

the PROMPTER

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT



...by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler

Dearly Departed

By David Bottrell & Jesse Jones

Friday & Saturday April 14, 15, 21, & 22 at 8:00pm - Sunday April 23 at 2:00pm
Tickets available at Black's Paper & Gifts or through TicketLeap (go to the VP website for link: www.village-players.com)

The spring 2006 VP production has all the ingredients of a thought-provoking drama: A man dies, family and friends gather to remember him, complicated feelings emerge, and in the end, everyone gains an understanding and appreciation for the departed as well as those he left behind. Could it be that our notoriously cynical Director, Jay Sydow has softened? Will this presentation reveal a complex web of characters wrought with heart-wrenching dilemmas about the meaning of life, the devastation of death, and the bitter consequences of sin and betrayal?

Well... no.

The irreverent and hilarious Dearly Departed takes us to the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt. The beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always comical. When Bud Turpin dies, his widow, Raynelle (Kathleen Hill) is certainly sad, but she keeps perspective, remembering that her husband was pretty much a mean and surly man.

Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin children's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion. Firstborn Ray-Bud (Tom Bickford) drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount. Meanwhile his long-suffering wife, Lucille (Jenna Van Valen King), reconsiders her 15-year dream of becoming a mother. Younger brother, Junior (Bob Rautenberg), is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids, and a wife (Meggin Dail) who suspects him of infidelity in the family car. Their teenage sister, Delightful (Athena Ellis), copes with death as she does life: by devouring junk food. And that's just the immediate family!

Also adding to the chaos are scripture-screaming Aunt Marguerite (Carol Bense), good-for-nothin' cousin Royce (Ernie Bass), a tiara-totin' former Yam Queen (Joyce Wood) and other outrageous characters played by James Cross, Willie Mork, Mark Pierce, Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, and Corky Mork.

While Jay Sydow may be the funeral director, so to speak, he has ample assistance from a dedicated crew:

- Assistant DirectorMartha Swats
- ProducerCarol Bense
- Stage ManagerRussell Ellis
- CrewDiane Ducret, Jeff Gilligan
.....Cast Members too!
- Set DesignJay Sydow
- ConstructionDan Charlton,
James Cross, Russ Ellis, Jay Sydow
- House ManagerSandra Ellis, Meegan Eillis
- Lights & Sound.....Corky Mork
- PropsAmy Madden, Gail Woodward
- CostLinda Matchett, Dee Graham
- Make-up.....Delina Bickford, Helen Rautenberg
- Logo DesignJeannette D'Onofrio
- Sign/Billboard.....Jerome Holden
- Posters, Programs & Tickets.....Carol Bense
- PhotographyMichael Wilfert

Don't miss this over-the-top, country-fried comedy. You'll laugh till it hurts and go home relieved to know that no matter what unsightly branch is dangling from your family tree, at least you're not a Turpin!

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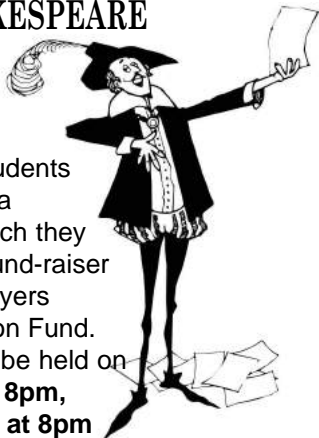
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for any of our upcoming shows.

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www.villageplayers.org
Click on the link:



COMING SOON TO THE VILLAGE PLAYERS THEATER

"THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)"



Greg Parker and fellow Brewster students have put together a hilarious show which they are offering as a fund-raiser for The Village Players Building Restoration Fund. Performances will be held on **Friday, May 12 at 8pm, Saturday, May 13 at 8pm and Sunday, May 14 at 2pm.** Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (10 and under). They will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

This wildly funny show manages to abridge all 37 of Shakespeare's plays into just 90 minutes. A huge success in London, running for 10 years, it has been called "the funniest show you are likely to see in your lifetime." The show was filmed in 2000 and rates 9.1 on a scale of 10 in the user rating on the Internet Movie Data Base.

Don't miss this chance to help the Theater Restoration Fund and enjoy a great evening of comedy at the same time!

VILLAGE PLAYERS CONTINUE WORK ON THEATER

by Carol Bense

Volunteer members of The Village Players continue to renovate and improve our theater on Glendon Street. The current project is the refurbishing of the light/sound booth. James Cross, Jeff Kemp, Corky Mork and Jay Sydow have been working hard to create a comfortable space for the lighting and sound people to work.

Insulation has been installed so that the tech people working on a show no longer have to suffer with the cold. The group has also installed a new floor and put up dry-wall on the ceiling and walls. Finishing will include shelves to hold the technical equipment used by the theater group and others.

MEMBERSHIP & more... Did you get your renewal postcard in the mail?

No simple task to combine all the various lists of names, address and connections for our members, donors, sponsors and businesses in one convenient-multi-purpose data base. But that is exactly the challenge that new board member, **Marge Wilson** has undertaken as Chair of the **Membership Committee**. Her first task, to send out a mailing to the current members to renew their membership. No trailing grace periods, or forgetting to write that little check....still only \$10 for an individual and \$18 for a family. **SUCH A DEAL!**

NOTE: Hereafter, Village Players memberships will be renewed **ANNUALLY** by the end of December for the coming year. So, if you did not see your renewal notice in the mail last month, please call her at **569-6533** or e-mail: **lilredmarge@verizon.net** **Otherwise your name has been dropped from the list.....sorry.**

Want to give a membership as a gift to a family member or theater-loving friend? Contact Marge and she will be happy to help.



photo by Carol Bense

This is the latest of many projects at the theater which have been completed by **all volunteer workers.**

The next big project to complete the renovation of the theater according to plans created by architect, Richard Cary, is the transformation of the front steps of the building. The current steps are crumbling and need to be replaced. Mr. Cary has drawn up plans for a new and more aesthetic entrance to the building and work should be completed some time in June.

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening each month.

All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend.

If you have a topic to present to the Board, please contact a member listed above.

Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter. Contact Marge Wilson if you have changes to your mailing address.

ART FOR ART'S SAKE OUR 3rd ANNUAL ART AUCTION



Reserve the date, **Saturday, May 20th**, to attend our third annual art auction. The art auction committee decided to hold the event before the summer rush this year, and we are hoping for a great response.

The committee is planning a gala event starting at **6:30pm** with wine and terrific hors d'oeuvres, music and delightful décor. **Tickets will be \$10**, but all VP members are entitled to a \$2 discount. Just bring your ticket and your membership card (or just remind us that you are a member) and we will reimburse the \$2. Where else can you have a lovely evening of wine and snacks for \$8? (Please note that no-one will receive more than a \$2 total discount) Tickets are available on the web now at : www.village-players.com or www.villageplayers.org and will be available at Black's Paper and Gifts about the middle of April.

At **7:30**, the Auction will begin. This year we are very lucky to have Danielle Carrier and Mark Ericson, the *WOKQ Morning Wake-up Crew*, as our auctioneers. This lively pair is sure to make the auction exciting. Also, new this year, all pieces will be auctioned off. There is no minimum bid required, so you will be able to get some wonderful work at bargain prices. A wide range of artwork will be available for sale; rugs, jewelry, baskets, paintings, sculpture, more.

AND---one more goody. One lucky attendee will win our **DOOR PRIZE**. One of the pieces of art will be given to whoever wins.

Last year we had lots of wonderful art, but not many buyers. This year let's turn that around. We are looking for lots of art and lots of buyers. If you are an artist who did not submit a piece of work, even though the deadline was April 1st, we may be able to add you, last minute. Please contact **Carol Bense at 569-1396** or cwbense@adelphia.net. Once again, this year, artists will receive 50% of the sale price and 50% will go to the Village Players Building Fund.

More details in the next issue of the PROMPTER >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

CALL FOR AUDITIONS Summer *COMEDY* 2006...

That Darn Plot



We haven't even finished one show and it's already time to start on the next. Greg Parker and Maggie Croteau will be Directing "That Darn Plot" which is scheduled for performances on **July 28 & 29, and August 4, 5 & 6**. Auditions are to be held **Sunday, May 6 at 7pm and Monday, May 7 at 7pm** at the theater on Glendon St.

The show focuses on Mark Transom, a playwright at the end of his career. He is less than twelve hours away from a deadline, at which he is supposed to come up with an original play as he had contracted with a theater group. As the play progresses, Mark is situated on one side of the stage, and on the other side, his thoughts come to life. We see what Mark is thinking, and we even start to see interaction between Mark and his "characters". Hilarity ensues. The age range for auditions, preferably, is between 25 and 60, though anyone is welcome to come. We are also looking for a Producer, so if anyone is interested or needs more information, contact Greg or Maggie. **Greg's email is gumpus@mail.com** while **Maggie's** is **m-blue505@msn.com**. See you then!

SIT DOWN FOR STAND-UP
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**Wednesday
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7 - 9pm**

The Village Players Theater

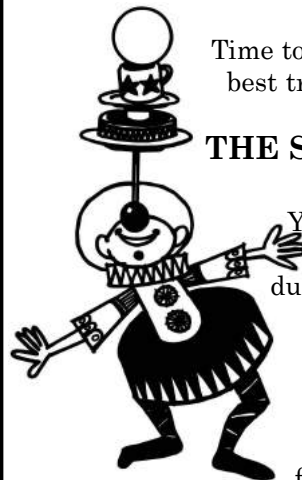
'Just Desserts,' too!

Come one, come all and enjoy the fruits (desserts) of our labor.

Be a guest of the Governor Wentworth Arts Council! This art-full event is sponsored by the arts council and hosted by the Village Players and includes luscious desserts, works of art and toe-tappin' entertainment provided by the Neal Hill Caravan of Tuftonboro.

Watch your mailbox for your personal invitation by mid-April. Be sure to return your reply card quickly, as there is a limited amount of seating.

Questions can be directed to event Chair,
Di Simpson at 539-2446.



It's almost that time...

Time to practice your singin', dancin' and best tricks to share with your VP family at

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING & TALENT SHOW

YES, you can participate in all this excitement if you are a current, dues-paying, Village Player member.

The date isn't till June, so you have plenty of time to rehearse your heart out!

Contact **Russ Ellis at 569-9218** or email him: **ram2sak@aol.com** for your Talent Registration Form.

We also need you to be the audience. So, be sure to tell other VPs to attend this hysterically fun event. More details to follow in the next PROMPTER.

