

Driftwood Players

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Summertime Show: *Jeremy Troy*

Here Lies Jeremy Troy, by Jack Sharkey, opens Friday, July 7, and plays the remaining Friday and Saturday nights in July, at 7:30 p.m. at Driftwood Theatre.

The summer show is set in bleak February, an incongruity perfectly suited to this farce.

The script employs dramatic irony almost as much as it uses slapstick. With Director Dave Lund, whose recent work at Driftwood includes the comedy *The Nerd*, and experienced comedic actors Rick Bates and Stacey Hopkins (*The 39 Steps*), David Foscue (*Flaming Idiots*), and Stacy Murphy (*The Love List*), the show promises to be an uproarious good time.

The cast also includes new-



Bates



Foscue



Hopkins



Ryser



Murphy

comer Jeff Rysers, who just won Best Actor in a Small Role for his appearance in *Still Life with Iris*.

As the show opens we find that Jeremy (Bates) is a lawyer up for a partnership — except he doesn't have a law degree, unbeknownst to his wife (Hopkins) and boss (Foscue). A school friend (Rysers), who lives by sponging off classmates, visits and blackmails Jeremy into putting him up on the night his boss is coming to dinner. The friend discovers that

Jeremy's degree is a fraud, and his wife leaves. A model (Murphy) is hired to play the wife, but she's a dumb beauty whose attempts to help backfire. Then, right before dinner, his wife returns and the baloney really starts to pile up, just like the snow outside.

Tickets for *Jeremy Troy* are \$15 and are available at outlets starting June 23. Rush tickets are available to students for \$10, at the door only.



Photo by Keith Krueger

FANTASTIC *Still Life with Iris* was quite a spectacle. Above, from left: Jeff Rysers, Destiny Blake, David Springe, Amelia Moore, Emma Dorsch, Jessah Kiah, Sadie Karl, Casey Bronson, Chaela Watkins, Julayne Fleury, Ian Dorsch, Keola Holt, Rebecca Meacham, Madison Loughheed, Eli Lugo, and Tasheena Wardell.



Photo by Megan Blackburn

AWARD WINNERS The 2016-17 Driftwood Players Awards Banquet was held June 3 at the Grays Harbor Country Club. Nine awards were given. Above, from left: Emma Dorsch, Best Actress in a Small Role, *Still Life with Iris*; Ron Rogers, Ham Award and Best Actor in a Lead Role (ties), *The 39 Steps*; Ben Hohman, the Mabs George Service Award; Shaun Beebe, Best Actor in a Supporting Role, *Outside Mullingar*; and Sandy Dunsire, accepting the Betty Butler for Dunsire Printers. Not pictured: Keith Krueger, Ham Award and Best Actor in a Lead Role (ties), *The 39 Steps*; Stacey Hopkins, Best Actress in a Lead Role, *The 39 Steps*; Louise Hoover, Best Actress in a Supporting Role, *The Language Archive*; and Jeff Rýser, Best Actor in a Small Role, *Still Life with Iris*.

2017-18 PLAYS SELECTED

The following plays have been selected by Driftwood Players for the 2017-18 season. The season features three musicals and two new directors.

Tick, Tick... Boom! — director, ALEX EDDY; assistant director, SARA HENRY. The Champagne Opener. It is an autobiographical musical by Jonathan Larson, creator of *Rent*.

Nuncrackers — director, JUDY DOSSETT; assistant director, BRYAN BLACKBURN; musical director, BOB NEISINGER. A Christmas musical, one of the *Nunsense* series by Dan Goggin. It continues the story of the original five Little Sisters of Hoboken.

It's Only a Play — mentor director, BEN HOHMAN; director in

training, CHRISTOPHER LOGAN. A comedy by Terrence McNally. Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick starred in the 2014-15 Broadway production.

The Last Five Years — director, SARA HENRY; musical director ALEX EDDY. This two-person musical by Jason Robert Brown is structured so that one character moves backwards in time while the other moves forward.

Orphans — mentor director, BEN HOHMAN; director in training, JIM PATRICK. A dark comedy by Lyle Kessler. Patrick is an Olympia director working for the first time at Driftwood.

The 2018-19 Champagne Opener has also been chosen. It is **Cabaret**, directed by ALEX EDDY.

It's All Happening

Yard Cleanup

June 24
10 a.m.



Caretaker Teresa DuBois informs us that the weeds

are taking over the Driftwood Theatre flower beds. Come out Saturday, June 24, to help clean up; bring gloves and gardening tools — or just yourself.

Parade

July 1



We'd like to have a float in Aberdeen's Founders' Day parade on July 1. Volunteers are sought to walk alongside, dressed up as their favorite dramatic character. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Stacy Murphy at 589-6080 to participate.

Board Meeting

July 10
6 p.m.



Our July board meeting has been moved from the first to the second Monday of July. It's still at 6 p.m., in the green room at Driftwood Theatre; members are encouraged to attend.

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