you!

The Whidbey Playhouse held a contest and Kathy Fox is the WINNER! Congratulations Kathy, We hope you enjoy your tickets.

Drawing for the Season Tickets was held the final night of CINDERELLA during Intermission.

Membership information can be obtained by calling 360-679-2237, Or by stopping by our Box Office at 730 SE Midway Blvd.

Don't be left out of our wonderful SEASON:

September 2010	The Musical CHICAGO Directed by K. Sandra O'Brien
December 2010	The Christmas Classic IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Directed by Linda Walbeck.
February 2011	The Comedy Classic THE PHILADELPHIA STORY Directed by Mary Lou Chandler
April 2011	The Comedy Spoof MURDER IN THE MAGNOLIAS Directed by Ed Bennett
June 2011	The Musical ANNIE! Directed by Rusty Hendrix

As the playhouse Historian, My job is to keep the albums updated and the lobby posters rotated. Last September I went up to check on them as we had a leak that was unidentified, and I wanted to make sure they were dry. They were, but is looking through them I discovered posters of all different sizes, and splatted with fly yuck. I put them all in the back of my car and brought them home and spent most of my spare time this winter repairing the badly damaged ones, and eventually getting them all the same size. In some cases It meant scanning the old picture and then photoshopping it to get the spots out of them, reprinting them in a bigger format and remaking the posters. I kept the old posters for historical value, and taped them to the back of the new one. We are now up to 16 full scrapbooks also. Lots of work needs to be done to get the articles and the photos that we lost during the fire years ago, but I feel sure we will get them eventually. If you have any old pictures of productions that we can borrow and scan, let me know. I have a scanner and a printer and give them right back to you.

THANK YOU ED BENNETT

After this long winter's work, I did not want to put them back into harms way, so I asked **Ed Bennett** if he could build me a cabinet with several shelves, and I would pay for the hardware. He scrounged through the annex and built a WONDERFUL cabinet that we can use for many many years. Doors and a latch included so It can be locked safely away from prying fingers, of little kids.

I do not have words enough to thank Ed Bennett for his generous time to volunteer to make this for us. This is one way that anyone can help. You put your name out there and say you are willing to help in any way and then you will be called. Nothing too small is ignored, as we need people to staple and fold, we need them to bake cookies for an evenings intermission. I even found a Dr's wife in the parking lot pulling weeds and watering the plants. She has been helping for many years. Un-noticed. John and Anita Juan have come over and worked in the back yard getting *that all spiffy*. There is so much that needs to be done to keep our playhouse going. Please fill out a volunteer form and we will call you. You can also email your requests to us at office@whidbeyplayhouse.com or marylouchandler46@gmail.com and will be very happy to have you join our group. It really makes you feel good to volunteer in your community. And we sure can use the help!

Mary Lou Chandler Volunteer/Board member



THE WHIDBEY PLAYHOUSE

730 SE Midway Blvd
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Phone: 360-679-2237
email: office@whidbeyplayhouse.com

WWW.WHIDBEYPLAYHOUSE.COM

The President's Corner

Announcing our new season 2010-2011

September 2010 CHICAGO

December 2010 It's A Wonderful Life

February 2011 The Philadelphia Story

April 2011 Murder in the Magnolias

June 2011 ANNIE

We are having a preview of our upcoming season on March 6 , The tickets are free, but must be picked up before the show. Please refer to page three for more information!

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.

--Lily Tomlin

Your Whidbey Playhouse needs you. We are always looking for people willing to share their skills, talents and two hands. Your hands working along with the hands of other volunteers can take care of those things that *you've* wondered about. Your participation is key to our continued success.

Contact the office to become a member, join a committee and get involved at the Whidbey Playhouse.

Allenda

ANY HELP IS NEEDED

Add to your Playhouse experience by getting involved in the many opportunities of Playhouse Productions or serving on one of the essential Playhouse committees. No experience is necessary, Just the willingness to spend some time creating and meeting new friends.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone HOME _____ cell _____

Email _____

Please indicate your areas of interest below.

Anywhere needed	Sound Technitian	Set Painting
Box Office/House MGR	Make Up	Sewing
Concessions	musician/ Instrument	Stage Crew
Costumes	Office Help	Stage Manager
Costume Annex	Playday Committee	Ushering
Directing	props	Workshops
Hair Design	Set Building	Workshop Instructor
Lighting Tech	Set Design	Youth Productions

Please contact the business manager if you have any questions. Our next season is ready to start rolling and will need lots of help...so pick a show you like, and write it on the form, and someone will be calling you.

We all look forward to working with you and meeting new friends.