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"Joseph" Move-In - October 11, 2008

Opening night for MAD's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" is just around the corner (October 24). This coming Saturday, October 11, at 10am at the Rec Center will be move-in for the show. Since we have a small cast for this show, we can really use the help of the MAD membership at move-in. We are looking for both skilled and unskilled labor. Your help would be most appreciated. Those electric screwdrivers are always useful if you have one (charge them up Friday night). If you need an escort on center, please let me know at scott.ritz@gmail.com or 301-602-3890.

Winter 2009 Show Selected

Announcing the Winter 2009 show:

Inherit the Wind
By Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee
(no, not that Robert E. Lee)
Directed by Eliot Malumuth

This show offers the largest cast in MAD Winter show history. We will need lots of actors (Men, Women, Girls, and Boys) for this play (see cast below).

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 in violation of The Butler Act (a Tennessee state law). The case was set up as a test of the Butler Act by the ACLU and local authorities looking for publicity. It 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 (the Sun offered to pay Scopes fine if found guilty).

The play is defiantly a work of fiction with many of the characteristics of the characters changed from their real life counterparts. But the show closely mirrors the historical trial and result, especially the titanic battle of the 2 national giants. The proceedings are

recreated building to a truly remarkable scene when deprived of any pro science witnesses Henry Drummond (Darrow) puts Matthew Harrison Brady (Bryan) on the stand to testify as an expert on the Bible.

A more detailed description of the particulars of each character will follow in the next couple of weeks. Audition scenes will be available soon from director Eliot Malumuth (301-286-5776; eliot.malumuth@nasa.gov) and on-line at the MAD web site.

Auditions are tentatively set for Monday-Wednesday December 1-3. Performances are tentatively set for February 13-28.

Inherit the Wind Characters:

Lead parts:

Henry Drummond	The counterpart of real life Clarence Darrow
Mathew Harrison Brady	The counterpart of real life William Jennings Bryan
E.K. Hornbeck	The counterpart of real life H. L. Mencken
Bertram Cates	The counterpart of real life John Scopes
Rachel Brown	A fictional (girl)friend of Cates

Feature parts:

The Judge	The presiding judge of Cates' trial
Rev. Jeremiah Brown	The local Reverend (Rachel's Father)
Mrs. Sarah Brady	Brady's wife
Tom Davenport	The local prosecutor (becomes Brady's assistant)
Horace Meeker	The local Bailiff

Other speaking parts:

The Mayor	Mayor of the fictional Tennessee town of Hillsboro
Mr Goodfellow	
Mrs. Krebbs	
Corkin	
Bollinger	
Platt	
Mr. Bannister	Town person and potential juror
Melinda	~12 year old girl
Howard	~13 year old boy (Witness in the case)
Mrs. Loomis	
Mrs. McLain	
Mrs. Blair	
Elijah	A "holy man" from the hills
Timmy	
Dunlap	Town person and potential juror
Sillars	Town person and Forman of the jury
Reuters Man	British newspaper reporter from Reuters
Harry Esterbrook	Radio reporter

Other parts (there is crowd shouting and singing):

Townpeople (men, women, girls, boys)
Scientists (who do not get to testify)
Reporters
Jurors

The play can handle as many actors as care to be in it, so if you ever wanted to be in a MAD Winter show please come audition!

Thank You to Launchfest Volunteers

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who contributed to making Launchfest such a success for the club. We gave out over 800 cookies and 600-700 flyers for the show and got a lot of interest in the show. We even added 40 new names to our mailing list. Special thanks to those who baked cookies (Meng Chiao, Gerry Daelemans, Natalie Daelemans, Kathy Evans, Michael Hartman, Chris Wells, Ted Ying and Ron Zucker), those who performed on stage (Max Condell, Hannah Jang-Condell, Annabelle Leete, Linda Pattison, Courtney Ritz, Linda Sellner, Barbara Ying and Ted Ying) and those who helped with the booth (Randy Barth, Mary Collins, Gerry Daelemans, Belle Davis, Kathy Fontaine, Michael Hartman, Courtney Ritz, Scott Ritz, Barbara Ying, and Ted Ying).

Call for NVM Applications – Due Date November 4, 2008

The MAD Executive Committee is now accepting applications for Non-Voting Members (NVMs). An NVM is defined as (1) any guest who is eligible to become an NVM by having had significant involvement in a winter, spring, or fall show during BOTH 2007 and 2008, and (2) a current NVM who wants to renew his or her status (which requires involvement in a winter, spring, or fall show during either 2007 or 2008). Please apply online at the MAD website as instructed below, or complete the form below and submit it to Randy Barth, Code 610.2, NASA/GSFC, Greenbelt, MD 20771. All applications must be received online or via mail by November 4, 2008. Approval of all applications will be determined by the MAD Executive Committee at the November meeting and will be published in the December 2008 MADogram.

**The Executive Committee will still consider NVM applications after November 4 but anyone considering auditioning for the Winter show will want to submit before this deadline.

Online Instructions:

- Go to MAD's home page, click on "Member Services" button.
- Click "For Active Members."
- Enter current or previous year user id and password (if unknown, call Randy Barth at 301-614-5472).
- Click "NVM Application" button.
- Search for your previous record by entering your name or click the "blank form" button.

FALL 2008 NON-VOTING MEMBER APPLICATION AND
RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____

Current Status: NVM: _____ Guest: _____

Mailing Address:

Daytime Telephone: _____

Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

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MAD About Town

Jerry Khatchereessian 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 Whitmarsh Park, Bowie, MD. For ticket information, please visit <http://www.2ndstarproductions.com> .

Cathy Barth plays the lead role of Julia Perry in Bowie Community Theatre's "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody." This comedy will be performed October 3 through October 18, 2008, at the Bowie City Hall. Ticket information and directions can be found at www.bctheatre.com.

MAD Update

Priscilla and Bill Struthers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 13, 2008!