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MAD Spring Variety Show: The iMADgination Lab

The MAD spring variety show will feature something for everyone with music, singing, dance, and drama; you are sure to enjoy what has been brewing in the iMADgination lab. Show dates are May 19, 20, and 21 in the GEWA Recreation Center.

The Friday May 19 and Saturday May 20, performances will be at 8 PM, while the Sunday May 21 performance be at 2 PM. Doors will open 30 minutes before curtain. Please allow extra time to stop at the main gate and to get to the rec center.

Entrance will be through the Goddard Campus (not the gate on Good Luck Road); to attend you must enter through the main gate on Greenbelt road.

All visits to Goddard Space Flight Center must be pre-coordinated. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 (cash) by those who have Goddard picture badges or are being escorted by an employee-badged sponsor. Others must purchase tickets online by Monday, May 15 at noon (\$8 + \$1 service charge) so event badges can be prepared for pickup at the guardhouse.

Both people with and without badges may purchase tickets in advance through the MAD website (www.madtheater.org). The website will have a very simple form to fill out so that we can arrange the one-day event badge for people who do not have a badge or an employee sponsor to escort them.

Tickets are for open Seating so arrive early to pick the best seats. Concessions will be available before the show and during intermission.

Don't miss this chance to see what's been brewing in our iMADgination lab!

MAD Board Meeting

The next meeting of the MAD Board will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017, starting at 5:30 pm in Building 3, Room 137. All club members are welcome to attend.

MAD About Town

At the Greenbelt Arts Center, April 21 – May 13, "Tribute" by Bernard Slade Directed by **Gayle Negri**, produced by **Andy Negri**, featuring **Barbara Lambert** as "Maggie" with technical support by **Den Giblin, Steve Beitzell, Randy and Cathy Barth, and Kristi Gardner**. Scottie Templeton's a charming, irresponsible fellow. A sometime Broadway press agent and former scriptwriter, he's everyone's friend, nobody's hero, and a great womanizer who's managed to live over fifty years without taking anything seriously including love, marriage, and fatherhood. Life has been one continuous gag. But at fifty-one, he finds the script's been rewritten as a tragedy. His son Jud, alienated by years of neglect, comes to visit. Scottie's one concern is to make friends with his son, for everyone else adores Scottie including his ex-wife, his friend and boss, and his doctor. Tribute is a warm, funny, touching play with wonderful characters. For tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=72914>

Rachel Heney ("Oklahoma," "Into the Woods," "Show Boat," "The Sound of Music," "Annie") has a busy May ahead of her. On Sat. May 6, she will compete in the PG County "XTreme Teens" competition at UMD's Clarise Smith Center. Tickets are \$5, info at http://www.pgxtremeteens.com/Hot_Happenings/Signature_Events/Teen_Vocal_Showcase_Auditions.htm. On Saturday, May 20, Rachel will be performing a "Princess Concert at Paint Branch Unitarian Church; this is a pay-what-you-like fundraising event. Details are at <http://rachel.heney.net>. Finally, on Sunday, May 21, Rachel will be appearing at the MoCo's Got Talent competition at the Fillmore in Silver Spring as the returning champion. This is a free event; information will be posted at <https://www.facebook.com/montgomerycountyrecreation/>

John Degnan will be directing the hilarious farce, "The Nerd", written by the late Larry Shue, who also authored "The Foreigner," for which MAD won First Runner-up for Best Non-Musical in the 1995 Ruby Griffith Award competition (also directed by John). Auditions are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday evening, May 8 and 9, at 7:30 pm at the Bowie Playhouse. The show runs three weekends in August. For a play synopsis and character descriptions, please consult the PGLT website at pght.org.

Jill Goodrich will be appearing as Sharon Bates in Rockville Little Theatre's production of "Book of Days" by Lanford Wilson. Dublin, Missouri. County seat of Chosen County. Home to a thriving cheese plant, a welcoming church, and a surprisingly good community theatre. Home to the Hoch and Bates families, their friends and neighbors, and the occasional visitor. A place for community, nostalgia, and middle-American values. Death changes things. Wilder's *Our Town* meets Shaw's *Saint Joan* in this country-noir story about how friendship, loyalty, and willful denial prevent us from confronting the truth. *Setting: Summer in a small town on the cusp of the new millennium.* May 5, 6, 7*, 12, 13, 14* (Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm,* Sunday Matinees at 2 pm). All performances at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. For tickets, call 240-314-8690, order online at <https://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/>, or go to the box office (open Tuesday – Saturday, 2:00 – 7:00). For half price tickets, use the code: SAINTJOAN.

Anne, Jon, Elizabeth, and Rebecca Gardner will play as "Transatlantic Crossing" for the Greenbelt Community Contra Dance on Saturday, May 6. There is dance instruction for beginners at 6:30pm and then the dance itself runs from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. All the dances begin with a walk-through and are called by Kappy Laning. Tickets are \$10 each. The dance is in the Greenbelt Community Center gym at 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt.

David Solomon is excitedly looking forward to dancing in three numbers in the upcoming MAD Spring Show, choreographed by our very creative new dance workshop leader Trisha Randazzo. In other venues, he can now confirm that he can be seen, for about two seconds, in the movie "Jackie," at precisely the 1:31:20 and 1:31:21 points in the movie, where, appropriately enough for MAD, music is playing, from the original Broadway cast recording of the song Camelot (Reprise), from "Camelot." We hear the lyrics: "Each evening from December to December, before you drift to sleep upon your cot, think back on all the tales that you'll remember, of [David appears on screen here] Camelot." (The movie "Jackie" is available on DVD, and for digital streaming, for rent or purchase, from Amazon Prime Video and iTunes.) David also appears, for much more than two seconds, in several shots in the very early minutes of the Bollywood movie entitled "Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai" [Hindi for This Is Life]. This movie, telling an inspirational fictional tale of an older woman helping a young woman to travel out of an oppressive male-dominant relationship to a liberated life, love, and a successful writing career in America, was released on March 3, 2017, but it only played for a few days in area theaters, and is not yet available for home viewing. But David can be seen, online, in an online teaser (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuHXNBh585Q>), if you pause it at 16 seconds. And on TV, David has 2 or 3 upcoming projects. On May 5, he will be working as Cameraman #2 on episode 212 of the Reelz channel's series "CopyCat Killers," on a set located somewhere in Lanham, MD. (May 5 is the filming date; the broadcast date is not known yet; last season aired on Saturdays between 2/27 and 9/3/2016). On May 22nd and 23rd, he, and possibly Mike Heney and additional MAD members, will work in a video for a future PBS pledge season, in the Montgomery College Silver Spring Cultural Arts Center, as an "engaged audience member for a New York Times bestselling author." Finally, season 5 of "House of Cards" will be released on May 30th. David can neither confirm nor deny, before then, whether he will appear in a 5th consecutive season, but he will be eagerly watching. Watch this space for future updates.