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Who's On First -- President's Note

Well, the holiday season is in full swing and you can start the December celebration by catching the final weekend of "1776." Our opening musical has had a tremendous run and all involved are to be congratulated on a terrific show. Denise Wisneski has been coordinating a pretzel fundraiser for PACS and is looking forward to getting them a generous check toward their community efforts to help support our Phoenixville Neighbors.

Following right on the heels of "1776" are auditions for "84 Charing Cross Road."

Right after that on Friday the 11th at 8pm we will be presenting Forge's holiday offering, "The Last Noel." This charming script written by our own Publicity Goddess, Maureen Clarke, features the Braaks, the Schulzes and the Reeses in a wonderful show. Reservations are not necessary, donations are accepted and goodies will be served so bring some friends for a night of wonderful entertainment.

The Proxy ballots promised last month will be headed your way soon so be sure to return them promptly with your votes. Any questions or comments can be directed to a member of the board. The result of the vote will be announced at our February General Membership Meeting.

Cathy Stratoti, President



Last weekend for 1776
December 4,5

Auditions for *84 Charing
Cross Road* - December 5
@ 2:00, December 8 @
7:30

The Last Noel - December
11 @ 8:00





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Forge Theatre Proposed By-law Amendment Notes

Amendment 1

The quorum threshold for Forge membership meetings was adjusted from 20% of all members to 20% of senior members several years ago.

This proposed Amendment makes a similar adjustment to the amendment rules in Article IX of the by-laws. The change in wording is needed because not all eligible voters are senior members.

To be removed from Article X:

This Constitution may be amended at any general membership meeting by a simple majority of over 50% of a tally vote of the total membership.

To be added to Article X:

This Constitution may be amended at any general membership meeting by a simple majority vote, provided the total number of votes in favor of the amendment exceeds 50% of the total number of senior membership.

Amendment 2

We want all interested members to be represented in Board elections, including members who have conflicts with the election date. At the same time, Forge has always accepted nominations from the floor at election meetings. An absentee voting system requiring ballots to be returned prior to the meeting would be unfair to candidates who are not listed on the Nominating Committee slate.

This proposed Amendment allows a member unable to attend the election meeting to transfer his/her Board voting rights to another member. The member who receives a transfer will be able to cast the absent member's vote as well as his/her own.

A member may accept only one transfer. Any agreement between the parties on how to vote is not binding -- the member in attendance is free to cast a transferred vote for any candidates on the ballot, including those nominated at the meeting.

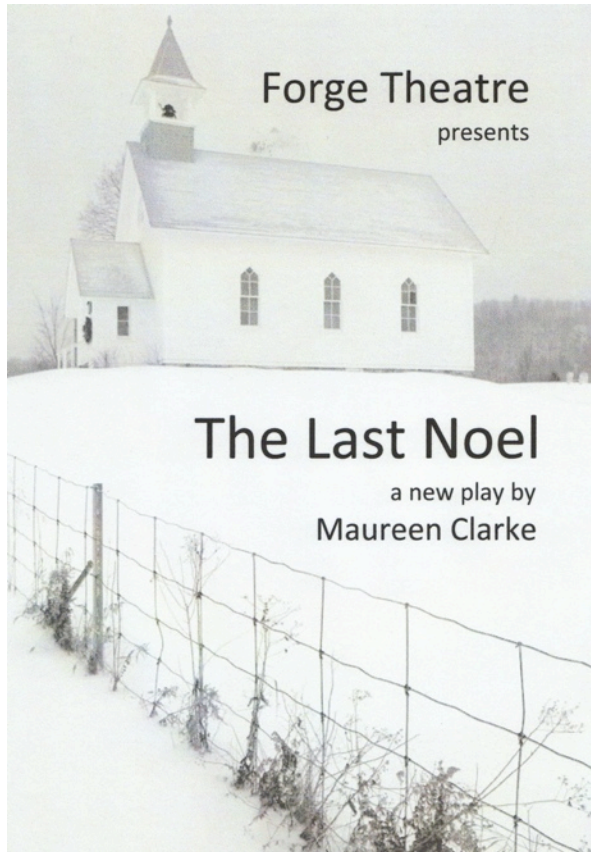
To be added to Article V:

Section 5 Proxy Voting A member may transfer his voting rights for officers to another member via signed proxy. No member may exercise more than one proxy in addition to casting his own votes for officers. All votes for officers, including proxy votes, must be cast by members in attendance at the election meeting. Proxies expire when all officers have been elected.

Section 6 Quorum For purposes of voting for officers, a quorum shall consist of 20% of the senior membership.

You should receive a ballot any day, along with an addressed stamped envelope. Please, please vote and return the ballot.

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This sweetly humorous play tells the heartwarming story of small-town Christmas carolers who find hope and redemption in the face of overwhelming change. The cast includes Deb and Bill Braak, Renee and Steve Schulz, Heather and Phil Reese.

The staged reading is FREE to the public, and includes hot apple cider and Christmas Carols.

Friday, December 11 at 8pm at Forge Theatre.
Reservations are not necessary.

Directed by Maureen Clarke

Producer — Janet Hoehl

Assistant Producer — Hal Holzer

Assistant Director — Michelle Quigley

Lighting Design — Ellen Spampinato

Cast

Jack: John Corr

Algernon: Chris Latzke

Gwendolyn: Heather Reese

Lady Bracknell: Gay Hoyle

Cecily: Kristen Krikorian

Miss Prism: Nancy Dolan

Lane: Spencer Gates

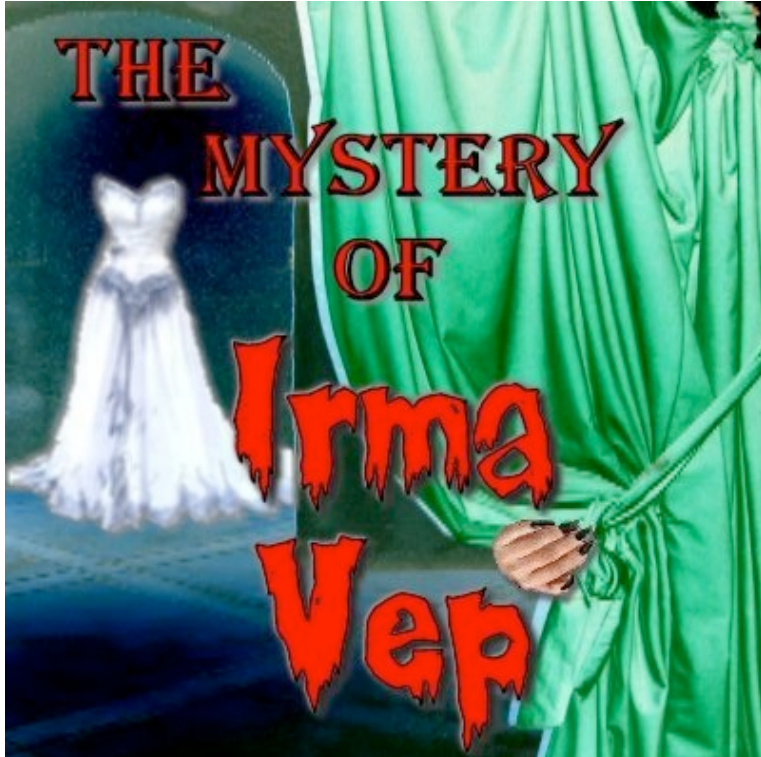
Chasuble: David Cashell

Merriman: Steve Carrasco

**The
IMPORTANCE
of Being Earnest**



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Directed by Hal Holzer
Producer – Marnie Herzfeld
Stage Manager – Linda Blystone
Lighting Design – Jeff Sugzdinis
Master Carpenter — John Magolan

by Charles Ludlam

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Just watch the lightning-fast marathon costume changes as two actors bring eight characters to life in this high-energy, quick-witted, campy comedic tribute to gothic horror and classic films like *Wuthering Heights*, *The Mummy's Curse* and Hitchcock's *Rebecca*. You may also recognize dialogue lifted from Ibsen, Shakespeare, and Poe! This show is a side-splitting laugh-out-loud good time you'll be sure to remember.

Performances: January 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 at 8:00 pm; January 17 at 2:00 pm

CAST

Bob Goretski

Robb Hutter

BACKSTAGE

Melanie Magolan

Denise Wisneski

FORGE TURNS 50

We are barely a third of the way into our 48th season, and play reading is hard at work considering shows for our 49th. Which means our milestone 50th is just around the corner. To get ready to celebrate our 50th anniversary, there is a lot of work that is going to need to be done on our home, from safety, to structural to cosmetic. In the coming months, there will be more details, and you'll be asked to participate in committees to help select and prioritize projects as well as the fund raising to pay for those projects.

And speaking of fund raising, timing is everything. As most of you are aware, Forge is a 503(c)(3) organization. As we head into the time when you may be doing your end of the year tax planning, won't you please consider making a contribution to help start our 50th anniversary building fund? As an arts organization, Forge may also be eligible for a contribution if your employer has a matching gift program.

Thank you for your consideration, and get ready to answer the call as an active member!

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Board Meeting Highlights from October

- 1776 had two special performances
- 2009 taxes were filed
- S. Schulz received lawnmower from Rosie Alleva and the name of an electrician from Jan Swarr
- Our neighbors are being invited to attend a show on us.
- DO NOT PARK ON FIRST AVANUE. --**
- EVER.**

48 Season Board

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Forgers Out and About

Love's Labor's Lost at Barley Sheaf Players:

Maria Jarrell

Andrea Frassoni

Dave Ferrier

Jim Malin

Show opens March 12th.

Auditions

1 male 30-45

1 female 30-45

2 females 25-35

2 males any age

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	1776 @ 8:00	Charing Cross @ 2:00 1776 @ 8:00
1776 Strike Vep Build Vep run 4-7	Charing Cross @ 7:30	Vep @ 6:00	9	10	The Last Noel @ 8:00	12
Vep @ 6:00 Board Meeting @ 6:00	14	Vep @ 6:00	16	17	18	19
Vep @ 6:00	21	Vep @ 6:00	23	24	25	26
Vep @ 6:00	28	Vep @ 6:00	30	31		