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Ocala Civic Theatre Volunteer Newsletter

August 2011

...and our new season is on the way!! Join the Marion Players now! The following volunteers donated at least 75 hours between July 1, 2011 and July 31, 2011. All are eligible to join the Marion Players. If you would like to join, stop by the theatre and give Craig James (Box Office Manager) your \$1.00 dues if you have not already done so. You will receive a free Marion Players T-Shirt and membership card good for one year from issue. As a Marion Player, you will be able to purchase tickets for any Ocala Civic Theatre production for yourself at the discounted price of \$5.00. If you are 18 years old or older you will also be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. Marion Player discounts are also available on most workshops...**hope you had a terrific summer!**

75 to 199 Hours

Bridget Bartlett
Gregg Blear
Doreen Bulleman
Zack Calder
Fernando Chonqui
Elaine Conover Florenz
Sam Dugger
Jane Geer
Jasmine Henry
Karen Hilton
Ashton Johns
Monica Lucio
Zoe Miller
Ken Noble
Melissa Ordeneaux
Corinne Proetto
Saul Quinones
Alex Thorsberg
Morgan Tozzo
Tawana Waugh
Jonathan Williams
Julia Wilson
Ashley Woodson

OPEN FORUM

Tuesday, August 30 – 6:00 PM at the Theatre

Join board members, staff, and other volunteers for our first Open Forum of the season. Clark Dougherty will be our moderator for the forums this year. Our topic for this session is a long-range plan for the Theatre. The board of directors is starting the process to create a new, multi-year strategic plan, and you are invited to make suggestions, share your ideas, and be involved.

If you would like to participate in long-range planning activities but are not able to attend on August 30, please contact committee chair Jaye Baillie at jbaillie@ocalacivictheatre.com; Jim Hilty, President, at jhilty@ocalacivictheatre.com; or contact executive director Mary Britt, at (352) 236-2274 or mbritt@ocalacivictheatre.com. The process will continue for about two months, so there is time to get involved.

Thank You!

OPEN AUDITIONS

Audition Dates and Times:

Monday, August 29 at 7:00 PM

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Rehearsals Begin:

Monday, September 5

Performance Dates:

October 6-16, 2011



ABOUT THE SHOW – Less than two weeks after the September 11 attacks, New Yorkers are still in shock. One of them, an editor named Joan, receives an unexpected phone call on behalf of Nick, a fire captain who has lost most of his men in the attack. He's looking for a writer to help him with the eulogies he must present at their memorial services. Nick and Joan spend a long afternoon together, recalling the fallen men through recounting their virtues and their foibles, and fashioning the stories into memorials of words. In the process, Nick and Joan discover the possibilities of friendship in each other and their shared love for the unconquerable spirit of the city. As they make their way through the emotional landscape of grief, they draw on humor, tango, the appreciation of craft in all its forms and the enduring bonds of common humanity. *The Guys* is based on a true story.



ABOUT THE DIRECTOR – SUSU SPARKMAN

Susu Sparkman has directed many productions at Ocala Civic Theatre, including *Curtains*; *The Pajama Game*; *No Sex Please, We're British*; *Hello, Dolly!*; *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Harvey Award winner as Best Show of the 2007-2008 Season); *42nd Street*; *The Battle Of Shallowford*; *Nunsense*; *A Piece Of My Heart*; *Mack And Mabel*; *Noises Off*; *Over The River And Through The Woods*; *Bye Bye Birdie*; *Kiss Me, Kate*; *Grease*; and *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*. A resident of Ocala, Susu, Dr. Gene Zanetti and Bruce Clayton have developed the theatre company Stage Door Productions and produced *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Arsenic And Old Lace*, *Come Blow Your Horn*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Over the River and Through the Woods*. Susu is a former board member of ACT IV and works part-time in the Theatre's Costume Shop. Susu has directed or choreographed such notables as Dick Van Dyke, Charlton Heston, Carol Channing, Jill Clayburgh, Anson Williams, Greg Morris, Morgan Fairchild, Ben Vereen, Randolph Mantooth and David Naughton.

Actors will be asked to read from the script at audition. Newcomers and veterans are welcome. If you have conflicts with the audition dates, please contact Mary Britt at Ocala Civic Theatre for alternate arrangements. Scripts are now available for perusal (with a \$10.00 refundable deposit) at Ocala Civic Theatre. Call the theatre at 352-236-2274 to verify that a script is in stock before coming to the theatre to check one out.

ABOUT THE CAST AND ROLES AVAILABLE –

The cast of *The Guys* consists of one man and one woman. Auditioners should be between the ages of 30 and 60. The characters are described in the script as follows:

JOAN – A writer and editor who has had a long and successful career, writing first-hand accounts of war zones in Latin America and other hotspots around the world. Her family still lives in Oklahoma where she grew up, but she has been a New Yorker since she was seventeen.

Audition information for *The Guys* continued

NICK – A fire captain and a career firefighter who is good at his job and has risen through the ranks to command a firehouse in Manhattan. Though obviously a leader and a man accustomed to being in charge, on this day Nick is somewhat disoriented. His firehouse lost 8 men on September 11; none of the bodies have been found and he has been asked to give the eulogies at each memorial service.

2011-2012 Audition Schedule

(This is a tentative schedule. Please check back for updates.)

The Guys

August 29-30, 2011

Show Dates: October 6-16, 2011

Director: SuSu Sparkman

Steel Magnolias

Sunday, September 18, 2011 and

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Show Dates: November 3-27, 2011

Director: Chip Morris

Macabaret 9: And Then There Were Nine

(a performance class for grades 8-12)

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Show Dates: October 21-29, 2011

Rumors

November 21-22, 2011

Show Dates: January 5-15, 2012

Director: Christine Perry

Nunsense II

December 12-13, 2011

Show Dates: February 2-26, 2012

Director: SuSu Sparkman

Perfect Wedding

January 30-31, 2012

Show Dates: March 15 – April 8, 2012

Director: Kenneth Kay

Squabbles

February 13-14, 2012

Show Dates: March 29 – April 8, 2012

Director: Christine Perry

Fiddler On The Roof

March 26-27, 2012

Show Dates: May 17 – June 10, 2012

Director: Greg Thompson

Sincere Condolences ...

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Marsha Benningfield, who passed away on July 2 after a long illness. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to her husband, Jim Haston, at 912 NE 41st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34470.



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Interested in getting more involved?

Would you like to get more involved with Theatre activities? There are several committees that meet throughout the year, such as marketing, hospitality, fund-raising, the awards banquet, by-laws, long-range planning, and others. If you are interested in serving on a committee or getting more information, please contact executive director Mary Britt at (352) 236-2274 or mbritt@ocalacivictheatre.com, or Jim Hilty, president of the board of directors, at jhilty@ocalacivictheatre.com.

We are also looking for individuals for usher; to work in the concession stand, the set construction shop, and the office; and to run errands. If you are interested in helping in those areas, please contact Craig James, volunteer coordinator, at boxofficemanager@ocalacivictheatre.com or (352) 236-2272, ext. 102.