

CURTAIN CALL



Newsletter of The Yorkshire Playhouse **APRIL 2010**

BULL IN A CHINA SHOP

You know it's going to be an interesting day for Detective Dennis O'Finn when he gets a call to investigate an "incident" at a boarding home for elderly women...that just happens to be located right across the street from where he lives. That's the set-up for the next production on the Yorkshire Playhouse stage, the delightful comedy **BULL IN A CHINA SHOP.**

Set in London, Detective O'Finn soon finds out that HE is the object of devotion from six elderly women who like to spy on him from across the street. They want so desperately to meet the handsome detective and they figure out the best way to get the attention of a Homicide Detective is to have a little murder.

The play features five veteran actors **RACHEL MAYFIELD, BETH WELDON, BRENDA JANZEN, KATHY EPP** and **BRYAN EMICK** and five new actors to the Playhouse stage; **BEN KETCHERSIDE, STEVE SCHROEDER, KELLE WIDGER, CHRIS VAP** and **PAM HRMODKA.** The production is directed by **TODD KIRSHENBAUM** with assistance from **DEB HESKETT.**

Who did the murder? Was it Miss Hildegard, Miss Birdie, Miss Lucy, Miss Amantha, Miss Nettie or Miss Elizabeth? Find out as The Playhouse presents **BULL IN A CHINA SHOP** April 15-16-17 at 7:30, April 18 at 2pm, April 22-23-24 at 7:30 and April 25 at 2pm.
See the calendar on page 4 for Box Office hours.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON MAY 11TH, 2010 AT 7:00 PM.

The Yorkshire Playhouse is run by a 15 member Board of Directors, who are elected to 3 year terms. Each year the terms of 5 of the Directors expire.



The current Directors are JOHN BAKER, KATHY EPP, CRAIG HESKETT, DAVE HYING, TODD KIRSHENBAUM, JANELLE MEDINGER, DIANE MOORE, CHARLIE MOORE, KARLA OTT, LUCIANNE REICHERT, LISA RILEY, WAYNE SACKSCHEWSKY, CAROLE SPRAGUE, PATTI VINCENT and KELLE WIDGER.

This year the terms of Craig, Dave, Charlie, Lucianne and Patti are up. A ballot will be mailed to you in mid-April with the names of the final candidates for the Board. Please vote for those you want representing the Playhouse and return it in a sealed envelope. You can slip it through the door at the Playhouse, drop it off at the Chamber office, mail it to PO Box 513 here in York or better yet, bring it to the meeting on the 11th. There will also be a place on the ballot to give your voting proxy to another member of the Playhouse in the event you cannot attend the meeting.

The business of the Annual General Membership meeting is to fill the expired terms of the 5 Directors and to report to the membership the condition of the Playhouse and plans for future improvements. This year there will be discussion of options for a new sound system for the theater that will help improve the experience at the theater.

The Annual Meeting begins at 7pm followed by the monthly board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Folks - *get out your calendars & uncap your highlighters* - time to start marking dates! If you're not busy it's your own fault!

"**Bull in a China Shop**" opens April 15th & it's sure you'll be wanting to start making your reservations beginning Friday 9th. It's a very funny show with 6 spinster ladies living in a boarding house who've all got a big, *big* crush on the handsome Irish cop - a *bachelor* living across the road - Homicide Detective First Class, Dennis O'Finn- *it's to die for*. Keep your ears, eyes & wallets open for **Mitch Roush** & his **One Man Show** raising funds for our dear ol' Yorkshire Playhouse. That young man is talent from head to toe - how lucky we are to be able to say, "I saw him back when" & right here in York! We'll keep you in loop on those dates dear members - why not invite a friend! May is a busy month ahead. **Toni Hess** will be holding auditions for "**The King & I**", the musical version. It will be a wonderful community theater production with opportunities for volunteers with all sorts of talents to be a part of creating this fabulous stage show. There's a lot that goes on weeks before these big performances as well as back stage & behind the scenes during the shows. If you're interested in sharing your abilities with your community in a venue of this proportion contact Toni for more information.

John Baker will hold auditions for the Children's Theater in May (see the article called "10 Years" for details). And mark the Yorkshire Playhouse Annual Members meeting on May 11th at 7PM.

A big THANK YOU goes to all our members for your loyal support of your community playhouse. We couldn't exist without your dedication to the medium of live theater for York & the surrounding area. Yorkshire Playhouse members have been generous with their financial & material donations as well as their time, talents & - we would *never* forget - their praise. Thank you for your continuing support. We couldn't do it without you!

Patti Vincent, President

YORKIE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED.

The following were selected as YORKIE AWARD WINNERS for 2009:

Lead Actress: **RACHEL MAYFIELD**

Lead Actor: **TODD KIRSHENBAUM**

Supporting Actress: **KARLA OTT**

Supporting Actor: **AARON RHODEBECK, BOB SAUTTER and RODGER SHIELDS**

New Actress: **JESSICA RUHL**

New Actor: **AARON RHODEBECK and RODGER SHIELDS**

Director: **KARLA OTT and NICK PARSONS**

Technical Support: **"THE HAUNTING OF HILL HOUSE"**

Children's Theater Actress: **CASSIE SIKES and LIZ FILLMAN**

Children's Theater Actor: **DAVID POSTIER and CHARLIE BRIGGS**

Friend of the Playhouse: **DAVE & BERNICE METTINBRINK**

Volunteer of the Year: **CHARLIE MOORE**

Best Production: **"THE HAUNTING OF HILL HOUSE", John I Baker III, Director**

A SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITIES

Boy, do we have opportunities for all theatrical types. The Yorkshire Playhouse is presenting Rogers & Hammerstein's musical **THE KING AND I**, in the High School Theater in mid-July. Director Toni Hess needs 17 kids, ages 3 to 13, for the King's children, and 33 adults of various ages, including 20 dancers. Toni would like to make this a family project, so bring your precious little one and audition for a part for yourself. There are speaking parts so you don't even have to be a singer.

Auditions will be May 17th through 21st. Specific times will be announced via the Playhouse's website, through The York News-Times and on KAWL/KTMX.

The exquisite costumes will be handled by Isben's of Omaha but there are opportunities for artists, set constructors and prop collectors. No matter where your talent lies or how much time you have you can be a part of this classic production. We invite everyone from York and our surrounding communities to join in the fun. If you have any questions, call Toni at 362-4198.

Production dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, July 15-16-17 at 7:30 and Sunday July 18 at 2pm. If you can't be a part of the production be part of the audience. Songs like "Whistle a Happy Tune," "Shall We Dance," "Getting to Know You" and "Hello Young Lovers" will sing in your heart long after you leave the theater.

TEN YEARS!

The tenth production of the Yorkshire Playhouse Children's Theater will be **THE PATCHWORK GIRL OF OZ**, based on the ninth book in L. Fran Baum's Oz Series. It is a wild and wonderful tale full of imaginative characters who have many of the virtues and problems we all meet every day. It will be a challenge for the young actors to make these characters believable to audiences but under the direction of John I. Baker III, audiences will be enchanted.

Veteran Children's Theater actors will be receiving letters with audition information but all kids who have completed first grade through 11th grade are invited to try out. Rehearsals will begin on May 31st and run every weekday morning from 8:30 to 11:30 am until the performances, which will be June 24th through June 27th. The actors must be able to attend every rehearsal and performance.

If you know a child who would be up for the challenge, auditions are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday May 5, 7 & 8. For audition appointments call 362-3678, Monday, Tuesday and Friday May 3, 4 & 6 from Noon to 5pm and Wednesday May 5 from Noon to 3pm. Auditions will be held at the Yorkshire Playhouse.

Can you believe it? Ten years of these fine adventures in theater for our children!

BOX OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR "BULL IN A CHINA SHOP"

<i>Fri</i>	<i>Apr 9</i>	<i>Box Office for <u>members only</u> 3:00-7:00 p.m.</i>
Mon	Apr 12	Box Office open 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Tue	Apr 13	Box Office open 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Wed	Apr 14	Box Office open 5:00-7:30 p.m.
THU	APR 15	Box Office 5:00-7:30 p.m. CURTAIN: 7:30 P.M.
FRI	APR 16	Box Office 5:00-7:30 p.m. CURTAIN: 7:30 P.M.
SAT	APR 17	Box Office 5:00-7:30 p.m. CURTAIN: 7:30 P.M.
SUN	APR 18	Box Office 12:00-2:00 p.m. CURTAIN: 2:00 P.M.
Mon	Apr 19	Box Office open 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Tue	Apr 20	Box Office open 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Wed	Apr 21	Box Office open 5:00-6:00 p.m.
THU	APR 22	Box Office 5:00-7:30 p.m. CURTAIN: 7:30 P.M.
FRI	APR 23	Box Office 5:00-7:30 p.m. CURTAIN: 7:30 P.M.
SAT	APR 24	Box Office 5:00-7:30 p.m. CURTAIN: 7:30 P.M.
SUN	APR 25	Box Office 12:00-2:00 p.m. CURTAIN: 2:00 P.M.