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December 9 & 10, 2011





IT'S ONLY A PLAY by Terrence McNally

directed by Ron Medici

October 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 2011

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

Opening night on Broadway! What could be more exciting or funny especially when the director is a kleptomaniac, the leading lady is a paranoid drug addict, the help, Gus, wants to wear Lauren Bacall's mink coat and Joan Rivers is bitten in the mouth by a dog named Torch? And that's only the beginning as all the theatre people in Terrence McNally's farce called "It's Only a Play" wait for the opening night critic's reviews to appear in the papers. Oh, don't forget the lady NYC cab driver who delivers the paper and pizza!

THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN by Martin McDonogh

directed by James Gifford

November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 2011

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

Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland in 1934, this play is a strange comic tale in the great tradition of Irish storytelling. As word arrives on Inishmaan that the Hollywood director Robert Flaherty is coming to the neighboring island of Inishmore to film "Man of Aran," the one person who wants to be in the film more than anybody is young Cripple Billy, if only to break away from the bitter tedium of his daily life. Playwright McDonagh has created characters for whom the fine line between cruelty and kindness is slender.

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 late...

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.



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