



Driftwood Players

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The Return of the Nuns

Driftwood's production of the musical comedy *Nuncrackers*, which opens November 17 at 7:30 p.m., has a touch of the life-mimics-art ... mimics-life.

As this story of the Little Sisters of Hoboken begins, Sr. Mary Leo (Stacy Murphy) injures her leg and can't perform in the nuns' rendition of the *Nutcracker Ballet*, which they are filming for a TV special.

"Everything that they plan always goes wrong, in some way or another," Director Kathe Rowe says of the nuns, "but they have faith that everything will turn out in the end."

Kathe, who also plays Sr. Mary Regina, needs that kind of faith. She is the second director this production has had. The first, Judy Dossett, had to bow out to undergo knee surgery a few weeks into rehearsal. Kathe volunteered to take over, and in the transition two of the student actors inadvertently switched roles. Then Debbie Scoones, who plays Sr. Mary Hubert, injured her own knee, putting Debbie and Sr. Hubert in a wheelchair.

Thankfully, this group already has a well-rehearsed chemistry. This is the fifth show from Dan Goggin's *Nunsense* series to play at Driftwood, beginning with the original *Nunsense* in 1993. For all the shows, Bob Neisinger has served as music director and his daughter Patty Sundstrom has played Sr. Mary Paul. The quartet of Monica Ewing (Sr. Robert Anne), Kathe, Debbie, and Patty

came together in a second production of *Nunsense* in 2003, and reprised their roles in the sequels *Meshuggah-Nuns* (2006) and *Nunsensations!* (2008).

Kathe says the *Nunsense* shows are the same shtick every time, so we can expect the same kind of mishaps and "naughty" humor (think Bible balls), but this time with Christmas music. *Nuncrackers* does introduce several new characters, including four of the Mount Saint Helen's School students, played by Sofia Da Silva, Jake Hammer, Mikaela Murphy, and Michael Turpin.

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Ewing



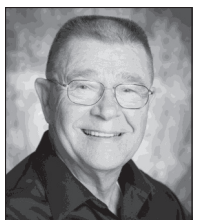
Rowe



Scoones



Sundstrom



Neisinger

THE PLAY DATES

November 17, 18, 24, 25 and
December 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m.
November 26 and December 3
at 1:30 p.m.

THE CAST

Sister Mary Regina.....	Kathe Rowe
Sister Mary Hubert.....	Debbie Scoones
Sister Mary Paul.....	Patty Sundstrom
Sister Mary Leo.....	Stacy Murphy
Sister Robert Anne.....	Monica Ewing
Father Virgil.....	Bryan Blackburn
Sister Mary Louise.....	Louise Hoover
Student Mark.....	Michael Turpin
Student Joan.....	Mikaela Murphy
Student Matt.....	Jake Hammer
Student LuLu.....	Sofia Da Silva

Players Granted \$15K

In August and September, Driftwood Players received \$15,000 in grants: \$5,000 from the Seabrook Community Foundation and \$10,000 from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation.

Board President Terry Rogers, in her capacity as fundraising trustee, procured the grants for Driftwood. She said the Seabrook grant paid for “approximately half our royalties for this season,” and the Grays Harbor grant will be used to repair leaks in the Driftwood Playhouse porthole windows, “if that is actually where the leak

is coming from.” Terry and Building and Grounds Trustee Eddie Logue are working to identify the exact source of the leak, and the Players will report back to the Grays Harbor Community Foundation by April 2018.

According to Terry, Driftwood Players has never applied for grants before. The Seabrook grant really helped to “take the pressure off our general fund,” while the Grays Harbor grant ensures that proper repairs can be made on the Playhouse.



BOOM! Good job, cast and crew of Driftwood’s 2017-18 season opener, *Tick, Tick... Boom!* Above, from left, front: Christian Fruto, Jerrod Phelps, and Bri Bonell; back: Keola Holt, Alex Eddy, and Sara Henry. Not pictured: Julayne Fleury, who designed *Tick’s* remarkable set.

Happenings

Board Meeting - The Driftwood Players board meeting on December 4 is a general membership meeting and a potluck. It starts at 6 p.m. at the Playhouse.

Auditions - Auditions for *It’s Only a Play*, directed by Christopher Logan, will be held Sunday, **November 26**, at 6 p.m., and Monday, **November 27**, at 6 p.m. Christopher will cast 3 to 5 men and 2 to 4 women, as follows:

- * 1 m - 20-25
- * 1 m/f - 25-30
- * 1 m/f - 50+
- * 2 m - 40+
- * 2 f - 40+

It’s Only a Play, contains adult language. It opens February 16.

Children’s Theatre - Trustee Val Sullivan is developing plans to bring 5th Avenue Theatre’s touring company to Driftwood on March 15. There will be two or three performances of *Rosie the Riveter* for third graders in the greater Aberdeen area.

Thank you to these volunteers

Teresa DuBois	Sue Keltner	Terry Rogers
Juel Giglio	Roechelle Landstrom	Kathe Rowe
Cliff Green	Eddie Logue	Debbie Scoones
Ben Hohman	Maddie Montoure	Michael Solan
Rinzy Hunt	Mikaela Murphy	Val Sullivan
Daryl Johnson	Stacy Murphy	Ian Ward

who helped at the annual cleanup on October 7

The Return of the Nuns, continued



Da Silva



Hammer

Though new to Driftwood, the young actors all have experience from shows around the Harbor, and eight-year-old Jake, especially, brings what Kathe calls “the cute factor.”

Nuncrackers is Driftwood’s “Christmas card to the community,” Kathe says, “something fun and frivolous, and people will leave there feeling good.”

Just don’t tell this group to break a leg!



Murphy



Turpin