

In the wings...



An Evening of Culture

a comedy by Mark Landon Smith
directed by Beth Martin

Auditions: 4:00-7:00 pm 6 September & 2:00-5:00 pm 7 September

Shows: 7:30 pm on 7-8, 14-15, & 21-22 November; 2:00 pm on 9 & 16 November 2003

Somewhere in the middle of nowhere in the South, The Community Theatre is producing Romeo and Juliet at the Mineola Magnet Middle School. A group of peculiar folk make-up the cast, and even though they don't have their lines memorized, the set isn't finished and a dog keeps barking offstage, they're gonna give it a go!! Come see Shakespeare as it never was meant to be!

Auditions for *The Sound of Music*

Director Marie Cunningham will hold auditions as follows:

CHILDREN ONLY

- Saturday 15 November, 10 am - 3 pm
 - ◊ Please arrive no later than 2 pm. We must leave the building by 4 pm.
- Sunday 16 November, 5:30-8 pm
- Additional auditions for children may be held Sunday 22 November if needed.

ADULTS ONLY

- Monday & Tuesday 17-18 November, 6 -9 pm

CALL BACKS

- Monday or Tuesday 24-25 November

Children will audition separately from the adults, only on the dates indicated. Please do NOT bring a child on adult days. This is a large cast show and the children parts are crucial to its success.



The Sound of Music

book by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse, music
by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
directed by Marie Cunningham

Auditions: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 15 November & 5:30-8:00 pm 16 November (Children)
6:00-9:00 pm 17-18 November (Adults)

Shows: 7:30 pm on 6-7 & 13-14 February; 2:00 pm on 8 & 15 February 2004

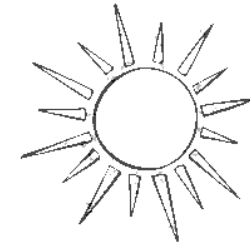
The most popular musical of all time, *The Sound of Music* is the story of a young Austrian woman studying to take her vows at a Salzburg abbey. When she is distracted from her religious duties by the majestic Alpine landscape and her own restless passionate spirit, the Mother Superior wisely sends her away to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. Here, Maria discovers her true calling.

Vicksburg Theatre Guild

presents...

Mister Roberts

by Thomas Heggen & Joshua Logan



Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

**12-13, 19-20, & 26-27 September 2003 at 7:30 pm
and 14 & 21 September 2003 at 2:00 pm**

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Hello, and welcome to our opening production,

Over the course of the past few weeks I've been asked several times why I chose to produce this particular play. Beyond the fact that it is a Tony Award winner and comedies seem to work well as season openers I chose it for its content. World War II was a fractal moment not only for this country but also for the world as a whole. Take a little mental test, what do these names mean to you: Patton, Halsey, Bloody Ridge, Bradley, Murphy, Anzio, Wainwright, Bataan, Wake, and Nimitz. Any of those ring a bell? If they don't you should find a WW II veteran and ask, but you better hurry, they are leaving us at an alarming rate. I dedicate this play first to the veterans of the Second World War; they truly saved the world for democracy and returned home to well-deserved cheers and parades. I also dedicate this play to the vets of the Korean War who, when they came home, were hardly noticed at all; and to the veterans of Vietnam, who returned home to catcalls, epithets, and worse. To the men and women who stood the wall against communism in the intervening years and through whose dedication and diligence saw that wall fall; and to today's vets who once again can hear the well deserved thanks of a grateful nation Thank you all, civilian and serviceman alike, for giving me the opportunity to stage this play.

Garrett A. Wallace
USN 1970-1977

The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.

Edmund Burke, 18th century philosopher and statesman

Welcome to our 2003-2004 Season

As the oldest chartered community theatre in Mississippi, the Vicksburg Theatre Guild has offered live theatre for over sixty five years, first on the original Playhouse stage on Bowmar Avenue and now at our Parkside Playhouse location. Our 2003-2004 season will be filled with music, drama, and comedy, as well as three extra performances of *Mr. Roberts*, *An Evening of Culture*, and *Our Town*.

We are committed to providing quality theatre to Vicksburg and to our visitors. We hope you will join us to experience an exciting season.

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If you plan to attend all our performances, consider a season membership. Regular memberships cost you half what you would pay to buy tickets separately.

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& children in immediate family)	

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Gold in the Hills

an 1890's melodrama by J. Frank Davis
produced by Barry McCleave

Auditions: 3 Jan 2004
Shows: 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 27-28 Mar; 2-3 Apr
9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 Jul 2004

Our Town

by Thornton Wilder
directed by Mike & Georgia Grodowitz

Auditions: TBA
Shows: 7-9, 14-16, 21-22 May 2004

Fairy Tale Theatre 2004

young theatre
produced by Jo Beth Britt

Auditions: Spring 2004
Shows: late June 2004

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Scene

Aboard the U.S. Navy cargo ship, AK 601, operating in the back areas of the Pacific.

Time: A few weeks before V-E (Victory in Europe) Day until a few weeks after V-J (Victory over Japan) Day.

Note: In the U.S. Navy, all officers below the rank of Commander are addressed as "Mister."

SPECIAL THANKS

This production has had more than its share of challenges. Normally I would identify those few individuals who went above and beyond but this time I can't. Every member of this cast has given 110% and then some. Driving nails and screws, painting, rigging, designing, printing, all while learning their lines and dealing with a really nit picky director. Thanks folks, truly, couldn't have done it without you. I would like to give special thanks to Dorothy McInnis, stage manager, timekeeper, egger-on, and focuser. Some of those are new words but she understands. To All Saints Episcopal School for a load of props, every time I needed something a little unusual they seemed to have it. To Tann and Shannon Hollingsworth for lumber hauling and set ideas, I promise to keep next Grandparents day open. To Clint Hollingsworth for construction advice and equipment, and for covering for me at deer camp work days. To Kathryn Resio for last minute props and set detail work, and to Lucy Spangler. To my guys at Baxter Wilson Steam Station for welding and set work. And to Ron Anderson and the folks at WBBV River 101 for technical sound work. No doubt there will be some last minute additions to my stage crew and to those unknown quantities, "thanks!"

Garrett A. Wallace
Director



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Mister Roberts tells the story of the USS Reluctant and her crew. The ship carries cargo along a forgotten path in the Pacific Ocean during World War II. Beyond this waterway, the real battles of the war are passing them by. It is the job of the easy going Lieutenant Roberts to keep the bleary-eyed crew happy while doing the mundane tasks of war, and to keep them away from their half-crazed Captain.

Cast

Officers

Mr. Roberts Jeff Hensley
Ensign Pulver Richard Van Den Akker
Doc Bob Alvarado
Captain Morton Jim Miller
Lieutenant Ann Girard Patty Tolley

Enlisted

Chief Dowdy David King
Insigna Sean Hensley
Mannion Byron King
Lindstrom J.R. Brown
Stefanowski Will Halpin
Wiley Daniel Chaussé
Dolan Phil Thornton
Shore Patrol Officer Ron Anderson, Chris Clark

Production Staff

Stage Manager Dorothy McInnis
Tech David McInnis, Nikki Jobe,
Corrie Van Den Akker, Ryan Van Den Akker
Lighting Amy Welch, Nick Becker, AJ Johnson
Costumes Earlene McCleave, Lucy Spangler,
and the cast
Lobby Decoration Joyce Borum
Opening Night Reception Terri Booth
Set Design Garrett Wallace
Set Construction Bob Alvarado, Jeff Hensley,
David King, Richard Van Den Akker

We are shocked and saddened by the untimely loss of Bill Halberg III. He will be missed.

A special note of appreciation to John Myers and All Saints Episcopal School for printing our newsletters.