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## News from the MTW Board:

- The vinyl in the public bathrooms will be refurbished.
- MTW is now advertising in the Performing Arts Center of Wenatchee brochure. The PAC brochure will list our shows. This will help keep you informed as to what we are up to next.

## In our next issue:

1. Updates on our shows:
  - Sweeney Todd
  - I Hate Hamlet
  - The Drowsy Chaperone
2. *Forever Plaid* coming to Wenatchee in February 2011.
3. Results of our Nason Creek Fundraiser

And more ...

Becoming a member of the Music Theatre of Wenatchee is a great way to show your support.

## Membership Benefits:

- Our quarterly newsletter
- Early notice of ticket sales
- Ticket discounts for "Member Nights"
- Invitation to semi-annual meetings
- Members at the Associate Producer level or above are listed in each show program.

## There are Six levels of sponsorship:

- \$25.00 — Sponsor - (no program listing)
- \$50.00 — Patron - (no program listing)
- \$100.00 — Associate Producer
- \$250.00 — Producer
- \$500.00 — Executive Producer
- \$1000.00 — Benefactor

Contact us online for the membership form and mail your check or money order to P.O. Box 3042, Wenatchee, WA, 988-07. Your membership is very important to us.

## SWEENEY TODD directed by Colleen Bowen

Auditions coming in August on the 16th, 17th and 18th at 6:30 pm

"A dream come true," says Director Colleen Bowen, "I am so excited that I get a chance to direct this incredible musical."

The rare instance of a musical thriller, Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's chilling, suspenseful, heart-pounding masterpiece of murderous barber-ism and culinary crime tells the infamous tale of the unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19<sup>th</sup> century London seeking revenge against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. His thirst for blood soon expands to include his unfortunate customers, and the resourceful proprietress of the pie shop downstairs soon has the people of London lining up in droves with her mysterious new meat pie recipe! Sophisticated, macabre, visceral and uncompromising, "Sweeney

Todd" nevertheless has a great sense of fun, mixing intense drama with howlingly funny moments of dark humor: audiences find themselves laughing hysterically one moment and gasping in surprise the next.

Auditions for the show will be August 16, 17, and 18 at 6:30 pm at the Riverside Playhouse. *If you are unable to attend these dates, please contact Director, Colleen Bowen, at 264-0541 to arrange a different time to audition.* There are main singing parts for 7 men and 3 women and includes an ensemble of 10 or more singers. All auditioners will be required to sing. Sweeney Todd is considered an operatic musical.

The show takes place in the poorest of London's neighborhoods in the late 1800's. The audience will



feel like they are in the sewers of old London. For the squeamish, there will be limited amounts of blood. Our focus will be on the music and story. This is a thrilling musical and the results of revenge can be deadly.

Production dates are Oct. 21-23, 28-30, Nov. 4-6 at 7:30 pm. Oct 31 at 2:00 pm at the Riverside Playhouse. Please join us for this masterpiece of great theater. If you have any questions, please contact Producer, Kelly Wavra, at 884-1830 or klamwavra@nwi.net.

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## MTW News:

- Last summer, our costume crew cleaned out the costume room. This was a herculean task and the room is now very manageable. Shoes were paired, shirts, dresses, coats and everything in between was cleaned and arranged. It looks fabulous!
- If you haven't already noticed, MTW is now selling their tickets through the Performing Arts Center of Wenatchee. (663-ARTS or www.pacwen.org.) This means you can buy your tickets in person at their box office or online for all our shows. Of course, you can always buy tickets at the door, if they are available.

## As You Like It directed by Sherry Chastain Schreck

Presented by the Short Shakespeareans

*As You Like It* is a pastoral comedy by William Shakespeare believed to have been written in 1599 or early 1600 and first published in the folio of 1623. The work was based upon the early prose romance *Rosalynde* by Thomas Lodge.

*As You Like It* follows its heroine Rosalind as she flees persecution in her uncle's court, accompa-

nied by her cousin Celia and Touchstone the court jester, to find safety and eventually love in the Forest of Arden. The play features one of Shakespeare's most famous and oft-quoted speeches, "All the world's a stage," and is the origin of the phrase "too much of a good thing." The play remains a favorite among audiences and has been adapted for radio,

film, and musical theatre. Performances are August 5-7 and 12-14 at 7:30 pm at the Riverside Playhouse. Tickets are available beginning the middle of July at Wood & Things at 240 N Wenatchee Ave, 663-1377, \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under. This is a show that is not to be missed.

# MTW Celebrates their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 2011 Marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Apple Blossom Musical

Back in the early '60's, several people decided to put on a show. Like out of a Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland movie, a new organization was born, Music Theater of Wenatchee (MTW). The first musical, *Rosalinda*, directed by Keith Sexson, was performed in the Pioneer Gym. It was moved to the Liberty Theatre a few years after that. But the actors had to wait until the last movie was over before they could start their final rehearsals, which would start at midnight and end at 4 AM. After a few years, the movie theatre was making a better profit from the Apple Blossom musical than from the movies. So it stopped showing the movie when the musical was being performed there for the next nine years.

Then the musicals moved to the

Wenatchee High School stage, where the shows were performed for the next 21 years. It moved again to the Riverside Playhouse and the Performing Arts Center of Wenatchee.

In the late 1970's, the members of MTW decided that they needed to cultivate more actors, singers, dancers, directors, producers, costumers, etc. MTW was given an opportunity to use a warehouse space on Benton Street for a nominal rental fee. This started the journey of having several shows produced per year. As the organization grew, many things have happened. MTW was able to build their new larger space at the Riverside Playhouse, which opened in October 1997. We have been able to support new, young, artists by producing their works. Producing such classic plays as *Cat on a Hot Tin*

*Roof, Driving Miss Daisy* and *Of Mice and Men*, among others.

MTW has grown so much in the last 50 years. Thousands of volunteers, spending thousands of hours, create the incredible productions that thousands of people have enjoyed. MTW has a rich history and continues to thrive. You, the members of MTW and those attending the plays and musicals make MTW the great organization that it is today.

Your continued support will keep MTW providing great theater for the next 50 years. A great big THANK YOU to everyone!



### Nason Creek Fundraiser—July 23-25

Cookies, laughter and hundreds of Visitors

Howdy friends! It's not too late to provide cookies or volunteer to "man the booth." It's a lot of fun! We need over 100 dozen cookies to provide to weary travelers. Coffee, tea, and desserts are provided free of cost to the visitors of the Nason Creek Rest Area. We only ask for donations. People are so generous that our last event garnered over \$1000.

It's also a great reason to take a scenic drive up Highway 28, just a bit past Coles Corner and visit our booth. Have some coffee and cookies. You never know what other delicious treats might be there to enjoy! We would love to see you there!

This is an important fundraiser for our scholarship program. Please contact Arlene Jones at 884-6835 if you have questions or would like to donate cookies or time. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

## MTW's Annual BBQ

August 22 at 4:00 pm—6:00 pm

This August brings our annual barbeque to the Playhouse. Everyone is welcome to join us for the party.



- Food & drink are provided
- Preview of upcoming shows
- Scholarship recipients
- Quick review of the last year

This party is a great way to share with us the past year and to celebrate the upcoming 50th Anniversary Apple Blossom Musical. Please come and enjoy this fun filled event.



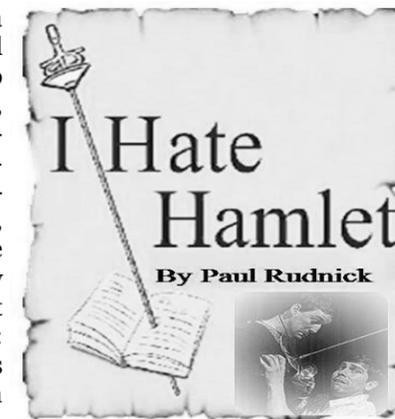
*Riverside Playhouse*

## ~ UPCOMING SHOWS ~

### I Hate Hamlet

Directed by Cynthia Brown

This comedy is about a young and successful television actor who relocates to New York, where he rents a marvelous, gothic apartment. With his television career in limbo, the actor is offered the opportunity to play Hamlet onstage, but there's one problem: He hates *Hamlet*. His dilemma deepens with the entrance of John Barrymore's ghost, who arrives intoxicated and in full costume to the apartment that once was his. The contrast between the two actors, the towering, dissipated Barrymore whose Hamlet was the greatest of his time, and Andrew Rally, hot young television star, leads to a wildly funny duel over women, art, success, duty, television, and yes, the apartment.



Directed by Cynthia Brown  
January/February 2011

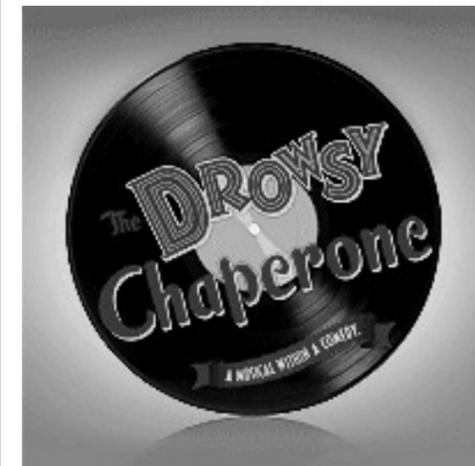
Auditions will be in November and will need 3 men and 3 women. Please come and be a part of this fabulous show. Here is your chance to shine!

The 2011 Apple Blossom Musical

### The **DROWSY** Chaperone

Directed by Daina Toevs

A rare combination of unprecedented originality and blinding talent, *THE DROWSY CHAPERONE* boldly addresses a great unspoken desire in all of our hearts: to be entertained. If you've ever sat in a dark theatre and thought, "Dear Lord in heaven, please let it be good," this is the show for you!



It all begins when a die-hard musical-theater fan plays his favorite cast album on his turntable, and the musical literally bursts to life in his living room, telling the rambunctious tale of a brazen Broadway starlet trying to find, and keep, her true love.

## MTW'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Recipients of our 2010 College Scholarship's

Every year MTW gives scholarships to students from high schools in Chelan and Douglas counties. The number of scholarships given out depends on the number of applicants. The requirements are that the student is going to a college or university that offers a major in Performing Arts, writing an essay in their own handwriting on why they deserve the scholarship, providing two letters of recommendation from teachers and one letter from a personal friend. The applications usually have to be turned in by the end of April of each year.

The scholarship program is partially supported by sales from our concession stand and beer and

wine sales during our shows at the Riverside Playhouse. That is why it is so important that you make sure to partake of the delicious candy, soda pop, coffee, tea and water at our shows. For those over 21 years old, enjoy the beer and wine! Those sales only provide a portion of the award money. Every other year, the donations we earn from the Nason Creek Fundraiser helps fund the scholarship program. Without this support, MTW would not be able to give out as many scholarships as they have been.

This year there were twelve applicants! All the students were so deserving that it was a tough decision to pick the recipients. MTW

was able to award money to seven students. A \$500 scholarship was given to each of the following students:

Eastmont High School:

- Katelin Toevs

Wenatchee High School:

- Sarah Kintner
- Rachel Morris
- Samantha Pitts
- August Sheets
- Tatyana Stahler
- Shane Whitaker

Congratulations to all and good luck on your future. The best is yet to come. Enjoy all the things that are coming your way!