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MAD Goes Live?

Do you miss doing live theater, in person on a stage with your fellow actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and comedians? Well, you can do something about it!

That's right, MAD is looking to have a live, in person Spring Music and Drama variety show in the tradition of past Spring Shows. We would be able to do this in the building 3 auditorium (as several past Spring Shows have been done).

MAD is looking for someone to take on the role of overall Artistic Director to coordinate the effort. Details can be worked out as to the form the show takes. Acts such as music (singing or instrumental), one-act plays, cuttings, scenes, monologues, for single performers or small groups can be selected, rehearse at home or with the participation of the Artistic Director (or individual directors for each act), whatever works best these days.

This call is to see if there is someone who can shepherd the idea and take charge of the show (not necessarily direct each act). If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Eliot Malumuth (eliotmal@me.com, 301-332-7438).

MAD Board Meeting

The next MAD Board meeting with be held on Thursday, February 9th, at 5:30 PM via Zoom. All club members are welcome to attend. Please email madboard@googlegroups.com if you would like the Zoom link to attend.

MAD About Town

Jill Goodrich will be appearing in "Men on Boats" with Silver Spring Stage which runs from February 3-19. This account of a geological expedition down the Green and Colorado Rivers in 1869 is based on the journals of John Wesley Powell and his crew of pioneers. These historical figures were all cisgender white males; the cast portraying them will be made up entirely of people who are not. In this bold and refreshing approach, the play bridges the gap between then and now in ways that highlight the ludicrous arrogance of the Western colonizers while recognizing their bravery and fearlessness. The theatrical dissonance between the performer and the role allows for comedy, commentary, and satire, offering the audience a chance to reconsider a moment in history without being beholden to the men whose voices have traditionally dominated our understanding of it. See ssstage.org for tickets.

Anne Hull [MAD's "Steel Magnolias," "Follies," "Wyrd Sisters"] will become Mrs. Peacock in "Clue: On Stage" the weekends of February 24-March 5 with Stand Up For...Theatre at DoodleHatch in Columbia MD. More info & Tickets https://our.show/SUFT/CLUE. Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

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