

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

Forge For The Holidays - President's Message

December is going to be a busy time at Forge. The month starts with one more weekend of "Nunsense". Come out and see the Little Sisters of Hoboken while you can -- closing night is Saturday the 6th for Steve and Marianne DiNenno's very enjoyable production. On the 9th and 11th Eric Jarrell will be holding auditions for the Christopher Durang comedy "Baby With The Bathwater".



By Dan Goggin

Directed by

Steve & Marianne DiNenno
FINAL PERFORMANCES!
December 2008

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
4	5	6	

The next Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, are Special Event Nights at Forge. We will be holding staged readings of "A Christmas Carol" both nights, and following the readings caroling groups will assemble to stroll the neighborhoods and sing. These are first-come-first-served events, so get there early. Check elsewhere in this Sparks for times and other details.

On behalf of the entire Phoenixville community I would like to thank the production staff and all the audiences of "Nunsense" for supporting the 50-50 drawings held during the run. As a result of your generosity Forge Theatre and its patrons will be able to make a significant donation to Phoenixville Area Community Services, an organization with a 35-year record of fighting hunger and helping people in need in our area. The final contribution total will be announced in a future edition of Sparks.

COMING NEXT!

"Copenhagen"

By Michael Frayn

Directed by Deb Braak

See you on First Avenue,
John Magolan

"Copenhagen" Opening in January

Director Deb Braak
Producer Renee Schulz
Assistant Director.Maureen Clarke
Lighting Design.Andrew J. Cowles

CAST:

Heisenberg. Paul Recupero
Bohr.Bill Braak
MargretheKT Newton

January 2009			
Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	16	17	
	23	24	25*
29*	30	31	

*Talkback following the performance

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If you could return to a moment in time that shaped everything that came after it, what would you discover? That is one of the questions Michael Frayn examines in his Tony award-winning play, *COPENHAGEN*. By re-imagining a meeting between two extraordinary physicists in 1941, Frayn's extraordinary play explores both the uncertainties of human emotion and the consequences of moral responsibility, and places these ideas firmly into today's volatile world with both humor and compassion.

Auditions for "Baby with the Bathwater" in December.

Auditions for Christopher Durang's *Baby with the Bathwater* will be held on **Tuesday December 9th and Thursday December 11th at 7:30 PM**. The cast requires two men and three women of any age. Auditions will primarily consist of cold readings from the script. Familiarity with both the script and the characters is recommended. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and performances take place the first three weekends of March 2009. There will be a very limited rehearsal schedule during the month of December. Please contact Eric Jarrell at Bathwater2009-forgetheatre@yahoo.com with any questions.

TALENT AND INTEREST INVENTORIES STILL NEEDED!

Hal Holzer is accumulating Talent and Interest surveys to get information about our Forge Members. This information will be used to help gather volunteers and to know which members have expertise or interest in various areas. The survey appears on the 3rd page of this issue of "Sparks." Please fill it out and return it to Hal ASAP. He is hoping to have the results available to people in early 2009.

Forgers out and about!

Nancy Dolan and Mia Flavin are appearing Village Productions' premier show, "Miracle on Thirty Fourth Street," at the brand new Pottstown Theatre, 245 E. High Street. Show runs Thursdays @ 7:30, Friday and Saturdays @ 8:00; Sunday @ 3:00, December 4 through 21. Reservations: 610 323 6884 or beth@villageproductions.org. Come see the hottest new theatre to hit the Tri-County area!

Forge celebrates the season, Caroling all the way!

Join us for a fun evening of theatre and music on **December 12th and 13th** at 8pm. Each evening will begin with a staged reading of the classic, "**A Christmas Carol**". Deb Braak is coordinating the reading and it should last about 1 hour. Following the reading, anyone interested will proceed around our immediate neighborhood for some **Christmas Caroling**. This event is open to the public with refreshments served and a \$5 donation encouraged. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. This should be a wonderful evening. We hope to see you all there.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING COMING IN FEBRUARY!

Our next Forge Membership meeting is set for **Friday, February 6, 2009**. This is an important meeting as we have not achieved a quorum for our last 2 meetings and have unfinished business to take care of. In addition, excerpts from the plays being considered by the Play Reading committee will be presented. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come.

A PERSONAL NOTE:

Forge's condolences go out to Gina DePaolis who recently lost her mother to cancer. Gina would like to thank all the people who have called and sent notes and provided support through this difficult time.

Dance Audition Workshop

Anyone can dance! (Yes, really). Join Renee Schulz, 20-year veteran choreographer and director of an upcoming production of "A Chorus Line," for a dance audition workshop on Saturday, December 13th from 12:30 to 3:00 at Forge Theatre. Learn a few "tricks of the trade" on how to get through even the toughest dance audition, including on what you should do to prepare and what a choreographer is really looking for in an auditioner. Renee will teach 2 - 3 different auditions in different styles, break them down and then bring participants through a mock audition in a no-pressure, fun atmosphere. So come on out, work off some mid-holiday stress and learn how to wow them at your next audition. Recommended for everyone! The workshop is free for members of Forge Theatre, \$5.00 for non-members. Please wear comfortable, stretchable clothing and appropriate shoes for a jazz-style dance audition (no taps required). Questions? Contact Renée at schulz_renee@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

Forge Classifieds:

WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH A NIFTY COCKAPOO AND TWO LAP CATS?

Barbara Metford, Forge member, is looking for someone to HOUSE SIT when she goes on occasional out of town trips. Her address is 24 Longcross Rd., Limerick. If interested, call or e-mail at (610) 495-5460 or bmetford@comcast.net.

Know of Anyone in the Neighborhood Who Could Use a Few \$\$\$?

We're overdue for a snowy winter in this area, and we'd like to be prepared by having someone on standby for the theater in case we get hit. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please either have them contact maintenance chair Steve Schulz, or pass their information on to him so he can contact them...(610)650-0629 or sfschulz@yahoo.com.

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TO ALL FORGE MEMBERS:

Please fill this out and return to Hal Holzer ASAP. (contact information at the bottom of the page.)

We want to include as many members in this survey as possible with a list of results and resources available early next year.

Thank you for your participation!

Talent & Interest Inventory

This inventory has been missing for many years, but is a way of helping to include as many members as possible in the running of the theatre. It also will serve as a document for all producers and directors and board members to use when trying to find help and/or expertise in a given area. So many times we hear of people who are willing to help but never get asked. We hope to rectify that problem to include everyone that is willing.

Please fill in the following information: _____ Name
_____ Phone
_____ Email

Then examine the list below – ignore or cross off any item that does not interest you.

Then rate the remaining items as follows: 1 – Willing to learn, little or no experience
2 – Some experience
3 – Experienced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Producing | <input type="checkbox"/> Directing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choreography | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costume Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Operator - lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costume Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Operator - sound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Detail Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Hanging Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Stylist | <input type="checkbox"/> Make-up Artist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Props | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Coach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Office Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Friday PR on Bridge Street | <input type="checkbox"/> Program & Flyer art design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costume loft maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Clean out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costume loft clean out | <input type="checkbox"/> Front yard maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra (which instruments?) | |

Please list any other skills or creative talents not covered above (i.e. fencing instructor, stage combat, good w/ computers, dance abilities–ballroom, tap, ballet, etc.)

Email this to Hal Holzer @ hrholz@verizon.net

Or to Hal Holzer at 58 St. Andrews Blvd., Limerick, PA 19468

Or put it in Hal's theatre mailbox (general productions) at the bottom of the steps