

STAGE DOOR NEWS

Jennifer Payne, Editor

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Letter from the President

Hello, Ritz Players Supporters!

I am very excited to, once again, serve as President of the Ritz Players. I have been involved with the Players from the very beginning...can we really be starting our 34th season?!

And, what an exciting season we have ahead of us! Our first show, *The Foreigner*, opens soon and runs October 6, 7, 14, and 15. Don't miss this comedy directed by Jennifer Payne! Also, the Ritz Teen Thespian Guild, comprised of students from area high schools, recently auditioned their show, *Alice in Wonderland*, which runs November 10, 11, and 12. It is under the direction of Mika Kasior, Dianne Pytel, and Corey Zech. The Players' season continues with *Deathtrap*, directed by Mika Kasior, which runs February 16, 17, 24, and 25. The small musical, [title of show], will be presented May 11, 12, 19, and 20, under the direction of Charles Groth. The season closes with the summer musical, *The Addams Family*, directed by Corey Zech. As you can see, we have a wonderful season of theater in store!

Please make this the season that you get more involved, either on stage or behind the curtain. We have a great theater "family", but we can always use more hands and would welcome new faces! If you aren't contacted for something that may interest you, please don't be shy. Contact a director, board member, or a fellow Ritz Player. We are a community theater, and we need a community to keep us going strong!

The Ritz Players Board generally meets at the theatre on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. However, dates and times sometimes change due to conflicts. Additionally, general meetings are held quarterly, which are announced in the Stage Door News. All are welcome to attend!

This year's board members, besides myself, are: Lonnie Fitch, Vice-President; Seth Innis, Secretary; Nancy Steyer, Treasurer; and Jim Cook, Sue Cook, Norman Gibat, Beth Koop, Joan Ledwedge, Jennifer Payne, James Puffenberger, and Laura Warren.



Ritz Players Board Members:

Michael Steyer -
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Lonnie Fitch -
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Seth Innis - Secretary;
Nancy Steyer -
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If you have not paid the Ritz Players membership dues for 2017-18, please consider joining our organization. Your support through this very nominal fee, is greatly appreciated!

See you at the Ritz!
Michael Steyer, President

Cast List

CHARLIE BAKER – SCOTT HAVICE

FROGGY LESEUR – MIKE MAGNUSON

BETTY MEEKS – NANCY BETZ

CATHERINE SIMMS – GABRIELLE MITCHELL

ELLARD SIMMS – TYREK HYDE

OWEN MUSSER – BOB DERBY



The play takes place in a fishing lodge in rural Georgia often visited by "Froggy" LeSeuer, a British demolition expert who occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. This time "Froggy" has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation with strangers. So "Froggy," before departing, tells all assembled that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Once alone the fun really begins, as Charlie overhears more than he should.

October 6, 7, 14 – 7:30 PM

October 15 – 2:00 PM

Coming Soon



Look for audition dates in December on our Facebook Page!

Directed by Mika Kasior

General Meeting October 18 7:00 PM

Come one come all for a spooky good time on Oct. 18!

Everyone welcome!! Costumes optional



Ritz Players Annual Banquet

June 4, 2017

The Ritz Players held their annual banquet on June 4. Attendees enjoyed dinner and games, followed by our annual Gus Awards.

Jennifer Hill, Director of *Into the Woods* presented the “Now I Know” Award to Laura Warren, the “Be Careful the Things You Say” Award to Hanna Mathias, the “Any Moment” Award to Nick Saxton, and the “It Takes Two” Award to Carla Towers.

The awards for *Elvis People* were presented by Co-Director, Nathan Morton. Gus Awards were given to Dylan Sickels, Nancy Betz, Bob Derby, and Nancy Hardy.

Chris Joyce, Director of *Fiddler on the Roof*, announced the following awards: the “Give that Girl a Hand” Award - Sandy Kimmel, the “Two-Toned Voice” Award – Nathan Morton, “Trying to Weasel his Way Out of Rehearsal” Award - Kevin Held, the “It Takes Two Award” – Holly Rife and Norman Gibat.

Scotland Road’s awards were presented by both directors, Dianne Pytel, and Norman Gibat. The “Most Likely to go Screaming into the Night” Award – Seth Innis, the “Ubiquitous” Award – Holly Rife, the Novice, But Not a

Novice” Award – Angela Patuto, and “Most Always There” Award – Sandy Kimmel.



Fiddler on the Roof winners Norman Gibat, Holly Rife, Chris Joyce (Director), Kevin Held, Sandy Kimmel, and Nathan Morton



Scotland Road winners Seth Innis, Holly Rife, and Sandy Kimmel stand between Directors Dianne Pytel and Norman Gibat



Into the Woods Award winners Nick Saxton, Hannah Mathias, Carla Towers, Jennifer Hill (Director), and Laura Warren

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