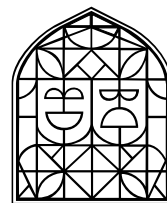


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Angels Take Flight at OCTAfest

It's time once again for the annual Southwest Regional OCTAfest, a theatre conference in which Cincinnati area theatre groups gather to perform half hour excerpts of selected shows in order to display their talent and compete for a spot in a state competition, which takes place Labor Day weekend. (This year's state conference will take place right here in the Eastgate area, so plan to attend!) This event coincides with the annual ACT Cincinnati banquet in which all the shows from member groups in the area are awarded Orchid certificates for excellence in many varied categories, based on adjudications that took place during the shows' runs.

The regional OCTA conference is June 25th and 26th at Parrish Auditorium on Miami University's Hamilton campus. Footlighters will be excerpting the country music revue *Honky Tonk Angels* at 1:30pm on Saturday. Come to show your support, but don't miss the other twelve excerpts, starting at 7:00 pm on Friday. The excerpt competition is followed Saturday evening by an awards banquet at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Blue Ash. At the banquet, the Art Rouse, Mario Pitocco and Roger Grooms specialty awards are presented along with the Orchids and OCTAs. Then the excerpts selected to compete at state level are announced. It's a fun, festive evening capped off with a dance after the ceremony.

If you did not receive a flier in the mail it is too late for early registration, but not to late to attend all or part of the activities. Check www.CinStages.com and scroll down to the ACT logo at the bottom right for all the details. We hope to see you there!



HONKY TONK ANGELS: Above: Megan Hudson, Cathy Lutts and Jeanine Moore singing on the bus to Nashville. Right: Later in the Music City, (and as they will be featured in the excerpt) our trio is transformed into The Honky Tonk Angels! (complete with big hair)



Visit us at www.footlighters.org

From the President



Hello Everyone:

Well, the first floor restrooms are just about finished! Along with this addition, the Pitocco Gallery is undergoing a big change!

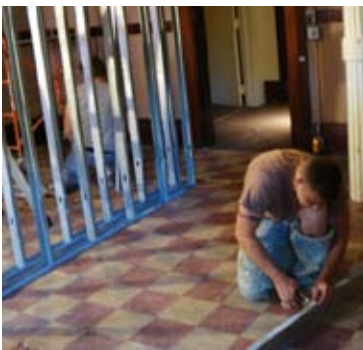
As Footlighter members, you should feel such a sense of accomplishment and pride for your participation and dedication to The Stained Glass Theatre. These improvements and the sustainability of our group could never be realized without your volunteerism and interest.

When our Board decided to ask our membership and the patrons for help with the restrooms, little did I ever expect that our members would so readily donate the expensive fixtures. By the end of the run of Honky Tonk Angels most all the large fixtures had been donated. I want to personally thank all the members who are as excited about this much needed addition to our facility. We have listed all the fixtures donated and still needed. If any of you would like to become a part of this, please give me a call. All those who donate a \$200 fixture will receive two season tickets for 2009-10 and a plaque next to the fixture.

We had a very successful 2008-09 season and as Footlighter members, I would love to see everyone buy season tickets for next year's season of Sweeney Todd, The Miracle Worker, and The Wedding Singer. Just think, with the participation of 112 members, a big dent in the cost of the restrooms would be realized. How about calling Gary Wettengel, 513-474-8711, and order season tickets to enjoy an evening of live theater at a very low cost. More importantly, you will be helping your group for which you enjoy acting, singing, and teching.

Gratefully yours,

Freida Houck
President
Footlighters' Board of Trustees



bathroom progress photos:
above: the first studs go into our old coat room. right: paint on the walls, drop ceiling and sub floor on ladies side. "Yippee!"



Have you ever thought about Directing?

Footlighters, Inc. is currently seeking qualified directors for its 2010-2011 season. If you would like to be considered, please send the following information to Dan Doerger, Chairperson of the Director/ Play Selection Committee at ddoerger@hotmail.com.



A one-page letter of interest briefly detailing 1-3 shows you would like to direct. Also include information that evidences your ability to coordinate a show budget and work effectively with a wide range of people, and a theater resume that includes your contact information. If you are interested and need more information contact Dan and write DIRECTOR in the subject line.

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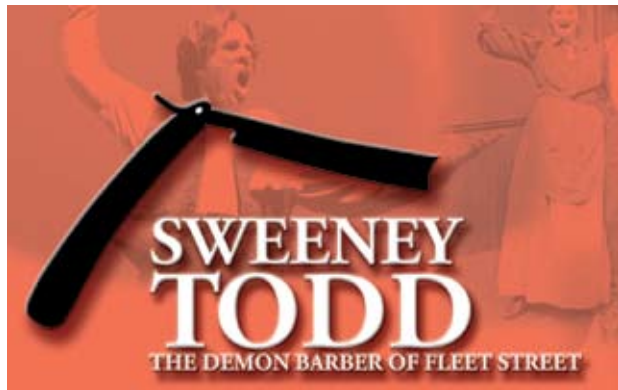
Here is the list of the accessories for our new FIRST FLOOR restrooms which have already been donated and those that still remain to be underwritten. Please contact Freida Houck and you too can have your name immortally remembered in our new restrooms.

- 2 - Urinals \$ 300. ea **DONATED**
Ron Houck Jr. & Carolyn Martinez
- 2 - ADA Toilets \$ 225. ea. **DONATED**
Larry Weber & Jack & Suzie Kleymeyer
- 2 - Toilets \$ 200. ea. **DONATED**
Howard & Mickey Wacksman & Jeff Abbott
- 2 - Sinks \$ 250. ea **DONATED**
Ron & Freida Houck & Rosie Wolff
- 2 - Mirrors \$ 75. ea. **DONATED**
Shirley Williams

Items still needed:

- 1 - Hot Water Heater \$ 300.
- 1 - Partition Men's Room..... \$ 800.
- 1 - Partitions Women's Room..... \$1200.
- 4 - Handicap grab bars..... \$65. each
- 2 - Soap Dispensers..... \$40. each
- 2 - Toilet Paper holders..... \$30. each
- 2 - Baseboard heaters..... \$250. each
- 4 - Light Fixtures..... \$100. each
- 400 - Floor Tiles..... 3. each

Auditions on the Horizon for Next Season's Shows



Sweeney Todd, directed by Skip Fenker, has auditions scheduled June 28th & 29th from 7:00 – 9:00 at The Stained Glass Theatre. Nine featured roles are available along with 12-16 ensemble parts. Auditionees should bring 32 bars of sheet music (not a selection from the show itself) and will be asked to read from the script. Appointments are not necessary. For further questions regarding the auditions, you may e-mail the director at: Skipafen@aol.com



The Miracle Worker, directed by Jim Curtis, is auditioning July 6th & 7th from 7:00 – 9:30 at The Stained Glass Theatre. Eleven featured roles and four additional young ladies (age 12-18) are offered for this production. No monologue is required as the audition will consist of cold readings from the script. Actresses auditioning to play Helen Keller will take part in a movement exercise and so should dress comfortably. Actresses interested in this role must be able to convincingly portray a person of about 10 to 12 years of age. For further questions regarding the auditions, you may e-mail the director at: jjt9461@yahoo.com or phone 513-207-7287.

Hot Dog! It's Time for the Summer Kick-Off Party!

In order to celebrate our upcoming season and take care of the important task of electing new members to the Board of Trustees, we announce our annual summer picnic/meeting. Held this year at Woodland Mound in the Elderberry shelter, the event will be held on July 18th from 4:00 – 9:00pm.

Sand volleyball, horseshoe tossing and a wet playground for kids are just a few of the fun things to do at this location along with the much-anticipated Corn Hole Tournament overseen by Gary Rogers. FLI will be providing the meat (with the grilling handled by our own Gary Wettengel!) and soft drinks. Members are encouraged to bring side dishes or dessert and can bring as many guests as they like.

In addition to the food and festivities, Ron Houck will be conducting the infamous White Elephant Auction, so please bring any "treasures" you've been dying to get rid of! Proceeds from this popular event will go towards The Flush Fund, our bathroom renovation project.

Also, prior to dinner (which will take place at 6:30), a short general membership meeting will take place at which those running for the Board will be introduced and the election will take place. Please plan to take part in this election and make your voice count so that Footlighters can continue to produce the best quality theatre in the Tri-State.

We request that attendees RSVP in advance so that we know how much meat and drinks to provide. You may do so by e-mailing Freida Houck at: ron-fritz@fuse.net or calling either her at 513-708-0213 or Jim Racster at 513-251-0496.



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Footlighter Footnotes

Amy Hamilton is directing a series of one act plays for Left Bank Productions at the Monmouth Theatre, *The Shaker Chair, Come and Go and Play*. Dennis Murphy is the set designer and Eric Bardes is designing the lights. Auditions are June 28th & 29th at The Monmouth Theater in Newport. Send a message to leftbankproductions@yahoo.com for details.

Robert Weidle is directing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* for Beechmont Players in mid-August and the show features several FLI members including: Rob Bucher, Bill Geraghty, Charlie Ingram, Chuck Ingram, Christina Tully, Jon Vater, Mark Waldfogle and choreography by Amy Waldfogle.

Footlighters sends warm congratulations to Victoria Margroum and her husband Don who have welcomed daughter Remington Elizabeth into their home.

Belated congratulations also to Jhon Marshall who directed *Taking Steps* at Lebanon Theatre Company earlier this month.

Kevin and Robert Breslin appeared in *The Wedding Singer* as part of a new community theatre venue at Highlands High School, also earlier this month.

Also, on June 13th, Jon Vater competed in the Celebrity Showdown singing competition at The Taste of Deerfield Township, taking 2nd Place and a cash prize of \$750 with the song "Hair."

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Jon Vater..... Co-Editors

Gary Rogers..... Art Director

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