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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

News from the MTW Board:

- The board members were able to hold a retreat to work on plans for the theatre for the next few years. Keeping MTW going takes a lot of work and many, many volunteers. The board members serve a two-year term. They are hard-working individuals who love contributing to the community by producing outstanding, quality theatre!

In our next issue:

- Man of La Mancha
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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.

It's time again for our Apple Blossom Musical! Rehearsals have been underway for the last few months.



loving fun at the 1980 movie with Olivia Newton-John. Don't worry. You do

The actors are having so much fun. This is a joy to perform. You will just love coming to see this hilarious musical.

Xanadu is about a Greek muse, Kira, helping Sonny, a struggling artist, to find his inspiration. Her evil sisters are jealous of her and place a curse on Kira so that she falls in love with the mortal, Sonny.

Sonny wants to open a theatre, including a roller disco. With the assistance of the beautiful Kira, Sonny's dreams are coming true.

Then, of course, the twists and turns follow.

The musical is di-

rected by Paul Atwood. The cast includes: Ashley Armstrong as Kira; Marlon Browne as Sonny; John Ryan as Danny, Colleen Bowen as Melpomene, Kelly Atwood as Calliope, and all the other fabulous muses: Danna Caron, Brady Dundas, Donna Er-canbrack, Aaron Getzin, Stephen Paxton, Jacob Scott, Mark Smeltzer, Dani Schafer-Cloke and Daina Toevs.

There are some specialty roller skaters, including Leo Meats, and special appearances by some of the roller derby team members. You will not want to miss this silly, fun musical.

This musical pokes

not need to have seen the movie to understand this musical.

Please join us for this incredible musical. Performance dates are April 26-28, May 3-5, 10-12, and 17-19 at 7:30 pm. There are two matinees on May 12th and 19th at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are now on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office. Please contact them at 663-ARTS, at pac-wen.org or at the box office, which is open Monday—Friday from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$17.00 for seniors over 65 and children under 12.

We look forward to seeing you there. Your funny bone will appreciate it!

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MTW News:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MTW is always looking for volunteers. If you get involved with our group, you will meet so many wonderful people. There are many different jobs that will suit anyone and their allotted time.

If you are interested in joining, please email us at info@mtow.org or call 662-7814. We would love to have you be a part of our team.

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.

This original comedy about motherhood rips away the gauzy mask of parenthood to reveal what all mothers know but don't always talk about: it's overwhelming and exhausting, but also very, very funny. From the joys of infertility, through reading the same books over and over and over, to finally seeing your baby get on that school

bus, this play mines the laughs and tears of the early years of motherhood. Four separate characters tell their individual stories, either directly to the audience in monologues, or in scenes with each other. Mothers everywhere can relate to the labor stories, the frustration of a simple trip to the store, the quest to connect with other mothers, all of which causes them to plan moms' nights out and arrive in packs to laugh hysterically at this tribute to "the toughest job you'll ever love."

Director Kari DeMarco says, "I hope for some great women actors to come audition. We need

women of child-rearing age who have their funny bone and sentimental side both still intact. I like to give actors a lot of creative freedom, and try to set up a fun, supportive rehearsal environment. That makes for fun community theater, both for the actors and the audience!"

Auditions will be April 17th and 18th at 7:00 pm at the Riverside Playhouse. You can check our web site to find more information on the auditions.

You will truly enjoy being a part of this fabulous, funny play. Please come and be a part of the fun.

Man of La Mancha

Directed by John Mausser

"Man of La Mancha" is the 1965 Broadway musical based on Miguel de Cervantes' classic novel Don Quixote de La Mancha. It is a story within a story as Cervantes, who has been thrown in prison, tells fellow prisoners about the characters in his novel. Delusional Alonso Quijana believes he is a knight named Don Quixote who fights foes, real and imagined, to make the world a better place. Accompanied by his friend, Sancho Panza, he imagines that a lowly bar maid whom he re-names Dulcinea deserves to be the object of his chivalry.

This winner of five Tony awards, including best musical, features

many well-known songs including "The Impossible Dream", "Man of La Mancha", and "Dulcinea". The show is moving, insightful, funny, uplifting, and truly has heart.

John Mausser says, "I saw 'Man of La Mancha' in San Francisco in about 1967 and absolutely fell in love with the show. Richard Kiley was mesmerizing in the leading role and everything about it struck a chord with me. To me it has the perfect balance of great music, serious acting, humor, and message. It is a perfect musical for a small space like Riverside Playhouse because it is a chance for the entire audience to be transported to a Spanish prison over 400 years ago."

Look for most of the props to be items from around the prison or to have come from Cervantes' trunk. Look forward to rousing music and comic relief. But mostly look forward to considering a life where the main purpose is to see the best in everyone and make life better for those around you.

Auditions for "Man of La Mancha" will be held in August and the show will perform at Riverside Playhouse for three weekends beginning Thursday, October 25. About twelve men and six women will be needed for the cast. The show is produced by Cynthia Brown and directed by John Mausser.

Nason Creek: Cookies!

It is time again for the Nason Creek fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to support our scholarship program. We give about \$3,000.00 a year to many deserving graduates. We have the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of July 27-29, 2012.

We will need approximately 100 dozen cookies, paper cups, paper plates, napkins, coffee, coffee creamer, and anything else you can think of. We will also need people to help work the stand. It is a lot of fun and rewarding. If you can help us, please give a call to Arlene Jones at 884-6835.

We are lucky to get this time to raise some money for the kids. We have to win a "lottery" to get the chance to have a weekend to give weary travelers cookies, coffee and more, who stop by the rest stop. There are so many wonderful, generous people that stop and donate to us.

We will contact some members to help with getting cookies and working the stand. Please consider being a part of this fabulous adventure.

A NEW LOOK!

MTW has painted the lobby and other rooms in the Playhouse. It has that fresh, new paint smell. The lobby, office, green room and dressing rooms have all been painted. It is a beautiful update to our wonderful theatre.

We have also been able to replace one of our HVAC units. It has been almost 15 years that we have been in the Playhouse. We are truly grateful for this amazing space that we have to put on musicals and plays.

We have been able to produce plays and musicals by new playwrights, and to rent the facility to local schools for rehearsals and plays. We have the Short Shakespearians put on a show every August.

This space has been enjoyed by MTW and many other groups throughout the valley. We thank you for your support of our organization and look forward to many more years in the Riverside Playhouse!

Riverside Playhouse

Sheryl Sutherland

MTW's New Board President



Sheryl Sutherland is the new MTW board President for the next two years. She has been on the board for the last 4 years.

Sheryl's first show with MTW was "The Most Happy Fella". She has

been in more than 6 musicals. Sheryl said, "I have been in choirs but I wanted to do something different. I'm pretty shy. To get out of my comfort zone. It's been pretty cool to be involved. Everyone is caring and passionate about theatre."

She has been involved with making costumes for many years. She usually makes her own costumes, but when "Beauty and the Beast" came along, she was really involved with making many of the enchanted characters.

She has been very involved with the "Follies" off and on for the last 15-20 years. Most recently she has been on the talent committee.

Sheryl has been married 30 years this coming June to David. They have three sons. Two are living in Jackson, WY. and one is about to graduate college.

We are truly blessed to have such a talented and joyous person leading our organization. Next time you see Sheryl, congratulate her on her new job.