

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre Announces Three Plays For Season Six!

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre is excited to announce that it has selected three high quality plays for production during its sixth season. These plays were selected, in part, through public comment and participation in the monthly public playreadings and discussions held by Mask & Mirror at the Tualatin Public Library.

The season opens November 4 with "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" by Alfred Uhry, the author of "Driving Miss Daisy." This play won the 1997 Tony for Best Play. It takes place in Atlanta in 1939. Comedy and romance intertwine with the realities of culture and the war as one of Atlanta's elitist German Jews concern themselves with attending Ballyhoo, the social event of the season.



"Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley, winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, opens March 4, 2017. The three Magrath sisters have gathered in Hazelhurst, Mississippi while grandfather is dying. Their troubles are grave and yet, somehow, so hilarious: one unmarried at 30; one experiencing a failed singing career; the third out on bail... make for an extremely enjoyable night of theatre!

The final show is "Anatomy of Gray" by award-winning author Jim Leonard, which opens May 5, 2017, and is often billed as "A children's story for adults." Set in Gray, Indiana, a small rural town, in the 1800's, June prays for a healer to come after her father dies so that no one will ever suffer again. A tornado roars in and a man in a balloon appears claiming to be a doctor... and seems to cure everything... for a while. This is a unique coming of age story for the whole family.

All three shows will be performed on "The Stage" at Calvin, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane in Tigard, and special season ticket pricing is now available online at www.MaskandMirror.com, or tickets@maskandmirror.com or 503-333-1139.

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre is now in its 6th season of presenting high quality and affordable (no tickets are more than \$15) live theatre to the citizens of Tigard and Tualatin – using all-volunteer actors, stage crew and administrators.

Participation and membership is open to all. We welcome experienced performers and theatre "wannabes" – we'll train you!

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Tualatin and (tax deductible) donations would be gratefully appreciated. Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.MaskAndMirror.com or contact Gary Romans at info@maskandmirror.com.



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Live Theatre Returns to Tualatin: Mask & Mirror UnMasked!

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre is excited to announce a partnership with The Tualatin Historical Society to return live theatre to the City of Tualatin. Starting in 2017, the theatre group will produce two shows each year in The Tualatin Heritage Center, one in January and another in July.

Since its formation in 2011, Mask & Mirror has been producing family friendly popular comedies and dramas on their rented stage at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Tigard. "The plan has always been to expand and find a second venue in Tualatin," explains Pat Romans, President of the non-profit theatre group. "We were formed to serve both Tualatin and Tigard and we've always been as active as possible in Tualatin. For example, we currently enjoy having our monthly public playreadings at the Tualatin Library. We've grown in the talent we have available and our audience size to the point where we can support two additional shows, and we're excited that we have the opportunity to produce them in Tualatin!"

Larry McClure, Director of The Tualatin Heritage Center, says "Hosting performing arts is part of the original mission for the Tualatin Heritage Center and we gladly welcome groups wishing to use our space in this way. For several years the Lumiere Players performed to admiring audiences despite the fact that we are not a traditional theatre venue. When Lumiere could no longer operate, we hosted Mask & Mirror for several special events, such as choral performances, as joint fund raisers. We are delighted to have community theatre return to this unique facility."

Since the Tualatin Heritage Center (THC) isn't a traditional theatre venue, as Larry says, and the small space allows a maximum of only 50 audience seats, Mask & Mirror knew they couldn't stage traditional large cast, big budget plays in this environment.

So they are taking advantage of the unique space by creating a unique concept for local community theatre presentations for its productions at THC. They are calling it Mask & Mirror UnMasked.

Gary Romans, a Founder of Mask & Mirror and the creator of the UnMasked concept says, "While those of us who practice the craft of theatre as a hobby enjoy the comedies and dramas that are the mainstay of community theatre, many of us often wish that we have the chance to expand our efforts and try some things that are a little more challenging; a little more difficult for the actors, directors – and maybe even the audience! Mask & Mirror UnMasked will present plays of merit not usually produced by all-volunteer, non-profit community theatre; especially plays that are edgy: having a bold, provocative, or unconventional quality – but are still entertaining for our patrons."

A superb show has been selected to open the Mask & Mirror UnMasked series. "String of Pearls" by Michele Lowe is a funny and moving tale of a fated necklace that changes the lives of 27 characters played by 4 very talented actresses. You'll experience a gamut of emotions and a string of stories as the pearls get passed from character to character in this deeply affecting story of love and loss. The show plays January 13, 14, 20, 21, 2017 at 7:30pm and January 15, 22 at 2pm in the Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Drive, Tualatin. The July show and performance dates will be selected in the near future.

Each show will only run for 6 performances, each performance will only offer 50 seats, and all tickets will be only \$10. Advance ticket purchase is suggested since it is expected that the 300 available tickets will be in high demand. Tickets will soon be available for purchase on www.MaskandMirror.com/UnMasked-Series.

