

BACKSTAGE

Chatham Community Players Newsletter

June, 2006

AUCTIONS FOR "A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE"



The Chatham Community Players is pleased to announce auditions for "A View From the Bridge" by **Arthur Miller**. Beginning Chatham's 85th season, the show opens November 3 and runs through November 18, 2006. Director **Rob Pherson** asks that actors come prepared to read from the script. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, June 28, and Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m. at The Chatham Playhouse, 23 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham. The Chatham Community Players has an open casting policy. All roles are open; none are pre-cast. For more

details, please visit www.chathamplayers.org if you have any questions or concerns; call Kristin Barber at 732-208-4184; or e-mail casting@chathamplayers.org.

Cast Requirements: four men, ages 20s to 50s; two women, ages 20 through 40s; and ensemble—ten men, three women, ages 20s to 50s (some roles may be doubled).

THE MEN:

Alfieri – 50s; lawyer; world-weary, but still passionate; Brooklyn accent.

Eddie Carbone – 40; longshoreman, rough and blunt; secretly lusts after his niece; Brooklyn accent.

Rodolpho – 20s; illegal immigrant; handsome, blonde, out-going; needs to sing passably well; Italian accent.

Marco – early 30s; Rodolpho's brother, also illegal immigrant; darker, more strongly built than his brother; reserved, polite; Italian accent.

THE WOMEN:

Beatrice – 40s; Eddie's wife; Brooklyn accent; notices Eddie's interest in her niece, but holds her tongue; attractive, but a bit worn down by life.

Catherine – late teens to early 20s; Eddie's niece; Brooklyn accent; pretty, out-going; not entirely aware of her effect on men.

THE ENSEMBLE: The ensemble consists of ten men and three women, ranging in age from 20s to 50s. Within the ensemble there are several small speaking and non-speaking roles. All speaking roles require Brooklyn or Italian accents. The ensemble is quite important to the success of this show, and each role will have his moment onstage.

"JERSEY VOICES" 12th ANNUAL ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

Performance dates for our popular summer festival of one-act plays, "Jersey Voices," are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29; and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 3, 4, and 5; all at 8 p.m.

Bob Lukasik is Artistic Director, with **Bob Denmark** as Producer. Tickets will be available in advance on TicketLeap, which can be reached through our website, www.chathamplayers.org.



Six plays have been chosen:

"*Rounding Third*" by **Ray Passacantando** and directed by **Mark Phelan**. The cast is **Matt Burns**, **Judy Bornstein**, and **Roxanna Arroyo**.

“*Couples Therapy*” by **Amanda May** is directed by **Joann Scanlon** with **Stacey Simon** and **Tom Blewitt**.

“*Dream Match*” by **Jonathan Citron** has **Jim Clancy** and **Maureen Jende** directed by **Steve Stubelt**.
“*Ties*” by **Eric Alter** will be directed by **Arnold Buchaine** with **Jim Clancy**, **Paul Bettys**, and **Rick Holloway** in the cast.

Maybelle Cowan Lincoln will direct “*Coffee With God*” by **Kal Wagenheim**. The cast includes **Dennis Conaway**, **Kyle SanGiovanni**, and **Lisa Harris**.

Henry Meyerson is the author of “*This Has Been Some Day*” directed by **Jon DeAngelis**, with **Debbie Bernstein**, **Cheryl Biber**, **Randy Jenkins**, and **Tom Blewitt**.

JULY 4TH PARADE—COME MARCH!

Mara Lundstrom is preparing for this year’s parade and she’s selected a **1950’s theme** to celebrate our winter show, “Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean.” ALL are invited to march with us. The parade is held in the morning **July 4th beginning at 10:30 a.m.** The Chatham Volunteer Fire Department, which runs the celebration, hosts a picnic at the end of the parade for all participants. Contact Mara for details.

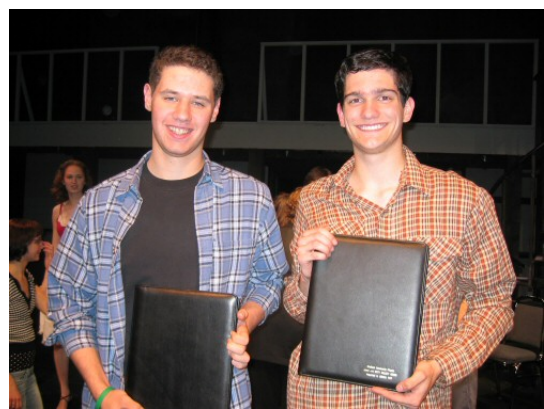
THANKS TO FISHAWACK CREW



Roy and Rose Pancirov, Chris Furlong, Kristin Barber, Jennifer Dzama, Bob and Steffi Denmark, Jon DeAngelis, Kathy Ruskin, Bruce and Kathy Rex, and Dani McCulloch represented CCP during Chatham’s biannual Fishawack Festival on June 10. We held a subscription give-away raffle to one lucky person who signed up on our Mailing List.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD WINNERS!

At Chatham Community Players’ Annual Meeting in May, President **Chris Furlong** gave a highly enjoyable and picture-filled presentation of the past season. The highlight of the meeting is always the annual awards. This year **Eileen Johnston** received the Dawley Award for long-term outstanding contributions to Players. The Award for outstanding service during the past year was given to **Chris Colabraro**. We were happy to once again have recipients for the Kitty Halley Award, designated for contributions by our younger members. This year both **Joshua Dick** and **Andy Soccodato** were deemed worthy of the honor. All three awards are named after the founders of CCP. The final event of the evening was a laughter-filled parody of The Newlywed Game by our current crop of interns and



friends. The intern program, run by **Kathy Ruskin**, enables participants to earn credits at Chatham High School while working with Chatham Community Players. It is a long-time collaboration with benefits both groups.

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HERE & THERE...

...**Jessica Kundla** ("*A Christmas Carol*") has been cast as Samantha in the NYC American Girl show, "*Circle of Friends*," and she is currently in "*The Sound of Music*" as Louisa at Villagers Theatre in Somerset, NJ.....**Paul Bettys** and **Laura Carey** ("*Jersey Voices*"), and **Jim Broderick** ("*All My Sons*" and "*Jersey Voices*") are performing in Circle Players' "*All My Sons*," directed by **Mark Phelan** ("*Jersey Voices*")..... **Michael Driscoll** ("*Night Watch*") directs "*Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*" with **Jim Morgan** ("*Side Mar*") at Alliance Repertory Theatre Company.....

