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MAD Ticket Sales Go On-Line

MAD will have full on-line ticket sales available for *Annie*. You'll be able to pick your seat and complete the whole transaction in minutes on the MAD web site. This will also allow us to support special discounts as well as giving us easier ways to contact folks when we need to (like inclement weather problems or arrangements with individuals with disabilities). And it should make the job of sales manager—one of the more difficult ones—much easier. We will probably have some growing pains this first year as we figure out how to coordinate the on-line service, sale management, house management, and security, so please bear with us. And there will be some changes, hopefully mostly for the better: for example you will be able to pick your exact seat at the table instead of having to rush to arrive to get the best one! We're still working out all the details, so watch the MAD site (<http://madtheater.org>).

There will be 14 performances of this family friendly and highly entertaining musical beginning Friday, October 23, and ending Saturday, November 21. Friday and Saturday performances will be in the evening at 8:00 pm except for Halloween (Saturday, October 31) which will be a matinee, as are all Sunday performances, beginning at 2:30 pm. Rec Center doors open an hour and a half earlier and, as always, the ticket price includes a pre-show buffet dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee, tea, etc.).

2010 Winter Show – Call for Director

It's that time of year again to start getting ready for the next Winter show. MAD is looking for a director and show package for the 2010 Winter show. A drama, comedy or small cast musical may be submitted. New directors are always welcome! Directors may submit one or more shows for consideration. A copy of the script for any submitted show should be submitted with the application. Please send all applications to Courtney Ritz at Courtney.L.Ritz@nasa.gov or call 301-286-7946 by August 31, 2009. For more information, please contact Courtney at the above contact information.

2010 Holiday Chorus – Call for Director

We are looking for a choral director for the Holiday Chorus. Rehearsals start the Monday after Thanksgiving and culminate in a noon performance at GSFC in mid-December. Other performance venues are a possibility. Rehearsals are traditionally Monday and Wednesday, Noon to 1:00 PM and Tuesdays, 7-9 PM. Please contact Kathy Nieman (producer) at knieman@hst.nasa.gov or Georganne Larsen at g.c.larsen@usa.net if you are interested in this position, or if you have any questions.

MAD About Town

From **George Fleming**: "I have made my acting debut on a Manhattan stage! It was in a ten minute scene performed once, July 10, in an Off-Off-Broadway theater, the [45th Street Theatre](#). It was part of the [Shotgun Theater Festival](#) where scriptwriters are given 24 hours to write a ten minute scene, and the actors are then given 20 hours to perform it once. There were fourteen scenes and 40 actors. Learning lines quickly, I realized, is not a strength of mine! But it was great being on stage again, and everyone was wonderful. And the scene was fun!"

Jerry Khatchersian is in 2nd Star Productions' next show, Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party." It will be performed weekends September 4 through September 19, 2009. A serious comedy from the master of American comedy, six people (three men and three women) are individually invited to dinner in a fancy French restaurant by a mutual friend. They do not know who the other guests will be, or even why they have been invited. Turns out that each of the three couples is divorced (one couple twice), and the person who invited them (never appears) thinks they should have a chance at reconciliation.

Jill Goodrich will be appearing in a production of "The Laramie Project" with Rockville Little Theatre. Performances are 8:00 p.m., October 9, October 10, October 16, and October 17, 2009; Sunday matinees, October 11 and 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. All performances at the [F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre](#), Rockville MD. Ticket prices: Adults – \$16, Seniors (62 and over) and Students (with valid I.D.) – \$14.

MAD Update

On July 13th, **Stephen C. Yednock Jr.** ("Damn Yankees," "Brigadoon," many Spring Drama Shows, father of Steven P. and Megan) was sent to Doctor's Hospital after having major breathing difficulties. It was found that Stephen was having a heart attack and he was later sent to Adventist's Hospital for surgery to have a stint procedure. He recovered briefly at Magnolia Center and is now back home. In the coming weeks he will be having two more stints and should be getting back to work soon. The Yednock family would like to thank you everyone at MAD for their notes, cards, e-mails with prayers, and well-wishing. It really helped Steve in his recovery.