

Press Release

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PLAYERS OF UTICA ANNOUNCES 2009-10 SUBSCRIPTION SEASON Join Players of Utica as we celebrate our 97th Season and 100th year of affordable quality in live entertainment!

UTICA, NY – Players of Utica, New York State's oldest, continuously producing community theatre, has announced their main stage productions for the 2009-2010 Subscription Season. Subscription/Memberships can be purchased at www.playersofutica.org and prices remain the same as last season.

***PICNIC* - by William Inge**

October 2009, Pulitzer Prize, winning drama

Picnic masterfully captures the lazy, late summer atmosphere of a small, Kansas town just like the one in which the playwright 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.

***THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW* - by Richard O'Brien -**

January 2010, a musical cult classic

An ultra-campy classic that unfolds on a dark and stormy night, where an uptight young couple seeks refuge at the castle of a mad scientist just as he unveils his latest creation for his adoring followers. Come on everyone – Let's do the time warp again!

***THE ODD COUPLE (female version)* - by Neil Simon**

April 2010, a contemporary comedy

Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary classic: *The Odd Couple (female version)*. Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The hilarious Constanzuela brothers have replaced the beloved Pidgeon sisters.

***PROMISES! PROMISES!* – Neil Simon (book), Burt Bacharach (music), Hal David (lyrics)**

The tuneful Tony Award winning musical by two of the most successful composers and lyricists in pop music. It's the tale of a low-level insurance executive who, in an attempt to get ahead, lends his apartment key to company executives for their extra-marital flings.

In addition to these great main stage productions, Players of Utica will, for the 27th year, offer the beloved Holiday Classic, "**SCROOGE**" on December 18th and 19th, 2009 on the beautiful stage of the Stanley Center for the Arts in Utica.

About Players of Utica: Players of Utica, a non-profit community theatre, has been continuously producing shows in Central NY since 1913. Players is the oldest, continuously producing, community theatre in New York State. 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.