

Press Release

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PLAYERS OF UTICA PRESENTS

"PICNIC"

By William Inge

Co-Directed by Jane Metzger and Michele O'Neil

A Players of Utica/Utica College Collaboration

Winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and Critic's Circle Award

October 22, 23, 24, 2009 @ 8:00 pm & October 25, 2009 @ 3:00 PM

Utica College's
Strebel Auditorium

UTICA, NY – Players of Utica, New York State's oldest, continuously producing community theatre, opens the 2009-2010 season with William Inge's, **PICNIC**, a classic drama presented in three Acts.

The play takes place on Labor Day Weekend in the joint back yards of two middle-aged widows. The one house belong to Flo Owens who lives there with her two maturing daughters, Madge and Millie, and a boarder who is a spinster school teacher. The other house belongs to Helen Potts, who lives with her elderly and invalid mother. Into this female atmosphere comes a young man named Hal Carter, whose animal vitality seriously upsets the entire group.

"This production has been the perfect vehicle for this collaboration with Utica College", says Players veteran and co-director, Jane Metzger. "We have six wonderful, hard-working college actors who have all been a delight to work with along with an equal number of talented Players of Utica regulars including familiar faces like Rose Cirillo, Jackie Osterman, Leslie Reilly, Eric Almleaf, Michael Schuyler, and newcomer, Marissa Perkins".

Come and see just how as you enjoy this opening production of our 97th-season and 100th-year!

For Tickets & Reservations call: 315-724-4000

Students - \$7:00

Seniors - \$12.00

Adults - \$14.00

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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.

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