



SHOWTIMERS COMMUNITY THEATRE SRO

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Introductions to Your 2012 Board

President – David Colatosti
Vice President – Rose Guzi
Treasurer – Raynelle Lankford
Secretary – Vickie Haynie
Members:

Please look again at those names listed above. They are your leadership for the upcoming year, the ones who will guide Showtimers for the next twelve months and, in some ways through their decisions, beyond. A strange thing happens for many of us newly chosen. We are pleased to be asked and elected, happy to do whatever is needed during the typical one hour a month Board meeting.

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Only, as it turns out, we find ourselves committed to just a little bit more. A little more time, a little more energy, little more ... I think you understand. In addition to the monthly meeting, each member of the Board is required to serve as either a member of the Executive Committee or as a Committee Chair in addition to short term appointments to nominating and budget committees throughout the year.

What I am getting at is that serving on the Board of Showtimers is wonderful, and it is a very genuine Act of Service. These individuals will give much more than sixty brief minutes a month, and could use your support and encouragement. When they ask you to become a member of the theater; to serve on a committee; to bake, or serve, or clean up for the opening night party; to bring a rake or a paint brush for a few short hours of tidying up – please answer and pitch in. So often the work falls to just a handful of these same people and, to be honest, it isn't at all fair. The Board wants to share the fun with each and every one of you!

If you have questions, or thoughts, or concerns, pass them on. Be heard, because they are here to listen. This is your theater, and this is your Board. By working together and supporting each other Showtimers will be an even more magical place than it is already.

Last Issue of the SRO: Yes, you read correctly. This is the last issue of the SRO that will be emailed to your inbox. Beginning 2012 the SRO will present itself on the Showtimers web page and will be open to anyone who would like to know what is going on in the old church. Hopefully, issues will be monthly instead of the bi-monthly format of this past year. Look for your news and articles of interest at www.Showtimers.org. And thanks for your continued support and interest in community theatre.

Perry White, Editor and Chief

What a Year!

Sorry folks, but Christmas is approaching faster than waxed ski's on a downhill slope and it is time that we take a moment to look over our shoulders. We are pleased and proud of the Directors, Producers, Actors, and Technicians, as well as the many volunteers that helped to make this past season a positive one. And it was a busy year from the Boards point of view with decisions having to be made regarding the replacement of the leaky roof, stolen air-conditioning unit and faulty gas furnace. These repairs and replacements were paid for through donations from our members and patrons as well as from the general fund. We thank everyone that supported our efforts with their wisdom and dollars. And we are looking forward to the last production of the year, "A Christmas Carol" written by Michael Paller, a show depicting how Charles Dickens may have conceived his famous Christmas tale. We hope that you are able to attend and bring the whole family, **it's that good.** We have also replaced three board members with terms due to expire in December. Those members leaving the board are Cindy Keeling (*President*), Norman Ferguson, and (*Treasurer*) Karen Moore. We thank them for their faithful service and wish them the best as they return to the audience side at our membership meetings. Our three new members are Sharon Mullen, Gary Reid, and Raynelle Lankford. Congratulations and welcome aboard! And in conclusion---Next year's schedule is:

"Nonsense"-	director- Nancy Lawrence-	Feb. 16-Mar. 4
"Lion in Winter"	Jayne Brill	Apr. 11-Apr.22
"A Little Murder.."	Karen Moore	May 30-Jun. 10
"Seven Brides.."	Allen Thompson	July 19-Aug.5
"Dracula"	Kris Laguzza	Sep. 19-Sep. 30
"Over the River.."	Phil Boyd	Nov. 7-Nov.18

YOUR 2011 BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Cindy Keeling – President*
- Rose Guzi – Vice President*
- Vickie Haynie – Secretary*
- Karen Moore – Treasurer*
- Norman Ferguson, David Colatosti*
- Linda Dwyer, Cliff Grimsley*
- John Nicol*

The Haunting of Hill House



Another great show with an outstanding cast and one not like any other Halloween thriller. After seeing the 1963 movie as a child. Sharon Mullen had the opportunity to present her vision of Hill House to the Showtimers audience. Hill House is not an atypical ghost story with a suitable conclusion, but one that continues to live on to this day selecting its growing number of "spirits" one by one. The spooky part was when everyone showed up for the last Saturday performance and there was no electric power forcing a late (8:30) start. Ticket holders had the options of waiting, receiving a refund, or coming to a Sunday evening performance. It's amazing how "The Show Must Go On!" and it did, resulting in an extra show.

TICKET PRICE INCREASE IN 2012

The Showtimers board of Directors has voted to increase some ticket prices beginning in January of 2012. The ticket price for musical productions will be increased to fifteen dollars while all other shows will remain at the current price of twelve dollars, and ticket prices for children under eighteen will remain at five dollars for all productions. This increase was long overdue and became necessary due to higher fees and the production costs associated with musicals. Season ticket prices will remain the same in 2012 out of respect for our loyal patrons. The board agreed to revisit season ticket prices, to be applied to the 2013 season. These decisions were not arrived at lightly, as it has been important to Showtimers to provide quality entertainment at very reasonable prices. This modest increase will help us continue to do so. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. And if you would be interested in season tickets, please call the box office, they make great stocking stuffers.

HELP WANTED

If your business would be interested in advertising in our Playbills for the 2012 season, please leave the name and number of a contact person at the Box Office and our Advertising Chairperson will contact and meet with those wanting additional information.

Hospitality

Diane Heard, our Hospitality Hostess, is seeking volunteers to help with the opening night parties. These parties are just a small token of appreciation to the cast and crew for sharing their talents and time. If you would like to know how you could help, call Diane at 540-353-7318 and thanks in advance.

**Mark Your Calendars
Holiday Open House**

The holiday open house party is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us for this year-end celebration.

They said it would be a cold day--



The turnout for our fall clean-up day was a tad light; to say the least, and yet, still much was accomplished. Trees were trimmed, dead limbs were cleaned up and many, many leaves were dispersed. We still need to do a little painting on the outside but for the most part; we're ready for old man winter. Thanks to those who participated and let's do this again in the spring. And the board recognizes that as members, you are our best asset. Thank you all!

Thank You!

A special thank you goes out to Judy Reap for her donation of twelve gallons of Latex paint. Donations are an important part of Community Theatre, so won't you please consider us the next time your wife asks you to clean the basement or garage. Any and all items can be placed at the side porch and thank you for supporting Showtimers.



Membership

Can we put you down for one? It's a cheap way to have your say in what community theatre needs to be, and where you would like to see your theatre in the future. Your input is vital to our growth and many minds make light work of decision making. Call the box office today or fill out a membership form on line. It's just that easy. Together, let's grow the rolls.

! AUDITIONS NOTICE !

"Nunsense"

**Directed by Nancy Lawrence
Dates and Times**

**Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
Monday evening December 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
She needs 5 women aged 20 and up**

THEATER LINGO DEFINED

Dramatic pause—

Usually inserted for affect or emphasis and is scripted as two to three dashes between words. When there are too many dashes (**or a long pause**) it often means the actor has forgotten their line.

From the voice of experience.

Memories

Bob Hope's signature song, "Thanks for the memories" seems so appropriate for Showtimers. That's our forte, creating wonderful memories on so many different levels.

As for me, as I step down from the Board and relinquish the privilege of serving as your President, I will take many memories with me. Of wishing out loud during one meeting for better organization and prep space for the Opening Night Parties and days later the back hall was lined with storage and prep shelving. It turned out to be only the beginning...Other Board discussions lead to a near magical transformation of Green Room and sewing spaces, followed by a desperately needed fourth dressing room carved out of a former storage area. Those changes happened because two Board members stepped forward and took on the challenge. Along the way the electrical for downstairs was upgraded, a second and larger storage shed was purchased (and quickly filled!), the outside of our theater was freshened up, and a new roof now glows blue in the sun. Unhappily, an AC unit was stolen requiring a new one to replace it. Then we learned the downstairs/backstage furnace was beyond repair and had to be replaced. Amid all this we carried forth the business of running a successful theater, and celebrated the significant milestones of our 60th anniversaries of Founding in 2010, and Production in 2011. And those are only the highlights; it has been a very busy two years. Along the way I have learned quite a lot about Board governance, and myself, but most importantly I learned about you and what talented, wonderful, generous people you are.

As the Torch passes, lights dim then brighten, and the show goes on.
Thanks for the memories.

Cindy

And from the board to all of you, we wish you the happiest and most prosperous of times this holiday season. May you and yours enjoy the warmth of friends and family as we, a Nation, celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years in our traditional ways. It is our hope that we will see you again in 2012.