

VICKSBURG THEATRE GUILD

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“Catfish Moon” Debuts September 17th *Three middle-aged men open a “can of worms”*

VICKSBURG, MS (September 9, 2010): The Vicksburg Theatre Guild is pleased to announce the opening play of its 75th season, *Catfish Moon*.

Performances of *Catfish Moon* will take place Friday & Saturday, September 17, 18, 24, & 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 19 & 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens (55 & older), \$7 for students, and \$5 for children (12 & younger). Reservations are not necessary because we have a large auditorium, however early arrival is suggested due to limited parking. Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office 30 minutes before show time.

Catfish Moon, a comedy by University of Southern Mississippi graduate Laddy Sartin, was first performed in 1995 by the USM Department of Theatre and Dance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as a finalist in the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival XXVII. It is a community-theatre-favorite story of three middle-aged men, inseparable as adolescents, who open a “can of worms” as they take a fishing trip. They reminisce about youthful adventures as they confront their current problems and disagreements.

Directed by Ian Tubman, the members of the cast — Paul Bennett, Chris Cummins, Josh Hynum, and Jai Dobson — have been inseparable as well. All four actors appeared in *Gold in the Hills* last summer, respectively as “Murgatroyd” and “Slade,” “Slade,” “Jack Dalton,” and “Barbara,” “Nellie,” and a can-can dancer. Bennett, Cummins, and Hynum, also appeared together in *Stalag 17* in 2008. Tubman has directed Dobson in *The Girls’ Room* and *Jenny Saint Joan*, one-act plays that competed in the Community-Theatre Division of the annual Mississippi Theatre Association Community Theatre Festival. Dobson attended the Mississippi School for the Arts. Bennett has performed as “General Sherman” in the National Military Park video *Here Brothers Fought, the Siege of Vicksburg*.

In keeping with Vicksburg Theatre Guild’s long-standing tradition of opening-night hospitality, a free buffet reception will be held after the September 17 performance. The “fine dining” will include catfish, cornbread, and slaw. Y’all come now, y’heah?

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