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Last Chance To Get Tickets for "Joseph"

There are still excellent seats for some of the remaining performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*--an ideal family show! Best seats are available on Thursday, November 20. Almost as good is Friday, November 21. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$22 for children 10 and under, including beverages (wine, beer, soft drinks), full buffet dinner, and the show; \$19 for the show and beverage service only (no buffet). Tickets are available at the MAD web site (www.madtheater.org) or by phone at 240-475-8800. A copy of the sales flyer is also available on the website (<http://www.madtheater.org/JoFlyer.pdf>). Tickets remain for performances on November 14, 20, 21, and 22 in the evening (doors open at 6:00 p.m. for buffet, 8 p.m. curtain) and for the Sunday, November 16 matinee (doors open 1 p.m. for buffet, 3 p.m. curtain).

MAD Holiday Chorus

MAD HOLIDAY CHORUS - The Music and Drama (MAD) Holiday Chorus will begin rehearsal on Monday November 24 from 12 to 1 p.m. in Building 28, Room E210. No auditions or previous choral experience is required! Rehearsals will be Monday and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Building 28 (Room E210 or N270). Auditions for solo or small groups will be held Monday, December 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 2 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Building 28, Room E210. Anyone eligible to audition will be expected to sing in the chorus as well. We will sing at various senior centers and perform our GSFC concert on Thursday, December 18 at 11:30 a.m. Call Director Randy Barth (614-5472) or Producer Kathy Nieman (286-7889) for further information or if you require a badge.

Auditions for "Inherit the Wind"

Auditions for the MAD 2009 winter show "Inherit the Wind" have been set for December 1, 2, and 3, 2008 (come to one) at 6:30 PM in the Building 3 Auditorium. Call backs will be on December 4, if needed. "Inherit the Wind" requires a large cast of Men, Women, Girls, and Boys of all ages. Parts range from leads to townspeople (with few or no lines, but plenty of stage time). A complete list of characters is included on the audition flyer, attached to this MADogram. Performances will be between February 13 and 28, 2009. Audition scenes are available on the mad web site (www.madtheater.org). Follow the link at the bottom of the page. For additional information or if you can not make the normal auditions please contact Eliot Malumuth (eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov).

Call for Winter Show Cabaret Director

We are looking for a director for our traditional Winter Show Cabaret. Anyone interested please contact Linda Sellner at (410) 960-8628 or e-mail lsellner@verizon.net by COB December 1, 2008.

MAD Board of Directors – 2009 Nominations

The MAD Board nominations committee is seeking interested volunteers to run for the MAD Board in 2009. We have a number of open positions and people seeking to be involved with running this club should contact the nominations committee. One significant role that each Board member (both Executive Council and Advisory Committee) plays is to be a part of our Fall Show selection process. Not only does it have a significant impact on the Fall production, but it is often very informative for the committee members.

As with many volunteer organizations, we have had difficulty filling the board in the last few years. We desperately need volunteers to keep this organization running and ensure that we can continue to provide the club activities and opportunities that our members desire. Especially if you have never been active in the management of the club, consider running for a position and discuss it with the nominations committee. We can teach most of the duties for each position. If you have any questions or interest in any of the following MAD Board roles, please contact Ted Ying at 301-614-5244 or tedying@yahoo.com to discuss.

Executive Council (the following must be GEWA members including family members):

MAD President
MAD Drama Vice President
MAD Music Vice President
MAD Fall Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Property Manager

Advisory Committee (the following must be held by MAD members either voting or non-voting):

Dance Coordinator
Drama Coordinator
Music Coordinator
Technical Coordinator

Thank You to Launchfest Volunteers – Follow Up

In September, we hosted a booth at the very successful Launchfest celebration at Goddard. One of the volunteers who contributed significantly to our presentation was our piano accompanist, Suzanne Hubbard, without whose help we would not have had such a wonderful stage presentation. Many thanks to Suzanne and apologies for omitting her name from our list of volunteers.

MAD About Town

Jerry Khatcheressian will play the role of Hysterium and **Anne Staunton Adams** will play the role of Domina in the next 2nd Star Production of "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum." The show opens November 14th and runs weekends through December 13th at Bowie Playhouse in Whitemarsh Park, Bowie, MD. For ticket information, please visit <http://www.2ndstarproductions.com> . Jerry Khatcheressian has set aside December 5th to obtain group rates: 18 dollars for general admission and 15 dollars for seniors 60 and above. If any one is interested, please contact Jerry K. at 301-286-0476 in time for him to make the reservations.

On Saturday night, December 13, the Central Maryland Chorale will perform its Winter Concert at 8 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew on New Hampshire Avenue. **Suzie Parks, Dana Raitt, Becky Silverstein, and Emma Hadley** are part of this group. Ticket information and other details can be found at their website, www.centralmarylandchorale.com. Good singers who like to perform master works and have the ability to read music can still join this non-auditioned group. See the website for information.

On Sunday, December 21, at 4 p.m., the Mishkan Torah choir will be performing a Hanukkah Concert at the synagogue at 10 Ridge Road in old Greenbelt. **Carol Juran, Jan Bloom, Suzie Parks, and Becky Silverstein** are part of this group. Anyone can come and listen! It is the first night of Hanukkah and everyone will bring their menorahs to light together after the singing.



Invites you to

Audition

for the MAD 2009 Winter Show

INHERIT THE WIND

Directed by Eliot Malumuth

Produced by Linda Sellner



Inherit the Wind is a fictionalized version of the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial". John Scopes was arrested for teaching evolution, in Dayton Tennessee, in July 1925. The case attracted national attention and 2 giants of the court room. William Jennings Bryan a 3 times presidential candidate (and loser), great orator, and fundamentalist volunteered to prosecute the case. This drew Clarence Darrow to volunteer to defend the case. Among the journalists sent to cover the case was H.L. Mencken of the Baltimore Sun. These historical figures have close (but fictionalized) counterparts in the play.

Many parts of all sizes for Men, Women, Girls and Boys.

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All GSFC and NASA Headquarters Civil Servants (active or retired), Badged Contractors, their spouses and dependent children, as well as MAD non-voting members are eligible to audition.

Inherit the Wind Characters:

Lead parts

- Henry Drummond** - A nationally well known defense attorney (the counterpart of real life Clarence Darrow) comes to Hillsboro to defend Bertram Cates.
- Mathew Harrison Brady** - A national giant. A great orator, who ran for President 3 times but lost all 3 times. A staunch opponent of the theory of evolution he comes to Hillsboro to prosecute Cates. (The counterpart of real life William Jennings Bryan).
- E.K. Hornbeck** - A smart alack newspaper columnist from Baltimore, who comes to Hillsboro to cover the trial. (The counterpart of real life Baltimore Sun columnist H. L. Mencken).
- Bertram Cates** - A young high school teacher arrested for teaching evolution in the Hillsboro high school. (The counterpart of real life John Scopes).
- Rachel Brown** - Cates (girl)friend Rachel is a fellow teacher and daughter of the local Reverend.

Feature parts

- The Judge** - The presiding judge of Cates' trial.
- Rev. Jeremiah Brown** - The local Reverend, a real fire and brimstone type.
- Mrs. Sarah Brady** - Brady's wife (a motherly type).
- Tom Davenport** - The local prosecutor (becomes Brady's assistant).
- Horace Meeker** - The local Bailiff (a kindly sort).

Other speaking parts (~20 lines down to 1)

- The Mayor** - Mayor of the fictional Tennessee town of Hillsboro.
- Mrs. Krebs** - A local townswoman.
- George Sillers** - A townsman who becomes the Forman of the jury.
- Mr. Bannister** - A townsman who becomes an accepted juror.
- Howard** - ~13 year old boy who is a witness in the case.
- Melinda** - ~12 year old girl (daughter of Mrs. Loomis).
- Elijah** - A wild "holy man" from the hills.
- Harry Esterbrook** - Radio reporter (comes to Hillsboro for the verdict).
- Mr. Goodfellow** - The local haberdasher.
- Jesse Dunlap** - A townsman and rejected potential juror.
- Reuters Man** - British newspaper reporter from Reuters.
- Photographer** - A newspaper photographer.
- Mrs. McLain** - A townswoman.
- Mrs. Blair** - A townswoman (Howard's Mother).
- Mrs. Loomis** - A townswoman (Mother of Melinda).
- Mr. Krebs** - A townsman (Husband of Mrs. Krebs)

Other parts

- Hawkers** (Hot Dog Man, Hurdy Gurdy Man, etc...)
- Townspeople** (men, women, girls, boys)
- Scientists** (who do not get to testify)
- Jurors**

(Some actors may play multiple parts)