



# *The Summit Playhouse*

## *Green Room Notes*

*The Summit Playhouse is a community theatre formed to encourage and practice theatre arts. The proceeds of its performances not required for the support and extension of its activities will be devoted to educational or charitable purposes. Established in 1918*

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## ***YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU***

Our season opens with the classic comedy *You Can't Take It With You* by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. The hilariously unconventional Vanderhof family faces the depression, government investigations and prospective in-laws with riotous consequences. On our tiny stage, you will see ballet, snake-charming, Roman discus throwing, fireworks experimentation, and a cast of memorable characters. That cast includes Mike and Anne King, Nick Thomas, George Shamp, Art Seif, Bud and Liz Dawson, Adrian Hatley, Joe Reina, Stephanie Warkulwiz, Clair Bochenek, Rebecca Holmes, Jeslyn Wheelless, and Marguerite Wurtz. Our Director is Mitch Ruf, seen on stage last season in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

The Co-Producers are Betty Kaus and Joann Scanlon. Nina Deutz is Production Coordinator. The Assistant Director will be Nancy LaShure. The show will run from October 26<sup>th</sup> (note the earlier starting date) until November 10<sup>th</sup>. A loop-compatible assisted listening system is available for all performances. Signing will be available for the matinee, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Audio description can be provided at the matinee, although you must make a reservation at least two weeks in advance. To reserve tickets, call (908)273-2192 or go online to [www.SummitPlayhouse.org](http://www.SummitPlayhouse.org)

## Have You Rejoined or Re-Subscribed Yet?

We sent out a mailing in mid August, 2007, to all our members and subscribers to rejoin us for the exciting 2007-2008 season. If you have not renewed your Membership or Subscription, please send it in as soon as possible to assure you get the dates you desire. If you didn't receive your brochure or have misplaced it, please contact Ed Johnson, our Business Manager, at 908-464-3855 or [GEJ1936@aol.com](mailto:GEJ1936@aol.com) for a replacement.

### *Summit Magazine*

Be on the lookout for the October issue of Summit Magazine. The Playhouse will be featured on their Vintage page with a photo of the 1955 production of *Dial M For Murder*. In the photo are Betty Kaus and the late Jack Pyle (Sue Smith's father). Betty was also interviewed for this issue as well. Did you know she had been a model?

## Kaleidoscope

The summer production of *Godspell, Junior* was a big success! Our two casts of 19 performers each played to full houses for all eight shows. Our kids ranged in age from 8-17, and it was wonderful to see the older teens acting as mentors to the younger cast members. Abbe Maron, Producer, Renee Palermo, Director, and Steve Myerson, Musical Director, would like to thank the cast for all their dedication and hard work. Abbe also thanks the two amazing stage managers, Kim Hoey and Cathy McGregor. Special thanks to Bill Roome, Jim Mayfield, Nancy Boucher, Betty Kaus, and Joann Scanlon for all their support.



### *The Loop System*

This assistive listening system will make our productions more accessible to people with mild hearing loss. The system consists of a permanently installed microphone and transmitter, plus several pocket-sized receivers that we issue to patrons who need the system. Anyone with a "loop compatible" hearing aid can listen to the receiver through their own aid. Other patrons can listen with earphones, either ones we provide or their own.

## Fall Cleanup



The Playhouse Members worked their hardest to get the Playhouse in top shape this Fall. The annual cleanup was held Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Betty Kaus, Jim Mayfield, Kathy and Mike Tatlow, Sondra and John Luckstone, Bill Roome, and George Doherty. Earlier, Lyn Mackie and Vince Esoldi cleaned up the costume closet, and Tina Casey straightened out the Prop Room. A special thanks goes to Jim Mayfield who has rearranged the scenery room with some wonderful new steel shelving units, eliminating those dreadful old closets, consolidating and/or throwing out old paint, and salvaging many old picture frames and mirrors. Brent Baab took all the trash to the dump. Thanks to everyone for their cheerful assistance.

## *Playreading Committee*

The Playreading Chair is Roy Pancirov. The other members include Lois Hageman, Devon Moore, Abbe Maron, and Bill Roome. If you have any suggestions for plays for next season, submit them to Roy at [rip4@optonline.net](mailto:rip4@optonline.net).

## Perry Awards

The Perry awards nominated two of our actresses from *Living Out*, Beth Pointer as Best Leading Actress and Lilli Markey as Best Featured Actress.

## Tri-County Community Theatre Association

To find out what's happening at other community theatres, don't forget to look on the Tri-County Community Theatre Association at [www.TriCountyCTA.org](http://www.TriCountyCTA.org) for listings of upcoming productions and audition notices.

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