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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

**News from the MTW Board:**

- MTW will be able to replace a broken HVAC unit with funds from a grant and the proceeds from the 50th Gala show.
- We are also able to replace our crew headsets. The ones we have been using are over 15 years old and mostly broken. We will be buying regular walkie-talkies to see if they will work for our purposes.

**In our next issue:**

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Music Theatre of Wenatchee needs your membership to continue producing quality plays and musicals. Becoming a member of MTW 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
- \$1,000.00 — Benefactor

Contact us online for the membership form and mail your check or money order to P.O. Box 3042, Wenatchee, WA, 98807. Your membership is very important to us.

**HARVEY**

Directed by Melissa Carlson

**Opens January 19th!!**

January 19th starts our 2012 season with "Harvey", directed by Melissa Carlson. This play was made into a movie in 1950, starring James Stewart and Josephine Hull. The story is about a man whose best friend is Harvey—a six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch tall invisible rabbit.

The show runs January 19-21, 26-28, and February 2-4 at 7:30pm, with a matinee on January 28th at 2:00pm.

**Cast List** (in order of appearance)

Myrtle Mae Simmons : Nicole Villacres;  
 Veta Louise Simmons: Bonnie Van Hoven; Elwood P. Dowd: John Mausser; Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet: Gretchen Bevis; Ruth Kelly, RN: Tiffany Mausser; Duane Wilson: Matthew Pip-pin;

Lyman Sanderson, MD: Jared Morgan; Judge Gaffney: John Schulz; William Chumley, MD: Matt Cadman; Betty Chumley: Cynthia Brown; E.J. Lofgren: Carl Potter.

When Elwood P. Dowd starts to introduce his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, to guests at a society party, his sister, Veta, has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment. Problems arise, however, when Veta herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the verge of lunacy when she explains to doctors that years of living with Elwood's hallucination have caused her to see

Harvey also! The doctors commit Veta instead of Elwood, but when the truth comes out, the search is on for Elwood and his invisible companion. When he shows up at the sanitarium looking for his lost friend Harvey, it seems that the mild-mannered Elwood's delusion has had a strange influence on more than one of the doctors. Only at the end does Veta realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all.

Do not miss this funny show! It's a great way to get through the winter doldrums!



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**MTW News:**

- January starts our membership drive. Being a member of MTW is a great opportunity to support your local theatre. You will receive the first chance at buying tickets to our regular shows, a discount to our Thursday membership night shows with a special champagne reception afterwards, quarterly newsletters and more. See the back page of this newsletter for the full listing of benefits. Please join us and help make sure that we can continue to provide quality theatre. Thank you!

## 2012 Apple Blossom Musical

### AUDITIONS!

MTW is excited to bring this magical musical comedy to the Riverside Playhouse. This is a laugh out loud comedy that will encourage you to get out your vintage roller skates!

**XANADU** follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time - the first ROLLER DISCO! (Hey, it's 1980!) But, when Kira falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation and chaos abounds.

This hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure about following your dreams despite the limitations others set for you, rolls along to the original hit score composed by pop-rock legends Jeff Lynne and John Farrar. Some well known songs from the show include, "Magic", "All Over The World", "Suddenly", "I'm Alive", "Evil Woman", "Have You Never Been Mellow" and "Xanadu", to name a few. The show is based on the Universal Pictures' cult classic movie of the same title, which starred Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly.



DIRECTED BY PAUL ATWOOD

parts and specialty dancers/skaters.

#### Character Break-down:

**CALLIOPE (APHRODITE)** Kira's jealous sister and fellow muse who plots against her.

**DANNY MAGUIRE (ZEUS)** the hard-nosed businessman who owns the Xanadu theater.  
**ERATO (SIREN)** one of Kira's older sisters and fellow muse.  
**EUTERPE (SIREN)** one of Kira's older sisters and fellow muse.  
**KIRA (CLIO)** The youngest of the Zeus's daughters and the muses, who falls in love with Sonny. Pretty. Adventurous. Speaks with a fake Australian accent for most of the show.

**MELPOMENE (MEDUSA)** Kira's oldest sister, who creates the plot for Kira's downfall out of jealousy.  
**SONNY MALONE** A self-critical, mortal, chalk artist who falls in love with Kira (Clio). Handsome. Very 80's.  
**TERPSICORE (SIREN)** one of Kira's older sisters and fellow muse. \*If possible, this role should be played by a man.  
**THALIA (SIREN)** one of Kira's older sisters and fellow muse. \*If possible, this role should be played by a man.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this incredible musical.

**XANADU** is hilarity on wheels for adults, children and anyone who has ever wanted to feel inspired. One of Broadway's master storytellers, Douglas Carter Beane, weaves a moving, electrifying tale of endless fun that will keep you in stitches, while the legendary chart-topping tunes lift you out of your seat. You'll want to keep the music in your head, and **XANADU** in your heart, forever.

Auditions will be held on January 30-31 at 7:00 pm. Call backs (if necessary) will be on February 1 at 7:00 pm. All auditions will be held at the Riverside Playhouse.

The minimum age requirement will be for anyone over the age of 18 years old. Skating skills are not a requirement but anyone with special talents is encouraged to audition.

For more information, please visit [mtow.org](http://mtow.org) or contact Kelly Atwood at [kelly@mtow.org](mailto:kelly@mtow.org) or (509) 662-6032.

Here is the information for the auditions. We are looking for men and women with speaking

### Replacing an HVAC unit for the Riverside Playhouse

MTW has been needing to replace one of the HVAC units for the Riverside Playhouse. We were recently fortunate to receive a special \$2,000.00 grant from the Evalyn O. Flory Foundation to help pay for air conditioning repairs. We want to thank Alan Nuckolls, President of the Foundation, for his help in supporting us by awarding this grant.

We also have the proceeds from the 50th Gala Celebration show to help with this purchase. We are thankful to the Foundation and our audience for supporting us so we can replace the broken HVAC unit.

We are continually grateful for the monetary support for items that we have needed. We received a gift last year to replace a lot of our sound equipment, a grant this year to help with air conditioning repairs, and not to mention the support of our wonderful audience who came to see our 50th celebration show.

MTW is truly blessed to have this incredible support from our local community. We depend on our audience and supporters to keep our organization producing the quality theatre we have been able to provide. We give you all a big thank you.

## MTW'S ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29th at 4:00 pm will be MTW's annual meeting. This is the official business meeting of the year. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon with your friends.

- Food & drink are provided
- New and old business
- Election of new officers
- Preview of upcoming shows
- 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*

## The MOMologues

*The original comedy about motherhood*

Directed by Kari DeMarco

Returning director, Kari DeMarco, is bringing a new comedy to the Riverside Playhouse. Coming in June, this hilarious comedy will have everyone who attends clutching their sides in laughter.

The MOMologues was conceived by director and writer Lisa Rafferty, who searched in vain for a play that offered an honest, funny look at motherhood. Lisa teamed up with fellow moms Stefanie Cloutier and Sheila Eppolito to write a show based on stories and experiences from the trenches of raising eight children among them.

The result: a one-act play that followed four women through the first chapters of motherhood – attempts at conception, pregnancy, labor and delivery, and adjusting to life with a newborn.

The play was presented to packed houses at Eliot Hall near Boston. The audience – loaded with moms – loved it, howling with appreciation.

Buoyed by their early success, the playwrights expanded their one-act play into a full-length show, including a wide range of universal mom situations like gender differences, the Tooth Fairy, picky eaters, discipline, kids peeing in the playground

and all the rest of the real-life comedy that is motherhood.

The full-length version of the MOMologues premiered at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, becoming an immediate sold-out success and prompting a return engagement the following year.

Auditions will be announced in the next few months. The cast will be four women, all looking of child-bearing age.

This will be a great play that everyone will enjoy. Even if you don't have children, you will be able to relate. Don't miss the fun!