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2008 MAD Fall Show – “Joseph” Cast Openings Still Available!

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is under way! Auditions went great, but there are a few roles remaining to be filled. You can still get in on the fun! Contact Barbara Ying at barbara.ying@verizon.net or Michael Hartman at Michael.J.Hartman@nasa.gov for more information. Children are encouraged to join our children's choir.

2009 Winter Show

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 2009 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 Linda Sellner at ksellner@verizon.net or call 410-960-8628 by August 31, 2008. For more information, please contact Linda at the above contact information.

NVMs Approved in June

The following names were approved as NVMs at the June Board meeting:

Valerie Bleau
Don Mitchell
Sherry Mitchell
Don Walton
David Weaver
Shirley Weaver
Matt R. Williams

MAD About Town

Jen Larsen will be playing in the pit orchestra for Wildwood Summer Theater's (WST) production of "Parade," which runs July 18, 19, 25, and 26 and August 1,2 at 7:30pm, and July 27th at

1:30pm. The show has really excellent music, but she would not call it a family show. It has some very heavy subject matter, regarding religion and race in the South near the turn of the last century. In any case, it should be very well done, and extremely enjoyable.

Stephen Yednock will be performing in Stroyka Theater's production of Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" directed by Jennifer Simmons at Jackie's Restaurant (8081 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910) in their back room. The dates are (Thurs–Sun) July 17th, 18th, and 19th at 8:00pm and July 20th at 2:00pm, and (Thurs–Sun) July 24th, 25th, and 26th at 8:00pm and July 27th at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$18 and \$15 for students/seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 301-445-0145 (CASH ONLY, sorry no credit cards). For more info go to www.stroykatheater.com. Steve plays the small, but very funny part of "Charles Dabernow Schmendiman." "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is a play written by Steve Martin in 1993. It features Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso, who meet at a bar called the Lapin Agile (Nimble Rabbit) in Montmartre, Paris. It is set on October 8, 1904 and both men are on the verge of an amazing idea (Einstein will publish his special theory of relativity in 1905 and Picasso will paint Les Demoiselles d'Avignon in 1907) when they find themselves at the Lapin Agile, where they have a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent while interacting with a host of other characters. Sounds pretty pretentious, I know, but actually it's a very funny comedy and definitely has the type of humor you would expect from its writer, Steve Martin. Here's a link to Jackie's Restaurant (<http://www.jackiesrestaurant.com/>) and a link to a press release on the show (<http://www.stroykatheater.com/picassopressrelease.pdf>).

Michael Hartman invites you to come down to the New Deal Cafe in Historic Greenbelt Roosevelt Center on Monday night, August 11, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., where the Eco-Tones, Jimmy Sferes and Jennifer White, are presenting a "hybrid" concert presenting elements of their Eco-Tones (<http://www.eco-tones.com>) and Sferes and White (<http://www.sferesandwhite.com>) performances. This is a rare and special Monday night concert at the New Deal. This concert is being given in the style of a House Concert where all the proceeds go directly to the performers. Suggested donation is \$15.00 per person. In addition, you can buy dinner from the brand new menu of the New Deal Cafe featuring Mediterranean and Middle Eastern food and a fine selection of international wines, as well as domestic and imported beers. Sferes and White create music that is a passionate love affair between acoustic rock and soulful folk, blending intricate guitar work, luscious harmonies, and thought-provoking lyrics. They've performed on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" and on the New Morning TV Show. Their CDs are produced using wind-power, minimal packaging, and soy-based inks; their "Carbon Neutral Tours" happen in a biodiesel vehicle getting 50 mpg; and their message is that sustainability can, and should be, fun. "It's not just one element that makes Sferes and White performances special – it's the whole package. Flawless harmony on the vocals, great guitar work, a steady infusion of wit and humor, and great songwriting...the sum total is magic!" ~ Dave Wann, Harmony Village Cohousing. Please contact Michael at 301-345-2234, or via e-mail at mdurdles@aol.com for more information. You can visit the New Deal Cafe Web Site at <http://www.newdealcafe.com> to find out more about this wonderful venue.

MAD Update

Rich Fogg will have both of his knees replaced on July 21, 2008. Please keep him in your thoughts. I'm sure that he's love to receive cards, calls, and emails when he's home recuperating.