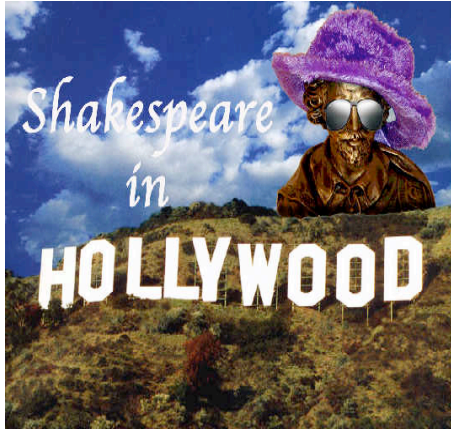


SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL



by Ken Ludwig
Directed by Hal Holzer

September 2008

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	19	20	
	26	27	28

October 2008

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	

Tickets for this wonderful show will sell quickly. Make your reservations now!

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President's Notes

Bravo, kids! It was great to see the Forge summer children's production back again. Thanks to director Allison Keefe and her staff for giving Forge's junior members a valuable theater experience, and giving our audiences another enjoyable evening on First Avenue. Special kudos from here to Board members Jan Swarr and Sheila Atkins for everything they did to make it happen.

Our next Forge Event is our annual banquet on September 13. Hope to see you all there and don't forget to BYOB!

Forge's next show is Shakespeare In Hollywood, the first production of the 2008-09 season. It's a terrific script by Ken Ludwig (Lend Me A Tenor, Moon Over Buffalo) and we're having a great time in rehearsals. Don't miss the epic battle between the Bard and the Warner Brothers, opening Friday September 19.

While we're here, two other important dates are coming up. One is the theater cleanup on Saturday September 27. Some of us will be working on a long-overdue garage cleanout. Another crew will be cleaning the public areas of the building, so if you're not up for heavy lifting you can still contribute. The other is a Membership Meeting on Friday October 10, including some special events you won't want to miss. We can use a big turnout both days, so come on out, Forge!

John Magolan, President

"Shakespeare in Hollywood" opens

Lights, Camera, Comedy, Shakespeare! It's 1934, and Shakespeare's most famous fairies, Oberon and Puck, have magically materialized on the Warner Bros. Hollywood set of Max Reinhardt's A Midsummer Night's Dream. With a little help from a feisty flower, blonde bombshells, and movie moguls - loopy love triangles abound, with raucous results.

Cast:

<i>Oberon</i>	Jim Kelsh	<i>Back Lot Extras:</i> Eric Knox,
<i>Puck</i>	Kelley Stanford	Shiela Atkins and Grace
<i>Louella Parsons</i>	Carolyn Dascher Corr	Merryman
<i>Olivia</i>	Heather Reese	
<i>Lydia</i>	Andrea Frassoni	
<i>Dick Powell</i>	Paul Perrymore	
<i>Joe E. Brown</i>	J.T. Grousch	
<i>Daryl</i>	Jim Malin	
<i>Max Reinhardt</i>	Bob Goretski	
<i>William Hays</i>	Randy Knox	
<i>James Cagney</i>	Lee Stanford and Eric Jarrell	
<i>Jack Warner</i>	John Magolan and Lew Osterhoudt	

Cast for "Nunsense" Announced

Auditions for Forge's musical production of *Nunsense* were held Saturday July 26 and Tuesday July 29. Directors Steve and Marianne Di-
Nenno had the difficult task of choosing just 5 performers to portray the Little Sisters of Hoboken from a large number of talented and creative women. The cast for *Nunsense* includes:

Jennifer Dinan as Reverend Mother Mary Regina, **Mia M'buy** as Sister Mary Hubert, Mistress of Novices, **Raina Frey** as Sister Robert Anne, **Christa Wisneski** as Sister Mary Amnesia and **Heather McConnell** as Sister Mary Leo.

Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays beginning in September. The production opens in November. For more information on the show and its many versions, go to www.nunsense.com

Playreading Committee Information

Have you ever been to a play and said to yourself... "Gee, Forge Theater should do this play". Now is your chance. If you'd like to help choose the plays and musicals for the 2009-2010 season now is the hour.

The Play Reading Committee is forming. Our first meeting will be at a date to be determined in October. The only skills needed are the desire to read plays and a knowledge of theater. If you'd like to be on the committee or have play or musical you would like us to consider, please contact Jim Kelsh at 484-431-0238 or at jkthes@comcast.net. Please include your name and all the usual contact info.

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SAVE THE DATES!!

The 2008/2009 Forge Board has been working hard to organize a bunch of activities for our wonderful membership. Please put the following dates on your calendar.

September 27 – Garage Clean-Out and Main Theatre Clean-up

Forge has rented a storage unit down the alley from the theatre. We will be having a major clean-out on the 27th from 10am until ??? to move the furniture to the storage unit and re-organize and throw away a lot of the other paint, wood, etc. This initiative will continue on October 4th and 5th when we will be installing shelves and other storage units. If this type of work is not for you, there will also be a crew working to Clean-up the upstairs of the theatre and remove the dust bunnies and all the other pests for once and for all.

We need EVERYONE to make this day a SUCCESS! Pizza, drinks and other refreshments will be provided by the board for all workers. Even if you can only give an hour, please come and help make our theatre a better place.

October 10 –

General Membership Meeting

Come one, come all to the first General Membership Meeting of the new Season. We have some business to conduct and there will also be entertainment provided. Please come and hear the plans for the season and see your fellow members and friends.

FORGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THEATRE ALLIANCE WITH OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY THEATRES

Sparked by Bruce Warren of Footlighters, approximately 10 of the area community theaters are banding together to post each others' seasons, auditions, and web site info in each others' programs. This initiative was done in an effort to fill the gap left by STAGE Magazine going on-line only and the lessening participation of local papers willing to print all the publicity sent to them. Forge is a participating theatre and so our season will appear in the programs of all the other participating theaters for the year.

Volunteers still needed for "Shakespeare in Hollywood"

Hal Holzer and the rest of his cast and crew of *Shakespeare in Hollywood* are looking for volunteers who would like to help our audience take a journey back into the glamour of 1934 Hollywood. We are asking our volunteers for both Box Office and Hospitality to come dressed for the occasion!

Hal is hoping (but certainly not requiring) that you would be willing to "get into the swing of things by dressing up to the nines. Appropriate would be anything fancy and period including a tux or suit/tie. However, if you don't have time to change after work, or if you don't want to dress up, it is not mandatory.

Cast members will be able to set up and tear down for refreshments for intermission so that Hospitality volunteers won't have to miss the show.

Hospitality volunteers are still needed for the following dates: September 27 & 28, October 2 & 3 Please contact Janet Hoehl if you are available to come out and help at janet.hoehl@verizon.net. Thanks!

To volunteer for Box Office Help, contact Carolyn Dascher Corr at Phoenix_feather_Corr@verizon.net

Around The Community

The Barn Playhouse in Jeffersonville will be presenting the more Shakespeare with the play "Comedy of Errors" on October 3rd – 11th. The show features multiple Forge performers including Sara and Simon Jenkins, Chris Braak, Maria Jarrell, James Scotland, Jeanine Brotherston, and Laura Watson. It is directed by our own Deb Braak.

Information can be found on <http://www.barnplayhouse.org>, and reservations can be made by calling (610)539-Barn.