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Who's On First -- President's Note

Happy New Year Forgers! A new year and a new decade always brings so much promise. We are fortunate to be in the midst of a wonderful season that is selling very well. Our next show, "The Mystery of Irma Vep" opens in January and promises to be a great one. Make sure to make your reservations early for this energetic two man comedy/mystery. Many people make New Year's resolutions at this time of year. I have a few suggestions for Forge Resolutions for you.

1. RETURN YOUR PROXY BALLOTS!!! You should have received a ballot in the mail with a Self-addressed stamped envelope so you can send it back at NO COST to you. We need to get your votes so we can make sure everyone is heard on this by-law change issue.
2. COME TO THE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!! The results of the by-law change vote and much more is slated to happen at our February Membership Meeting. Save the date for Friday, February 5th at 7:30pm. See you all there!
3. PLAN TO ATTEND THE SHOWS FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON!!! We have a fabulous season this year with all types of shows for all interests. Our members work hard to put on a good performance and everyone who has ever been in a show knows there is nothing better than supportive faces in the audience giving their attention and applause.
4. GET INVOLVED AT FORGE!!! Whether you want to do a night of hospitality, run for a 2010/2011 board position, help during set construction or whatever, Forge is the place to be. We need people to make our theatre a success and that means YOU!!

As you make your new years resolutions, keep these ideas in mind. You will have fun and make our theatre a better place. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Cathy Stratoti, President

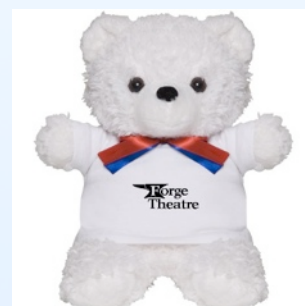


The Mystery of Irma Vep
January 8-23

The Importance of Being Earnest

General Membership Meeting and Sneak Preview fo Plays
February 5

Return your proxy immediately.



SPARKS**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:

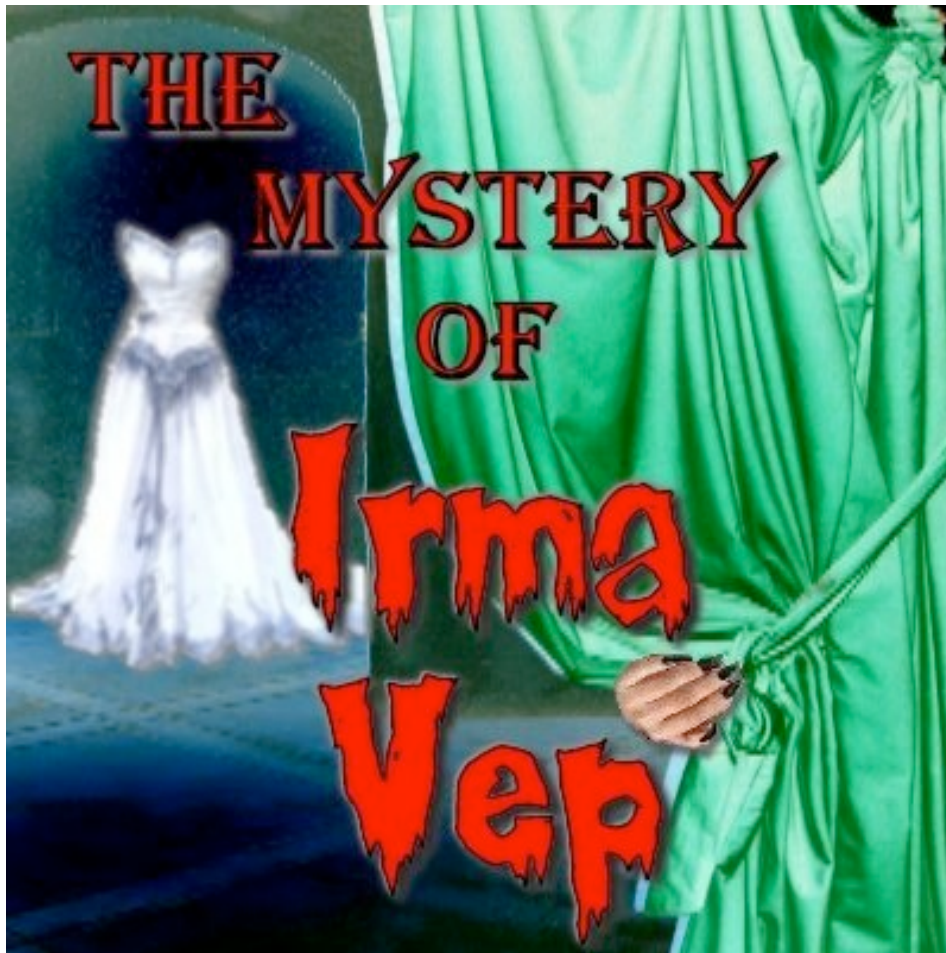
Section 5 Proxy Voting A member may transfer his voting rights for officers to another member via signed proxy. No member may exercise more than one proxy in addition to casting his own votes for officers. All votes for officers, including proxy votes, must be cast by members in attendance at the election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

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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

Directed by Hal Holzer

Producer – Marnie Herzfeld

Stage Manager – Linda Blystone

Lighting Design – Jeff Sugzdis

Master Carpenter — John Magolan

CAST

Bob Goretski

Robb Hutter

BACKSTAGE

Melanie Magolan

Denise Wisneski

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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*



Please return your proxy immediately!



Directed by Marnie Herzfeld

Producer — Cathy Stratoti

Stage Manager — Linda Blystone

Lighting Design — Jeff Sugzdisin

Master Carpenter — John Magolan

CAST

Helene Hanff — Noël Hanley

Frank Doel — Jim Kelsh

Cecily Farr — Kelly Melcher

Megan Wells — Carolyn Corr

Bill Humphries — Kevin Fennell

George Martin — Bob Goretski

Abigail — Abbie Bugh

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Board Meeting Highlights from December

- 1776 raised \$500 for PACS.
- *The Last Noel* raised \$90.
- The water heater has to be replaced. Right now we offer cold and colder water.
- **DO NOT PARK ON FIRST AVENUE. --**
- **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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5	6	7	Mystery of Irma Vep @ 8:00	Mystery of Irma Vep @ 8:00
10 Earnest @ 2:00 Charing @ 7:00	11 Earnest @ 7:00	12 Charing @ 7:00	13 Earnest @ 7:00	14	Mystery of Irma Vep @ 8:00	Mystery of Irma Vep @ 8:00
Mystery of Irma Vep @ 2:00	18 Earnest @ 7:00	17 Charing @ 7:00	20 Earnest @ 7:00	Mystery of Irma Vep @ 8:00	Mystery of Irma Vep @ 8:00	Mystery of Irma Vep @ 8:00
24 Earnest @ 2:00 Charing @ 7:00	25 Earnest @ 7:00	26 Charing @ 7:00	27 Earnest @ 7:00	28 Charing @ 7:00	29	30
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