

Northminster Players

The Community Theater of Northminster Presbyterian Church now in our 40th year!

This is a General mailing to Players and Friends about what is happening in this exciting new season of ours! If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list or, if you know of someone you think *should be* on our list, please contact me at grzerkel@hotmail.com, and I'll see that the changes are made!

CALENDAR

Please make note of these important up-coming events:

March 28, 2009: Players is pleased to welcome “**Godspell**” to Northminster!! Several Northminster members are in the cast of this classic musical version of the Gospel of St. Matthew. The production will be the next three weekends in March, but the 28th will be the only performance at Northminster!! This will take place in the sanctuary. Proceeds are to benefit the Night Ministry.

The Players Spring production, “**French Twist**”, will be performed in our theatre space in Logan Hall on Friday & Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon: April 17, 18 & 19 and 24, 25 & 26. This will be a continuation of Players successful, “**Love Is...?**” exploration of “...love in one act”, from last year. These will be two one act plays by French playwrights Jean Giraudoux and Jean Anouilh, (in the style of Molière), and they will be performed as a staged reading. Make note of the dates now, and call the number on the bottom of this newsletter to reserve your seats!

We are pleased to report that this coming June Players Board meeting will be given over to a reading of a new play being crafted by our own Pat Simms! This will be read by interested Players (and friends) on Monday evening June 8th at 7pm, and you are invited to participate! Because Pat is “...one of our own”, space may be limited for this rare opportunity, so we ask that you also phone in (number below) your RSVP to this event no later than May 15th! There are 8 male and 6 female parts, so come on out!

Saturday, August 29th ...Back by popular demand!! Mark your calendars now for the 2nd annual Northminster Variety Show!! This was so well received in its premier last year, that we *just have to* do it again!! This fun evening is done for the benefit of the Northminster Presbyterian Church budget. So brush up your Shakespeare, get out those dancing shoes, and find that pair of glasses with the funny nose and moustache, and contact our Artistic Director, Margaret Scott at (773) 381-5352 or at msdkmld@aol.com, and let her know what you're thinking about doing. Margaret will be coordinating the acts and will also be holding that big hook (really the power of veto), but will also help you in coming up with some way of showing off your marvelous talent if you are at a loss to come up with something yourself!

Fall production!! Planning is already under way for a full staged production by a guest producer/director for the weekends of November 6th, 13th and 20th! Keep your radio tuned to this station for coming details!

and finally, we are also hoping to have back for a repeat Advent/Christmas performance in

Northminster Players

The Community Theater of Northminster Presbyterian Church now in our 40th year!

the Logan Hall Coffee Shop, the great jazz musician John Erickson and his amazing trio of cohorts. Everyone who saw this last year was truly WOWed!

As you can see, Players has set forth an ambitious season! All of this does not just “happen” without a lot of hard work behind the scenes! But it is also true that “...many hands make light work!” Players needs to fill the following positions:

Board president-elect; now, don't just say “Who would be stupid enough to do that???” Players has a great board, and our meetings are fun (usually around a meal!) The President-elect, contributes to the meetings the first year, herds the cats together in the second year, and lends his/her experience and expertise during the 3rd year! If you have, or someone you know has...the right stuff, let Gordon Zerkel know!

Publicist: Do you have a background in Public Relations, Media Relations or Marketing?? Or do you know of someone who does? Players needs someone to help us promote all this neat stuff we are doing! Someone who is creative and has a bent for getting the word out in unique and eye-catching ways and knows the ways of the media. Please let one of the board members know if you think you'd like to give this a shot or know of someone who might!

Set design/ stage crew: Is your call to the “boards” in nailing them together? Making the best out of a small area to add to the magic of making theatre come alive for a willing audience? Working behind the scenes literally, putting them together in a cohesive yet simple way? Players needs you! Let a board member know if you have this talent or know of someone who does!

and finally, each and every production needs a House Manager, to make sure ushers and ticket sellers are on the job, coffee is made and refreshments ready, and the house lights go out (and come back on) when they are supposed to. And, oh yeah, be sure those pesky, demanding actors have water and snacks!! We need a House Manager (or two) for the coming six performances of the Spring production, French Twist. If you can help out, let Stage Manager, Barb Brady know!

Your Players Board members are:

President.....Gordon Zerkel.....(847) 866-7667.....grzerkel@hotmail.com
Past President.....Terry Meland.....(847)866-8863.....tmeland@comcast.net
Treasurer.....Barb Brady.....(847) 866-8740.....bradyfb@comcast.net
Artistic Director.....Margaret Scott.....(773) 381-5352.....mskdmld@aol.com
Publicist (acting)...Andy Wheeler.....(847) 329-1784.....awheeler@comcast.net
At Large.....Dorothy Gregory.....(773) 338-9054.....dgregory@vertexelevator.com
At Large.....Kelly Brest van Kempen...(847) 475-1550.....BVKLAW@aol.com
Legal Counsel.....Terri Mascherin.....(847) 492-3792.....tmascherin@jenner.com