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Who's On First -- President's Note

June is just around the corner and with it the opening of our final offering for this season, *Company* by Stephen Sondheim. Make sure you come and see this wonderful show to end our very successful season. Following *Company* will be our newest Thespians performing in this year's kid show at the end of July. Thank you to Janet Hoehl, Susan Flavin and Su Gould for coordinating this annual production.

Looking back, thanks to everyone who came out to the May Membership Meeting to give us a quorum. To update everyone, our bylaw change did not pass but we elected a new slate of Forge Officers for next year. Please give them your support and encouragement as they go through the year. Thanks to Beth Eustis and the rest of the Nominating Committee for filling the positions.

Thanks also go out to Marnie Herzfeld, John Magolan, Steve Schulz and Linda Blystone for attending and working hard at our spring cleanup day. The garage looks wonderful and the storage unit is cleaned out. Please help to keep our theatre neat when taking or putting back wood, paint, props and all the other stuff that lives in the garage area.

Finally a note regarding parking. We recently learned that the church lot where we send our casts and patrons to park will begin putting out buckets for donations. Please be aware of this when parking in the lot.

Well, that wraps it up for me. A big THANK YOU to the members of the Forge Board who served with me this year and worked hard at keeping our theatre running and maintaining the standards that we have come to expect at Forge. Best wishes to Jim Kelsh and the new and returning members of next year's board. See you on 1st Avenue!

Cathy Stratoti, President



Company
June 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 17,
18, 19, 24, 25, 26

25th Annual Putnam
County Spelling Bee
Auditions
May 22 and May 25

Banquet August 14



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Directed by Dru Ullery
Producer — Rick Dowdall
Music Director — Gary Snyder
Choreographer — Renee Schulz
Stage Manager/Production Assistant —
 Jonathan Haupt
Dramaturg — Deb Braak
Technical Director — Ellen Spampinato
Staff Photographer — Bri Miller

CAST

Robert — Jason Gagliardi
Sarah — Michele Miller
Harry — Steve Schulz
Jenny — Michelle English
David — Brian Schwartz
Amy — Renee Schulz
Paul — Steve Carrasco
Susan — Catherine Pressimone Beckowski
Peter — James Scotland IV
Joanne — Deb Braak
Larry — Larry Wilson
Kathy — Andrea Hartman
April — Laura McWater
Marta — Kate Nice



Book by George Furth, Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

Poor Bobby. He's 35 years old, has three girlfriends and five married couples desperately trying to get him married. It certainly makes for a lot of company! A passionate favorite of Sondheim fans, "Company" is a bittersweet, clever portrayal of five married couples – as seen through the eyes of bachelor friend Bobby – exploring love and commitment, fear and longing, and the simple joy of being alive!

**Performances: June 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 at 8:00 pm;
 Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 pm**

Please note that this play contains adult situations and is intended for mature audiences.

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The Board of Directors of Forge Theatre Announces the 2010-2011 Season*

September 2010

THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, music
and lyrics by William Finn, book by Rachel Sheinkin
directed by Dru Ullery

Auditions: May 22nd at 11am and Tuesday May 25th at 7pm.

November 2010

DOUBT, by John Patrick Shanley
directed by Cindy Schneider

January 2011

ADRIFT IN MACAO, book and lyrics by Christopher Durang,
music by Peter Melnick
directed by Steve Schulz

March 2011

RABBIT HOLE, by David Lindsay-Abaire
directed by Aaron Gould

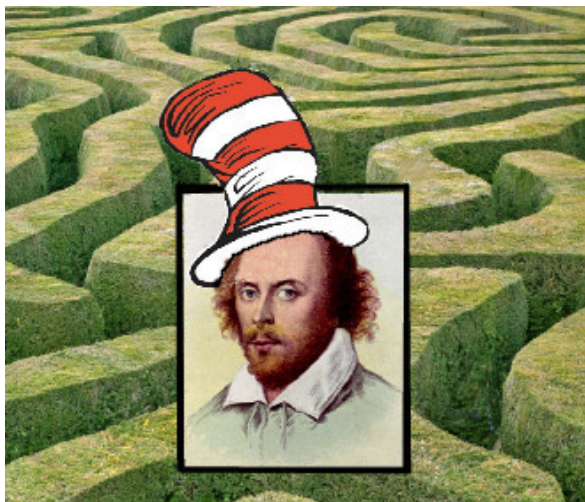
April 2011

A LITTLE MURDER NEVER HURT ANYBODY, by Ron Bernas
directed by Marnie Herzfeld & Hal Holzer

June 2011

THE SOUND OF MUSIC, music and lyrics by Richard Rodgers
and Oscar Hammerstein
directed by Greg Morton

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Kids' Casting Complete!***THE SUCESSIFICATION OF ROMEO AND JULIET***

Romeo: Andrew Alban/Ryan Hoehl
 Juliet: Abby Gould/ Paulina Wozniak
 Narrator #1: Sydney Holinka
 Narrator #2: Alyssa Briddes
 Prologue: Jamie Connors
 Lady Capitulat: Brianne Alban
 Lord Capitulat: Eric Hoehl
 Tybalt: Brandon Sturges
 Sampson: Kellie Fusco
 Gregory: Kyraen Bittner
 Servant to Capitulat: Sarah Boone
 Nurse: Aurora Snyder
 Paris: Liam Darcy
 Monk Larry: Ellie Seber
 Mercutio: Jake Gould
 Benvolio: Emily Luther
 Lord Monotone: Tre Robinson
 Lady Monotone: Valerie Langkan
 Balthasar: Kendra Houck
 Abram: Rachel Bierly
 The Prince: Adam Sturges
 The Merchant of Verona: Emily Beckers

Director Janet Hoehl and Producer Susan Flavin are pleased to announce the casts of Forge Theatre's Summer Kids' Production of *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet*, by Paul Bloedel, produced with permission from Playscripts, Inc., *Theseus and the Minotaur*, produced with permission from Black Wolf Press.

Congratulations to everyone and thanks to all who came out!

THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR

Theseus: Nate Smith
 Jill: Jillian Spaeder
 King Aegeus: Nathan Alban
 Minotaur: Declan Fischer
 Bard A: Lindsey Jennings
 Bard B: Kristin Briddes
 Athenians: Matilka Lieto, Julia Boyle, Michael Tuffilaro, Nicholas Tuffilaro, Anina Lieto,
 Athena: Kate Cavello
 Handmaidens: Ella Warkentine, Sophia Sullivan, Shelby Holinka
 Messengers of Crete: Sophie Bierly, Gabby Plotts, Rebecca Wilt
 King Minos: Ashley Beckers
 Poseidon: Katherine Hoehl
 Nereids: Caley Stein, Melanie Gross, Katelyn Evans, Mimi Cavello
 Sea Rays: Will Cavello, Rocco Cavello, Steven Hoehl
 Daedelus: Andrew Tuffilaro
 Icarus: Aaron Hollidge
 Princess Ariadne: Mia Flavin
 Maidens: Maddie McDonald, Riley McDonald, Lauren McDonald, Ava Cofiell

Be sure to save the dates of Forge Theatre's Summer Kid's Show!

July 29, 30, 31 and August 1

Two hilarious one-act comedies for the price of one ticket. Tickets are only \$8 and will be available for *beginning June 27* by calling 610-935-1920.

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Board Meeting Highlights from March

- The remote storage garage was costing too much money and has been emptied.
- The bathrooms will have been refloored. Please control your paintbrushes. Wash them in the Green Room tub.
- Forge was part of the Dogwood Parade. Thanks to Janet Hoehl.
- DO NOT PARK ON FIRST AVENUE. --
- EVER.

48 Season Board

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Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Board of Directors, voted in at the General Membership Meeting on May 7, 2010.

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Collins Hamblen died recently. He worked extensively at Forge Theater in lighting, mostly late 80s and 1990s. He was also part of the Folk Fest lighting crew for many years. Collin had been ill and out of work for several years, battling heavy-metal poisoning from sources suspected but unconfirmed.

Congratulations to both Herzfeld Magolan daughters. Valerie got her Master of Historic Preservation degree from the University of Pennsylvania and Melanie got her Bachelor of Arts degree in creative writing/alternative education/anthropology from Hampshire College.

May 2010

The calendar will no longer appear in Sparks.
 Please use the calendar on our web site!