

SPARKS

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Who's On First -- President's Note

WOW! Our 48th Season is off to a rip-roaring start with the wonderfully funny "Odd Couple," which featured a wonderful cast, a beautiful set, and was sold out for almost every performance. Kudos to Robert Marsch, Patrina Harding, Denise Myers and the rest of the cast and crew for a terrific season opener. We are all looking forward to our next show, "1776."

In the meantime, the theatre is busy with many other activities. We have had auditions for "The Mystery of Irma Vep" and will hold our annual Membership Meeting and Theatre Cleanup in October. Please join us for the Membership Meeting on the 9th at 7pm. We have some position updates, notification of a by-law change to allow proxy voting for our Officers in May, volunteers for other committees and much more. IN ADDITION, please plan to come BACK to the theatre on Saturday morning at 10am for our annual theatre clean-up. Our garage looked great this time last year and has unfortunately become a bit of a mess again. There are other areas of the theatre that also need some TLC so if garage cleaning is not for you, come over anyway and we can find something for you. If you can spare one hour or all day, we would love to have you. We will provide pizza and other sustenance so please come join the effort to make our theatre a lovely place.

I would also like to announce the resignation of RuthMay Hicks as Publicity Chairperson. Her replacement will be Maureen Clarke. Maureen has already been working hard on Publicity behind the scenes and has been doing a wonderful job. Please join me in welcoming Maureen to the position. Also on the Publicity front, Deb Braak has put in many hours transferring our website to a new server and updating the look. If you have not had a chance, check it out at www.forgetheatre.org and see all the new stuff that is there. Thanks Deb and Maureen for helping make our theatre a success.

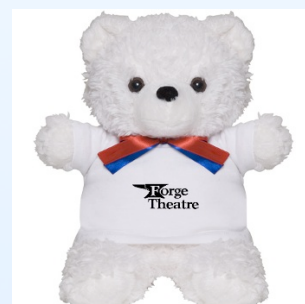
Hope to see you at all of our October events! Cathy Stratoti, President



October 9
Membership Mtg

October 10
Garage Clean-Up

1776 opens November 6
Make Reservations Now



SPARKS



Book by Peter Stone, Music & Lyrics
by Sherman Edwards

**Performances: November 6, 7, 13,
14, 19, 20, 21, and December 3, 4, 5
at 8:00 PM and Sunday, November**

Production Team

DIRECTED BY JIM KELSH

PRODUCER

Stevie Tagye

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Denise Wisneski

CHOREOGRAPHER

Megan Kelsh

STAGE MANAGER

Linda Blystone

Cast

JOHN ADAMS

Bob Goretski

ABIGAIL ADAM

Sue Murphy

THOMAS JEFFERSON

T.J. Wilkinson

MARTHA JEFFERSON

Heather Reese

JOHN HANCOCK

Michael Zatuchni

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Clem Mirto

JOHN DICKINSON

Lew Osterhoudt

EDWARD RUTLEDGE

Allen Puy

DR. JOSIAH BARTLETT

Alan Ciarlone

STEPHEN HOPKINS

Gary Bullock

ROGER SHERMAN

Brian Schwartz

LEWIS MORRIS

Rick Dowdall

ROBERT LIVINGSTON

Rick Goldstein

REV. JONATHAN

WITHERSPOON

Mark Dickinson

CAESAR RODNEY

Jack Forman

JAMES WILSON

David Nyman

SAMUEL CHASE

Doug Smith

RICHARD HENRY LEE

Jim Malin

JOSEPH HEWES

Randy Frame

DR. LYMAN HALL

John Henken

MCNAIR

Randy Knox

CHARLES THOMPSON

Mike Nolan

COL. THOMAS MCKEAN

Paul Perrymore

GEORGE READ

TBD

COURIER

Radler Kelly

LEATHER APRON

Tim Johnson

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, including both members in attendance and proxies eligible to be exercised.

Board Meeting Highlights from September

- Maureen Clarke was appointed to fill the vacant publicity term
- The pay phone was removed.
- We have a new cymbal set for 1776.
- A light 6' ladder was purchased.
- See by-laws change page.

48 Season Board

President - Cathy Stratoti - cstratoti@juno.com
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**Congratulations to the
Cast and Crew of
The Odd Couple for a
great show and a
box office smash!**



The Cast of The Mystery of Irma Vep **Bob Goretski and Robb Hutter**

Director: Hal Holzer - Producer Marnie Herzfeld
Stage Manager Linda Blystone

