

DRIFTWOOD PLAYERS

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Over 50 Years of Community Theatre

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Gala Champagne Opener

Join us for the Gala Driftwood Players' Champagne Opener on Saturday, September 20th, 2014.

This biennial fundraising event will raise the curtain on our 2014-15 season. For a contribution of only \$50, you will receive one ticket to attend Neil Simon's delightful comedy *Lost in Yonkers*, and enjoy champagne and hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening. Donations of \$100 (or more) receive two tickets. Seating is limited, so call 533-5378 to make your donation to the Driftwood Players Sustaining Fund 2014-2016.

sustain the cost of maintaining our beautiful facility. Every two years, we ask the members of our community to come together to donate to the Driftwood Players Sustaining Fund so that we may continue to provide quality entertainment for years to come. Please plan to donate and join us September 20th. Thank you, donors!



The 2014-2015 season of the Driftwood Players is dedicated in memory of Charter Member Valentine Pearson, in gratitude for her many years of service.

Driftwood is an all volunteer organization consisting of your friends and neighbors coming together to provide our community the best in live entertainment. Like many other theaters, ticket prices alone cannot

Driftwood Players is a tax exempt organization as described within Section 501C-3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent they exceed \$15.00 per ticket.

Lost in Yonkers

By Neil Simon
Director Sara Henry
Assistant Director Alex Eddy

By America's great comic playwright, this memory play is set in Yonkers, NY in 1942. Bella is 35-years-old, mentally challenged and living at home with her mother, stern Grandma Kurnitz. As the play opens, ne'r do-well son Eddie deposits his two young sons on the old lady's doorstep. He is financially strapped and taking to the road as a salesman. The boys are left to contend with Grandma, with Bella and her secret romance, and with Louie, her brother, a small-time hoodlum in a strange new world called Yonkers. The New York Post called it "The best play Simon ever wrote."

In addition to being featured as the Driftwood's Champagne Opener (see above), shows will be on Fridays and Saturdays, September 26 & 27, October 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30pm and Sunday, October 12 at 1:30pm. Tickets are

\$15 and available at Top Foods and City Center Drug in Aberdeen, Harbor Drug in Hoquiam, Valu Drug in Montesano, Dolores' and Fay's in Ocean Shores, online at www.aberdeendrftwood.com and at the door, as available.



Sara Henry
Director/Bella



Alex Eddy
Assistant Director



Riley Jackson
Jay



Brandon Emry
Arty



Gary Morean
Eddie



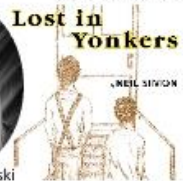
Debbie Scoones
Grandma Kurnitz



Rick Bates
Louie



Anna Norkoski
Gertrude



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Sue Keltner,

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Give 'Em Hell, Harry!

Give 'em Hell, Harry!
(Special One Week Engagement)
By Samuel Gallu
Director Sara Henry
October 2014

This special one week, four performance engagement of the one man show highlighting the life of Harry S. Truman will make for an interesting election season presentation. The title comes from a speech in which a spectator yelled "Give 'em hell, Harry!" and he replied "I don't give them Hell. I just tell the truth about them and they think it's Hell."

Starring John Pratt as our 33rd President, shows will be Thursday through Saturday, October 17 to 19 at 7:30pm and Sunday, October 20 at 1:30pm.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at Top Foods and City Center Drug in Aberdeen, Harbor Drug in Hoquiam, Valu Drug in Montesano, Dolores' and Fay's in Ocean Shores, online at www.aberdeendrftwood.com and at the door, as available.

John Pratt (Harry S. Truman)



A Heartfelt Thank You

Driftwood Front of House Trustee John Hallacy is moving soon and we would like to thank him for his service. John received the Mabs George Service Award in 2010 for everything he has done for the theater. Thank you John for all that you have done to keep the front of house experience running smoothly!

John would like to train his replacement to take over the duties which include coordinating volunteers for taking tickets and serving refreshments, setting up for patrons to

come see our shows, and of course make sure that everybody has a great experience at the theater. If you could be our next

Front of House Trustee, give John a call at 593-4838. He can give you the details of the position and get you set up and trained to come "play" with us.



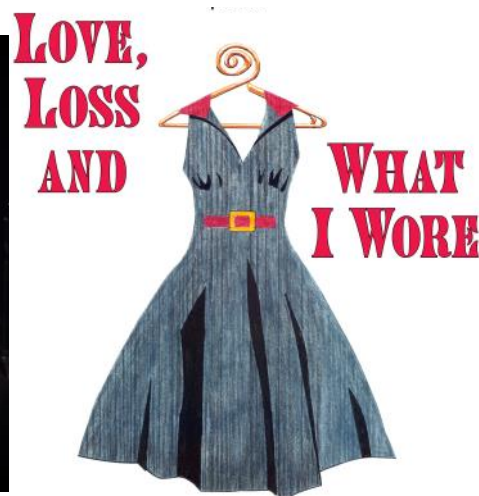
Another thank you goes out to TJ Ballew, who has been addressing the newsletters and postcards that you receive over the past year. She also is moving from the area and the Driftwood Players thank her for service!

The Driftwood Players are looking for a volunteer to prepare the mailings that go out ahead of each show. This is a great opportunity for someone to volunteer, while working from home. If you might be this person, please email steven@puvogel.net.

Love, Loss and What I Wore

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Love, Loss and What I Wore. Through this humorous readers theater dramedy, we learned a lot about fashion, love, toe cleavage, loss, Madonna, and of course, mothers.

Directed by Julie Skokan, the ladies entertained audiences and touched hearts. The magic the cast brought to the stage left the audience asking for an encore. Well done! Bravo!



Looking Good!

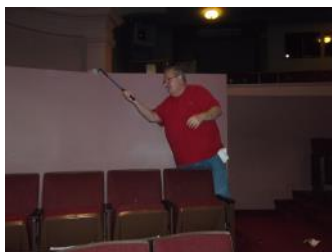
Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to drive by our beautiful theater over the past few weeks and have seen the work that has been done on the outside. New landscaping, including new retaining walls, upgraded irrigation system and fresh vegetation is brightening up our exterior.

In addition to new landscaping, a new sidewalk has been installed along I Street and the landing pad in front of the theater on 3rd Street has been replaced as well.



The improvements to the exterior of our building were only possible through donor contributions.

The inside of our theater is has been spruced up as well, with volunteers coming together on September 7th for our annual Theater Cleanup day. Volunteers cleaned, wiped, vacuumed, scrubbed, painted and moved furni-



ture to prepare the theater for the upcoming season.

Thank you to all

of the volunteers that came to help keep our theater beautiful!



Cleanup Day Volunteers

- Al Carter
- Bob Stalder
- Gary Morean
- Sue Keltner
- Steven Puvogel
- Garrett Puvogel
- Dawn Waren
- Tamara Helland
- Autumn McGiveron
- John Hallacy
- John Limitone
- Katie O'Brien
- Ben Hohman
- Harold Warren
- Daryl Johnson
- Terry Rogers
- Teresa DuBois



Auditions! Auditions! Auditions!

Director Steven Puvogel, in coordination with Music Director Alex Eddy will be holding open auditions for several roles for the autumn production of the rock opera, Jesus Christ Superstar. Auditions are open for men and women (ages late teens to 60s). The roles of Jesus and Judas were previously cast at auditions in August. All roles except for Mary Magdalene are gender flexible.

Rock opera was defined in this contemporary look at the events that

defined the last 7 days in the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' meteor-like rise in renown provides, as the title suggests, a parallel to contemporary celebrity worship. As his radical teachings are evermore embraced, Judas increasingly questions the enlightened motives of this new prophet, resulting in betrayal. Christ's final days are dramatized with emotional intensity, thought-provoking edge and explosive theatricality.



Auditions will be held Saturday, October 4 at 10:00am and Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 pm at the Driftwood Playhouse. Performances will be held in late November and December. For more information, contact Director Steven Puvogel by email at steven@puvogel.net.

Season Tickets

The Driftwood Players are happy to announce that season tickets are now available for the upcoming 2014-15 Season. This season includes six shows and packages are available for four, five or all six shows!

Check out these great shows on the slate for the upcoming year:

**September-October 2014
(Champagne Opener)**

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By Neil Simon
Director Sara Henry
Assistant Director Alex Eddy

**October 2014
(Special One Week Engagement)**
Give 'em Hell, Harry!
By Samuel Gallu
Director Sara Henry

November-December 2014
Jesus Christ Superstar
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics by Tim Rice
Director Steven Puvogel
Music Director Alex Eddy

February-March 2015
Stage Door
By Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman
Director Kathe Rowe

April-May 2015
Calendar Girls
By Tim Firth
Mentor Director Brad Duffy
Director in Training Alex Eddy

July 2015
The Nerd
By Larry Shue
Directed by Dave Lund

Contact Sue Keltner at 532-8243 for season ticket info or order online at www.aberdeendrftwood.com today to ensure that you don't miss any of these fun shows!

Annual Membership Renewal

Please cut out and return with your dues for the 2014-2015 season.

Individual—\$8.00 or Family—\$12.00

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