

# The President's Byline

Mark R. Hall, PhD

William Shakespeare pens the following in his play "As You Like It":

"All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances,  
And one man in his time plays many parts,  
His acts being seven ages."

Truly, all of us play our part as we walk on to the stage of life, entering and exiting the various scenes we are acting in. We are involved in the drama of everyday living.

Even so, theatre allows us the opportunity to participate in the drama of other people's lives and circumstances. We enter a world that is filled with mystery and mayhem or comedy and delight. We laugh, we cry, we groan, we gasp as we watch the various characters' situations unfold before us. This is what Sapulpa Community Theatre is all about. We are here to bring plays that help you escape the doldrums of life, that lift you up and bring a smile, that enable you to re-see the world, that show you something about yourself that you may have never seen before. That is why we have chosen the plays we have for this season. That is why we earnestly ask you to join us this year.

We want you to see the value of theatre, the need for theater, and the beauty that surrounds theatre. Once you experience the richness of the arts and participate as either an audience member or actor, you will know what we mean and why we have invested our time, talent, and treasure in this endeavor.

By the way, when you come to the shows, don't hesitate to introduce yourself and tell us what we are doing well and what we are not, and make yourself at home. For the old cliché still rings true: "There's no business like show business," and it is the audience that makes it a wonderful experience for the actors.



Please call or email  
for RESERVATIONS

(918) 227-2169

## Coming Attractions Calendar

2009

The Premature Corpse  
September 11-13, 18-20

Finders Creepers  
October 16-18, 23-25

The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge  
December 11-13, 18-20

2010

Our Town  
February 5-7, 12-14

More TUNA, Please!  
March 11-14, 18-21

Everybody Loves Opal  
April 9-11, 16-18

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe  
June 4-6, 11-13, 2010

# Our Stars

2009-2010 Season

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Benefactors

The Bartlett Foundation

John & Katherine Johnson

Dale & Sherry Whisman  
Fireside Talents

Karyn Lee Maio  
Two Divas' Delights

On the Corner

## Behind the Scenes

with Sherry Whisman,

General Production Manager

Most area theatres run their season from September through June, usually presenting 6 plays. Of course, at Sapulpa, we seem to never tire of doing things. So this summer we had:

Our First **Star Awards Show** that gave awards for your favorite, actors, directors, stage hands, etc. This was a great success. Thanks to everyone who participated and congratulations to the chosen favorites. We are already thinking about next years awards show. If you would like to be a part of this fun event, let us know.

Then we had our **August Fund Raiser**, "The Odd Couple – Female Version" which raised over \$5,000 for the theatre. Judging from evaluations, everyone loved it. I know the cast had a blast doing it, which is what we would like for every ensemble to experience.

Our opening Show, "**The Premature Corpse**" is in rehearsal and should be a great production. If you haven't purchased season tickets yet, please give the theatre a call before September 15<sup>th</sup> to lock in the \$50 cost for six shows.

Next up will be "**Finders, Creepers**" which takes place in a mortuary with an intergenerational cast. Auditions will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

SCT is sponsoring a special non-season show "**Two Too Many Husbands**", a comedy written by Board member Donna Carter. All proceeds from this extra show will go toward the Carter family medical bills. A.J. Carter, Donna's husband has lost one leg and is facing more surgery as their medical bills continue to rise without benefit of insurance. Help us help our neighbors, the Carter family – show dates are October 30, 31, November 1 and November 6-8<sup>th</sup>.

In case you missed the dinner theatre fundraiser, we will have a **March Fund Raiser**. LaMargarita owners, Frank and Ramona, have agreed to let us use their restaurant in March for a two-week production of "Greater Tuna" as another fund raiser – and yes, Todd and Seth who did "**Tuna Christmas**" are on board to bring us more laughter from Tuna, Texas. Details later.

Finally, we are in the process of selecting our **2010-2011 Season**. If you have a play you would like us to do, please email the theatre.

Other than that, not much is going on at SCT! Come be a part of our theatre family either by your presence at the plays, providing refreshments, building sets or - ta-da – acting.

Sherry

Sapulpa Community Theatre

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## Operations

with Karyn Lee Maio  
Admin. Theatre Manager

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Awards Gala. For a first-ever, the evening's festivities seemed to please everyone... and we'll be doing it again. So you might want to get your season pass ~ it gets you an invite to the Awards Gala! (On a personal note, I was especially proud to receive one of the Frankoma Drama Mask sets / award!)

We continue to put administration and production guidelines in place. SCT is particularly pleased with the fine season we were able to put up; our audiences (you) were very receptive, and the cast & crew of each show had a good experience. The Board is being as frugal and financially responsible as possible. This past season the telephone and security systems were improved, roof on the storage shed was resealed, and our stage completely rebuilt. Yours truly is aggressively seeking grant monies to supplement that from the Oklahoma Arts Council, who support us so generously.

A young man from our neighborhood who has a lawn service, came to us as 'prayer answered' to take care of our lawn – just as our current mowers started football season or had serious family emergencies. Another super volunteer added – thanks, Kent.

Many, many thanks to those of you who joined us at LaMargarita for our dinner theatre fundraiser *The Odd Couple, female version!* It was a great success and what fun to be a part of it.

See you soon ...  
Karyn

## SCAT NEEDS

Sapulpa Community Angels for the Theatre

### On Going:

Paper Towels, toilet tissue, Styrofoam coffee cups, paper cups (6-8 oz and 3-4 oz), liquid hand soap; disinfectant bathroom cleaner, Kirby vacuum cleaner bags, colored letter size copy paper, mailing labels, printer ink cartridges.

### During Productions:

Cookies, cake, goodies, sugar & creamer canisters, sweetener, liter strawberry soda, gallon orange juice, coffee. Help with set building, painting, and set decorating is always needed.

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## Technically Speaking

Sean Ballard, Technical Director



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We recognize that the sound quality at our dinner theatre was less than the best, and with your valuable feedback, we will be correcting that. Future events away from the theater will have microphones, either purchased or rented.

The theatre is currently taking bids to upgrade the lighting at the theatre and the accepted bid will then be submitted for grant funding.

SCT is actively seeking volunteers to learn the technical side of the theatre. Please email or call the theatre if you are interested. Training via a tech class will be offered to persons wanting to learn the ins and outs of lighting and sound for SCT. Dates for the class will be posted on our website.

We have added to the technical staff as Assistant Technical Director Michelle Luton. Michelle walked into the tech booth and I think she literally absorbed everything she needed to learn through her pores.

SCT continues to pursue ways to enhance your theatre experience – it's a work in progress – hope you enjoy it.

I had a great time being the MC for our Awards Gala and *The Odd Couple, Female Version*. What a way to meet you, our patrons, up close and personal. It was super!

Sean



### The SEASON PASS

Early Bird Adult \$50.00 after 9/15/09 \$55.00  
Student / Child \$25.00 \$30.00

See any combination of 6 shows.  
Bring a friend, see a show twice,  
or send a group

At the door: Adult \$10.00 Student/Child \$5.00

## Words to LiveBy

"You see things; and you say, "Why?"  
But I dream things that never were;  
and I say, "Why not?"

George Bernard Shaw

The purpose of our lives is to  
give birth to the best that is within us.

