

Mid-season membership is a great value!

We are already halfway through our main-stage program for the 2002-2003 season, but still have two exciting productions remaining, plus a full season of *Gold in the Hills* and *Fairy Tale Theatre!*

If you plan to attend our remaining shows, mid-season membership is a great value. Regular mid-season memberships cost you less than half what you would pay to buy two main stage tickets, two *Gold in the Hills* tickets, and *Fairy Tale Theatre*.

As & Soul

Join our exciting 2002-2003 season!

As the oldest chartered community theatre in Mississippi, Vicksburg Theatre Guild has offered live theatre for almost 70 years, first on the original Playhouse stage on Bowmar Avenue and now at our Parkside Playhouse location. Our 2002-2003 season is filled with music, drama, and comedy. We hope you are enjoying this season at your theatre.

Mid-season membership

Regular Memberships

Child (age 12 & under) (1 ticket*) \$10
 Student (age 13 through college) (1 ticket*) \$15
 Associate (no tickets)\$20
 Senior Citizen (age 55& over) (1 ticket*).....\$20
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 & children in immediate family)

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 Angel (2 tickets*)..... 85
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 & children in immediate family)
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 Capital Patron (8 tickets*)\$330

Business Memberships

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 Business (6 tickets*).....\$265
 Corporate (12 tickets*).....\$530
 Sponsor (20 tickets* for sponsored..... \$2,000
 show, full-page program ad)

* Each ticket entitles every member to attend 1 performance of each *main stage* play, 1 *Gold in the Hills* performance during each of the Spring and Summer runs, and 1 *Fairy Tale Theatre* performance.

Individual Ticket Prices

Child (12 & under) \$5
 Student (college and under)..... \$7
 Senior Citizen (55 & over) \$10
 Adult \$12
 Gold in the Hills (child/adult) \$5/\$10
 Fairy Tale Theatre (child/adult)\$2/\$4

Vicksburg Theatre Guild presents...

Dial M for Murder

by Frederick Knott

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

31 January, 1, 2, 7, & 8 February 2003

**Parkside Playhouse
Vicksburg, Mississippi
601-636-0471**

<http://www.e-vtg.com/>
<http://www.vicksburg.com/~gold>

Remaining 2002-2003 VTG Season

Harvey
by Mary Chase

Auditions: 3 & 4 Feb
Shows: 9-11, 16,17 May

Fairy Tale Theatre 2003
youth theatre

Auditions: 26-27 Apr
Shows: 26-30 Jun

Gold in the Hills an 1890's melodrama

Auditions: 4 Jan
Shows: 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 Mar; 4, 5, 11, 12 Apr; 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 Jul; 1,2 Aug

Director's Letter

I want to thank the cast and crew and their families for all their efforts to bring *Dial M for Murder* to life on our stage, as well as the many other people whose work behind the scenes is never recognized. In addition, I would like to thank VTG for allowing me the opportunity to be a Director. I consider it to be a great honor, and I hope the results live up to their expectations.

My family and I have always enjoyed good mysteries, and we feel *Dial M for Murder* is one of the best. So sit back, relax, and get ready to enjoy the suspense and surprises—but don't reveal the ending!

*Earlene
January 2003*

VTG is Applying for a Building Funds for the Arts Grant

We are planning a \$61,000 project for urgent repairs to the exterior of our building and to replace the auditorium carpet, and are requesting 60% of the funding (\$37,000) from the Mississippi Arts Commission Building Funds for the Arts. However, to receive the State funds, we must provide 40% (\$24,000) in matching funds. To supplement the funds we now have (the remainder of the funds from the loan we took out last year for the roof repairs, as well as funds from the KVWB landscaping fundraiser), we will need to raise an additional \$14,000. These funds will go to a special account that may only be used for this project. We will be notified about the grant application in March. For more information, contact Terry Welch at Terry@e-vtg.com.

A special note of appreciation to cast member John Myers and All Saints School for printing newsletters and flyers.

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We are saddened by the passing of Life Member Mrs. Frances Cashman

In the wings...

Harvey Auditions!

Open auditions for parts for 6 men/6 women will be held **Feb. 3rd and 4th, 2003 from 6:30-8:30 pm** at the Parkside Playhouse. No experience necessary!

For more information, contact director Jason Fairchild at 636-5021 or jason@domesofa.com.

Gold in the Hills Spring Run

Gold in the Hills runs Friday and Saturday at 7:30 from 14 March through 12 April at Parkside Playhouse. Gold has a number features that set it apart from our typical productions. One is that we have a bunch of guys in red striped shirts and skimmers bounce down the aisles and land on the stage to warm up the audience. This is followed by a prologue to introduce the play (rather than the Director's intro) and then there are the peanuts, thousands of them, hurled towards the dastardly villain. Can-can dancers, singers, and a bit of overacting help round out the night and keep VTG's adaptation of the melodrama eternal. We welcome 13 new performers from the auditions on 4 January, and we already have two potential specials scheduled. For more information go to <http://www.vicksburg.com/~gold>.

VTG Special and Business members make an extra financial contribution beyond the cost of basic membership. We are deeply grateful for their support, and for the confidence they have placed in us.

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The Producer's Corner.....

Well it is that time of year again when the Board decides what plays to present for the 2003-2004 season. Some very interesting and exciting choices are up for grabs including *Sound of Music*, *Mr. Roberts*, *Our Town*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Glass Menagerie*, *A Night of One Acts*, and *Lion in Winter*, to name just a few. No absolute choices have been made so if you have any recommendations please contact Michael or Georgia Grodowitz at 634-0674 or Grodowitz@cablelynx.com. You can also send your comments to VTG's website at Proposal@e-vtg.com.

If you would like to try your hand at directing a production, go to the web at <http://www.e-vtg.com/proposals.htm> to download play proposal forms or contact Michael or Georgia Grodowitz at 634-0674 or Grodowitz@cablelynx.com. We are always open to new directors so please feel free to submit an idea. Deadline for play proposal submission is **March 3, 2003**.

Anyway—an exciting new season is in the works so stay tuned for the final word.....

M. Grodowitz



Fairy Tale Theatre 2003

Try-outs for Fairy Tales 2003 will be held 26-27 April. Youth trying out for Fairy Tales will perform in plays that will be held the end of June. Rehearsals for Fairy Tales are during the month of June. Any adults who are interested in helping with Fairy Tales in any capacity- rehearsals, decorating the lobby, making sets and props may contact Jo Beth Britt at 638-8952 or jbbr. seren.shel@usa.net.

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Dial M for Murder

by Frederick Knott
directed by Earlene McCleave

Cast

Margot Wendice	Patty Tolley
Max Halliday	Richard Van Den Akker
Tony Wendice	John Myers
Captain Lesgate	Robert White
Inspector Hubbard	Colin McAneny
Thompson	Will Halpin
Police Dispatcher	Joyce Borum
Radio Announcer	Mark Jourdan

Production Staff

Director	Earlene McCleave
Assistant Director	Rebecca Nelson
Stage Manager	AJ Johnson
Props	Dorothy Tuccio, Will Halpin
Tech.....	Lance Abbe, Alex Clausner, Ryan Van Den Akker
Set Construction	Families of Cast & Crew, Dallas Aasand, Melinda Morang
Lighting	Nick Becker, AJ Johnson
Sound.....	Joyce Borum
Costumes.....	Cast
Opening-Night Reception	Marquita White
Lobby Decoration.....	Dorothy Tuccio, Susan Van Den Akker

Scenes

The play takes place in the living room of the Wendices' apartment in London.

Act I

Scene 1—A Friday evening in September.
Scene 2—An hour later.

Act II

Scene 1—Saturday evening.
Scene 2—Later that night.
Scene 3—Sunday morning.

Intermission

Act III

A few months later. Early afternoon.



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Biographies

Joyce Borum (Police Dispatcher). Joyce has been in five VTG productions, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Oliver!*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Into the Woods*, and *The Robber Bridegroom*. An accountant in the Vicksburg Engineer District, she is also a very involved member of First Presbyterian Church as a volunteer youth leader and singing in the choir. In addition, she performs with the Vicksburg Chamber Choir.

Will Halpin (Thompson). Will performed in *Gold in the Hills* as a child and now returns to our stage with a vengeance, having appeared in every play so far this season.

Mark Jourdan (Radio Announcer). Originally from Missouri, is a Research Hydraulic Engineer at the Waterways Experiment Station with a PhD from Texas A&M. He started playing “Kris Kringle” in *Miracle on 34th Street*, and has appeared in *Fools*, *Ten Little Indians*, *The Hobbit*, *The Robber Bridegroom*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Paint Your Wagon*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Gold in the Hills*. Mark has three wonderful children.

Colin McAneny (Inspector Hubbard). A retired geologist from the Waterways Experiment Station, he has played “Father” in *Gold in the Hills* for 15 years. Other VTG productions include *Paint Your Wagon*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Ten Little Indians*, *The Secret Garden*, *Our Town*, *You Can't Take it with You*, and *Night of January 16th*.

Earlene McCleave (Director). Earlene has helped backstage in many productions contributing to the design look of the stage. She is employed as a manager at the VWSE Federal Credit Union. VTG has given her an opportunity to exercise her Interior Design BFA from MS Univ. for Women. This is her first time as Director.

John Myers (Tony Wendice). John teaches computer science and is the system administrator at All Saints. He will teach for food. His first appearance on our stage was last fall in *A Christmas Carol*. A single parent, John has three great children, a daughter and two sons.

Rebecca Nelson (Assistant Director). An 11-year VTG veteran, she has acted and directed on main stage and *Fairy Tales* and dances and acts in *Gold in the Hills*.

Patty Tolley (Margot Wendice). After earning a MS in biology from East Carolina University in 1996, Patty moved to Vicksburg to work at Waterways Experiment Station. While living in Ocean Springs, Patty became involved with the Walter Anderson Players and made her stage debut as “Acia” in *The Wisteria Bush*. *Dial M for Murder* is Patty’s first play with the Vicksburg Theatre Guild, and she is looking forward to being involved in future productions. Although still somewhat new to the stage, Patty has sung with various church choirs since she was teenager.

Richard Van Den Akker (Max Halliday). Richard is an Emergency Planner at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. Richard also plays the Villain in *Gold in the Hills* and appeared in *A Christmas Carol*. His hobbies include working with the Boy Scouts of America and the American Red Cross.

Robert White, Jr. (Captain Lesgate). In his 9th year with VTG, he has directed and performed in *Fairy Tale Theatre* and was the boatman in *Ten Little Indians*, a troll in *The Hobbit*, “Balthasar” in *Romeo and Juliet*, and a miner in *Paint Your Wagon*.

Special Thanks

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