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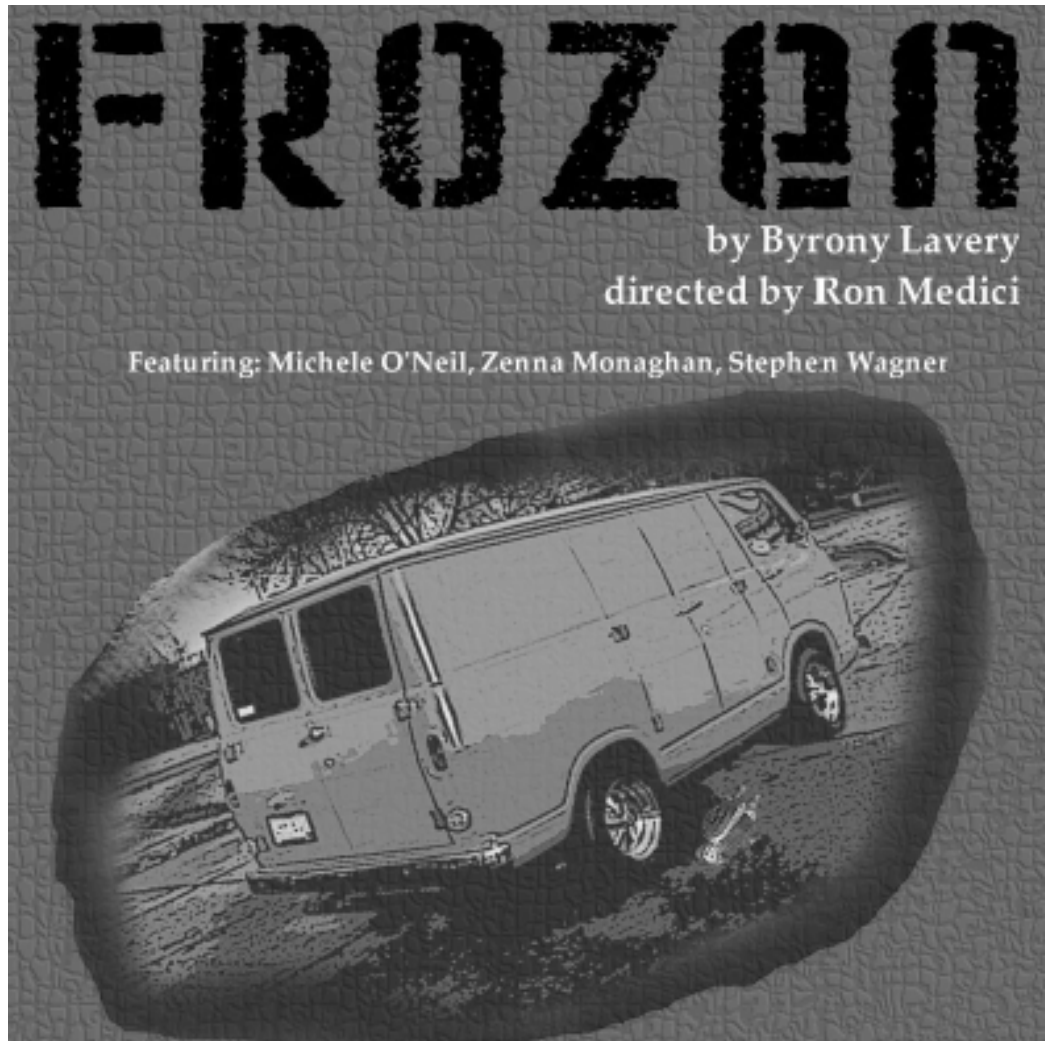
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A special presentation . . .



FROZEN
by Byrony Lavery
directed by Ron Medici

Featuring: Michele O'Neil, Zenna Monaghan, Stephen Wagner

February 8, 9, 10, 11, 2012 at 7:30 pm
Tickets: \$15
www.playersofutica.org / 1.888.663.3729
Players of Utica Theater, 1108 State St, Utica

This production is not a part of the Subscription Season
For mature audiences - strong language and adult situations



FROZEN: Playwright Bryony Lavery asks some cold, hard questions

Bryony Lavery's *Frozen* was written and first performed in 1998, but it is a play that will perhaps always be timely. It concerns itself with pedophilia, bereavement, the problematic nature of evil and the possibility and limits of forgiveness. These are all phenomena and themes that look set to be with us for a pretty long time.

Director Ronald Medici brings to life this tale, set in present-day England, that involves three main characters: a serial killer and pedophile named Ralph, who kidnaps and murders a young girl; the murdered girl's mother, Nancy; and a New York psychiatrist, Agnetha, who travels to England to examine Ralph. The three lives slowly intersect — and the characters gradually change and become "unfrozen" as they come to terms with the idea of forgiveness. Nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play (2004) and won a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor (Brian F. O'Byrne).

When you come to see this production, be prepared for a unique experience. Medici has chosen to employ the Japanese technique of "kurogo" for setting the scenes. The *kurogo* move scenery and props on stage, adding in scene changes. They remain onstage during the scene holding the prop or scenery piece until the scene ends. Kurogo wear all black in order to imply that they are invisible and not part of the action onstage.

The cast features veteran actors, Michele O'Neil, Zenna Monaghan, and Stephen Wagner.

Please note that FROZEN contains adult themes and language.

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Our subscription Season continues . . .

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR by Nikolai Gogol

directed by Marijean Levering

A Players of Utica/Utica College Drama Department Collaboration

February 23, 24, 25, 26, 2012

Venue: Utica College's Strebel Auditorium

Chaos comes to a small town blithely mired in graft and corruption with the news that a government inspector will be coming in secret to check out the town. Desperate both to avoid prosecution and to maintain their flow of illicit cash, the notables of the town are determined to bribe their way to a happy ending. Now if they can only figure out the identity of government inspector before it's too



GOD OF CARNAGE by Yasmina Reza

directed by Marilee Ensign

March 23-25, 29-31, 2012

Venue: Players of Utica Theatre, 1108 State St., Utica

Comedy and carnage; the aftermath of a playground scrap between two eleven year old boys and what happens when their parents meet to discuss it. This witty, revealing romp won the 2009 Tony Award for Best Play.

AVENUE Q book by Jeff Whitty, music/lyrics: Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx

directed by Dan Fusillo, music direction by Mark Bunce

June 2012

Venue: Players of Utica Theatre, 1108 State St., Utica

The Tony-winning musical *Avenue Q* is the hilarious and heartfelt story of a bright-eyed college grad who comes to New York with big dreams and little money. He can only afford to live on Avenue Q but—good news!—his neighbors turn out to be a remarkably funny bunch of characters.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS by Robert Harling

directed by Amanda Roy-Small

July 2012

Venue: Players of Utica Theatre, 1108 State St., Utica

A comedy–drama play about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. It is written by Robert Harling, based on his experience with the death of his sister. The action centers on Truvy's beauty parlor and the women who regularly gather there. The story begins on the morning of Shelby's wedding to Jackson and covers events over the next three years. The play is alternately hilarious and touching—and, in the end, deeply revealing of the strength and purposefulness which underlies the antic banter of its characters.

Silhouettes in Fashion

2nd Annual Fashion Show to benefit



February 24, 2012 at 6:00 pm

Players of Utica Theater

Live Jazz Music by “Doc” Woods. Food. Fashion. Auction.

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