

Press Release

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PLAYERS OF UTICA OPEN AUDITIONS FOR "PICNIC" September 8th & 10th, 2009 at 7:00 pm UTICA COLLEGE'S STREBEL AUDITORIUM

UTICA, NY – Players of Utica, New York State's oldest, continuously producing community theatre, is holding open auditions for William Inge's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, **PICNIC**. This is a collaborative production with Utica College's Dramatic Arts Program. Jane Metzger and Michele O'Neil will direct **PICNIC** for Players. Performance dates are expected to be October 22, 23, 24, 2009 at Strebel Auditorium.

Casting needs are as follows:

2 women 18-24

5 women 40-65

3 men 18-25

1 man 40-55

Production assistance is also needed. If you are interested to assist with props, costumes, makeup, rehearsal prompting, set design/construction/decoration, lighting and sound, please attend and sign up during the open auditions.

SHOW SYNOPSIS:

Picnic masterfully captures the lazy, late summer atmosphere of a small, Kansas town just like the one in which the playwright, William Inge, grew up. The tranquility and amiable boredom, however, are disrupted by the arrival of Hal, a wayfaring stranger, who arrives to work some odd jobs at Helen Potts' house.

About Players of Utica: Players of Utica, a non-profit community theatre, has been continuously producing shows in Central NY since 1913. We have entertained more than 1 million individuals with first-class community theatre. Players of Utica is an equal opportunity community theatre organization.

In May 1999 the Players Theatre on Oxford Rd in New Hartford, NY was lost to an arson fire. In cooperation with many public and private organizations, we have begun work on the site of a new theatre located State Street in Utica.

For more information, a complete history, and to support or participate in Players of Utica, visit our web site at www.playersofutica.org.