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Who's On First -- President's Note

As the summer starts to wind down and people are thinking about Back to School, Forge is looking forward to the start of our new season. We end the summer with the Kid's show being a big success. All 5 performances were sold out and the show made lots of money for the theatre.

The Forge Annual Banquet was also a big success. Thanks go out to Wendy Mirto for a wonderful evening. We had good food, music, Karaoke and entertainment provided by the "Fudge Theatre" - Clem Mirto, Denise Wisneski, Christa Wisneski, Bob Goretski and Heather Reese. The group spoofed the various shows from last season and Wendy handed out the Audience Choice and Techie awards. Jan Swarr did a great job with the door prizes and a fun night was had by all.

On the theatre stage right now the "Odd Couple" cast and crew are gearing up for their show and the cast has begun work on 1776. Both shows will need help from all of us to make their productions a success. Last year Hal Holzer worked hard to make a skills inventory with resources for directors and producers. If you get a call to help with sets or costumes or whatever, please consider coming to help - that is the spirit of Community Theatre.

On a final note, thanks go out to Deb Braak who has worked hard to redesign and redo our Website. It has a brand-new look, is easy to use and has a lot of information. Feel free to check it early and often for all the latest Forge happenings. Enjoy the rest of the summer; I will!

See you on First Avenue,
Cathy Stratoti



September 18-October 3
Odd Couple

September 20, 22
Irma Vep Auditions

October 9
Membership Mtg

October 10
Garage Clean-Up



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Our Season Opener!

September 18, 19, 25, 26,
October 1, 2, 3 at 8:00 PM,
September 27 at 2:00 PM

Auditions for **The Mystery of Irma Vep**
Sunday Sept. 20 and Tues. Sept 22. @7:00

Director: Hal Holzer - Producer Marnie Herzfeld
Stage Manager Linda Blystone 610-948-7900x0

Rehearsals - Tues, Thur, and mostly Sunday nights

The show is only 90 minutes - fast paced, but yet 90 minutes of dialogue.

Performances - Jan 8-23

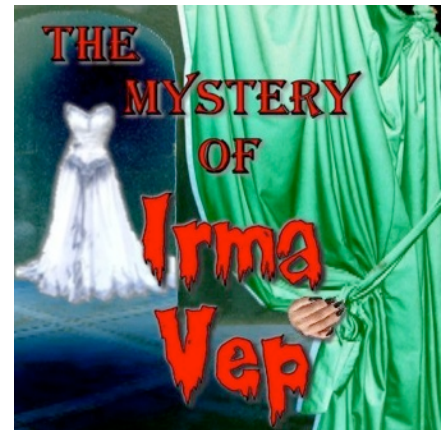
Cast - 2 performers of the same gender with much creativity and chemistry to play 3 women, 4 men, a mummy, a werewolf, and and a vampire.

Scripts and info - are available now - please contact Hal

Audition hints - those auditioning will be asked to do a prepared short (30 sec max) monologue(from anywhere, any style) three times - as a male, as a female, as a sci-fi character

There will be readings from the script, some improve, much attention to be paid to head to toe body language as well as voice and character

Fun - a comedy of cross-dressing, rapid costumes changes and a huge guarantee of fun for all.



47th Season Celebration

VFW Phoenixville, Saturday Night August 22nd

Show	Audience Choice	Favorite Techie
Shakespeare in Hollywood	Andrea Frassoni (Lydia)	Linda Blystone
Nonsense	Christa Wisneski (Sister Mary Amnesia)	Mary Fitzgerald
Copenhagen	Paul Recupero (Heisenberg)	N/A
Baby with the Bathwater	Andrea Frassoni (Helen)	Bill Braak
Smell of the Kill	Heather Reese (Molly)	Maureen Clarke
Falsettos	Rebecca Boyer (Trina)	Jo-Oliver-Yeager/Tony Brava

Presidents' Award - Carolyn and John Corr

September 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	2 "1776" Rehearsal 7pm	3 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	4	5 "Odd Couple" Set Construction 10am
6 "1776" Rehearsal 2pm "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	7 "1776" Rehearsal 7pm	8 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	9 "1776" Rehearsal 7pm	10 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	11	12 "Odd Couple" Set Construction 10am
13 Start "Odd Couple" Tech Week 2pm	14 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	15 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	16 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	17 "Odd Couple" Rehearsal 7:30pm	18 "Odd Couple" Performance 8pm	19 "Odd Couple" Performance 8pm
20 "1776" Rehearsal 2pm "Mystery of Irma Vep" Auditions 7pm	21 "1776" Rehearsal 7pm	22 "Mystery of Irma Vep" Auditions 7pm	23 "1776" Rehearsal 7pm	24 Possible "Odd Couple" Special 8pm	25 "Odd Couple" Performance 8pm	26 "Odd Couple" Performance 8pm
27 "Odd Couple" Performance 2pm "1776" Rehearsal 7pm	28 "1776" Rehearsal 7pm	29 "Mystery of Irma Vep" Rehearsal 7pm	30 "1776" Rehearsal 7pm			

Don't need "Cash for Clunkers"?
We've got "TICKETS FOR COOKIES!"



GET A FREE TICKET for "The Odd Couple" at FORGE!!!!
Show dates: Sept. 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, Oct. 1, 2, & 3

Now for the fine print: Bring a non-Forge member friend or relative to do Hospitality at Forge and they will receive one free ticket to "The Odd Couple."

How does it work?

1. Have your non-member friend or relative pick a night to see "The Odd Couple."
2. Have them call Janet Hoehl at 610-220-4649 or at janet.hoehl@verizon.net by SEPTEMBER 12th and volunteer to do Hospitality for a show date. You must receive confirmation of this date.
3. After confirmation, your friend must then make a reservation on the reservation line at 610-935-1920 for that show date and mention that they have a free Hospitality ticket voucher.
4. Arrive at 6:45pm (or 12:45pm for a matinee) and check in at the Box Office for free ticket offer.
5. Bring in some cookies and pretzels (optional-theatre can provide these), plug in the hot water, and set up the refreshments for Intermission. Hand out programs and greet our guests, help seat patrons with special needs. Serve Refreshments at intermission. Clean up after the show.

It's fun! It's easy! And you get a free ticket! What a deal!

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Board Meeting Highlights from August 16

- Heather will administer Audience Choice Awards next season
- Two specials: Nov 8 - 1776 and June 6 - Company
- Staff badges made anyone official on show nights
- Pay phone will be removed August 19
- Children's show took in \$3200
- Season ticket brochures are coming
- Pepsi machine was removed
- Non-member volunteers can do hospitality and see the show free
- A light 6' ladder will be purchased
- Steve will get an LED nightlight for the greenroom
- Board approved proposal from Steel City. It involves us spending \$60; they will buy 2 ads in trade
- Deb Braak has made a new web site
- We will be in the Phoenix and Times Herald Welcome to Phoenixville

48 Season Board

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News and Notes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **John Corr**.

Thanks to **Deb Braak** for the new and improved web site!

Forge is looking for a **costumes god or goddess**. If you want to spend quality time in the attic please tell Clem Mirto or Cathy Stratoti.

Glen Eric Reed is directing "Frankenstein" at the Barn, **Renee Schulz** is assistant directing, **Steve Dinunno** is set designing and **Carolyn Corr** costume designing. It runs October 2 thru 10.

Julie May's production of Gilbert & Sullivan's musical "**The Pirates of Penzance**" begins rehearsals in early September for performances the third weekend in November. Rehearsals are Wed and Sun evenings at West Chester University. Performances will be in Emily K. Asplundh Concert Hall in Phillips Auditorium on the WCU campus. Chorus members welcome! Contact Julie at juliecmay@msn.com or call her at 610-564-3544 for information. Great fun to be had by all!!!



Charlie and Great Glass Elevator

