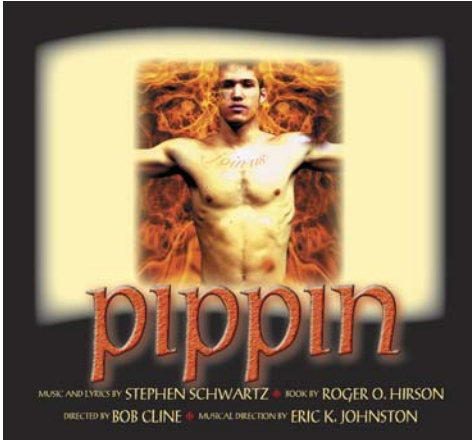


BACKSTAGE

Chatham Community Players Newsletter

April, 2006



“PIPPIN” OPENS MAY 5

“Splendiferous theatricality, the kick of a lightning bolt and a passionate knack for being entertaining” – that was Time Magazine’s description of “*Pippin*.” With words and music by Oscar-winner **Stephen Schwartz** (“*Godspell*,” “*Wicked*”), and directed/choreographed by **Bob Cline**, Chatham Players brings you an exciting cast of familiar and new faces who will tell you “we’ve got magic to do.” **Eric K. Johnston** is the musical director. The story concerns Prince Pippin, played by **Christopher Cantalupo**, who is searching for the secret of true happiness and fulfillment, only to find it where he least expects it. His father, Charlemagne, is played by **David Simon**, seen on our stage before, and his love interest

Catherine is **Shannon Barry**, who was “Little Red Riding Hood” in last spring’s “*Into the Woods*.” **Janice Lynn** plays Pippin’s stepmother, the conniving and sexy Fastrada; grandmother Berthe is **Joan Ludwig**. The dynamic and devious Leading Player is **Voltaire Balderrama**, last seen in a completely different role here as Christmas Present in “...*Carol*.” **William McArthur** portrays Lewis, Pippin’s half-brother; **Daniel Marconi** and **Michael Pasternak** alternate as Theo, Catherine’s son. Completing the cast are **Phil Levesque** and **Desiree Caro** (both were in “*Into the Woods*”), **Patrick Barckett**, **Mark Boyland**, **Jackie Buckingham**, **Garret Gallinot**, **James Lopez**, **Kelly Shera**, **Stacey Simon**, **Rebecca Weisberg**, and **Jennifer Wewers-Sharp**, and our own high school intern, the multi-talented **Joshua Dick**.

“*Pippin*” opens Friday, May 5, for three weekends, including a Saturday matinee May 20 at 3 p.m., and a Sunday Matinee, 3 p.m., May 14. For tickets order online—visit www.chathamplayers.org; or call the box office, 973-635-7363. Prices are \$25 for adults and \$18 for youth/senior. Box Office hours: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday. The Playhouse is at 23 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham.

“JERSEY VOICES” AUDITIONS ON MAY 22 & 23

Auditions for our summer festival of one-act plays, written by Jersey authors, will be held on Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23, at The Playhouse, 23 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham. Jersey Voices’ 12th Annual Production will be staged July 28-29 and August 4-5 in our Playhouse. Plays are being selected at this time; titles, synopses, and directors will be posted on our website, www.chathamplayers.org, before the auditions.



NEW SEASON ANNOUNCED

Our Play Selection committee, headed by **Steve Stubelt**, has been hard at work, and we are all rewarded with a great new season for 2006-2007:

"A View from the Bridge"

by Arthur Miller, in the Fall of 2006

"Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean"

by Ed Graczyk, Winter 2007

"City of Angels"

Book by Larry Gelbart, Music by Cy Coleman, and Lyrics by David Zippel, Spring 2007



Chatham Community Players Membership Form

NAME _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

I HAVE VOLUNTEERED FIVE HOURS _____ OR I HAVE ENCLOSED \$5.

Mail to Chatham Community Players, P. O. Box No. 234, Chatham, New Jersey 07928



ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD

Our Annual Meeting, with awards, report on the season, and entertainment from our high school interns, will be held in The Playhouse, 23 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham, on Wednesday, May 17, at 8 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend.

DECLARE YOURSELF A MEMBER

It's easy to become a member of Chatham Community Players! All you have to do is volunteer a total of five hours during the season, or if you've been very busy, pay \$5. That's it—five hours or five dollars and your declaration. Fill out the form above and mail it to us or bring it to the Annual Meeting. Only declared members may vote on items of business.

HERE AND THERE...

...**Matt Burns** (our Bob Cratchit in "...Carol") performed in a Jerome Kerns Cabaret recently in Basking Ridge...our Vice-President, the hard-working **Roy Pancirov**, was the lead in Florham Park's recent "On Golden Pond" directed by his wife, **Rose Pancirov**...**Mike King** (recently the narrator in our "Into the Woods") played King Henry II in Summit's "The Lion in Winter")...**Stephanie Sickler**, our 2005 Chatham Community Players Scholarship winner, performed the role of Zillah Katz in "A Bright Room Called Day" by noted playwright Tony Kushner; it's rare for a freshman

to win a major role as Stephanie has done in her first year at Villanova...**Philip Wm. McKinley**, who directed many plays for us and was our artistic adviser, has turned to opera, directing the current production of "Most Happy Fella" at New York City Opera...performing in Playhouse Association of Summit's "The Sisters Rosensweig," directed by **Vince Balzano** ("Rumors") are **Joelle Bochner** (CCP's Secretary, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "...Carol,") and **Beth Painter** ("Rumors")...**Kathryn Davis** ("Master Class") is performing in "My Fair Lady," Barn Theatre, Montville...

~ In Memoriam ~

Sue Phelan

We will miss Sue, a long-time Front of House volunteer.

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**Bill McIntyre**

He is remembered as a talented performer in "Annie," "Jesus Christ Superstar," and "Guys and Dolls."

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