

OSCAR WILDE'S THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



Oscar Wilde's *The Importance Of Being Earnest* is one of the most enduring drawing room farces of all time. Subtitled "A Trivial Comedy For Serious People" to emphasize his satirical viewpoint, Wilde skewers everything Victorian from manners to marriage. His quick-paced dialogue and improbable situations have kept audiences laughing for decades.

The successful directorial team of British-born Magic Circle veteran Jane Pierrepont (who recently directed Magic Circle's staging of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*) and Ginny Spaven, assistant director, guide the production that punctures the pomposities of 19th Century English culture, just as Oscar Wilde intended.

The fun begins as Algernon (Algy) Moncrieff (played by Johnny Lee), a gentleman of class, is visited in London by a friend he knows as "Ernest", (played by Troy Lee), who has come from the country to propose to Algernon's cousin, Gwendolen. Suspicious of his friend's motives, Algy discovers that his friend is leading a double life. In the country, he is known to be a serious young man named Jack Worthing who is protective of his 18-year-old ward, Cecily. However, when he visits London, he adopts the "Ernest" persona enabling him to live a free-wheeling bachelor's life.

Algy has also been leading a double life by inventing a friend named Bunbury who lives in the country. How can these two rascals untangle their duplicity and marry their romantic interests—Gwendolen (Nikole James) and Cecily (Elizabeth Mueller)? That is the challenge of this uproarious farce.

Magic Circle veteran actor Dave Olson, plays Gwendolen's mother, the imperious aristocrat Lady Bracknell, one of the most memorable characters of the English theater. The cast is rounded out by Tania Hajjar, Nick Hoppner, Alex Atwood, Mary Dietrich and Hannah Arebalos.

Evening performances of *The Importance of Being Earnest* are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays March 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25. Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on March 12, 19 and 26. The Box Office opens to Season Ticket Holders Tuesday, Feb. 21. Tickets for the general public can be purchased online at www.magiccircleplayers.com beginning Friday, February 24, by telephone at (970) 249-7838, or in person at the Magic Circle Theatre box office, 420 South 12th Street, Montrose. Box office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2-5 pm.



Calendar



Saturday Feb. 11

Patrons, you may get your tickets any time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 FEB	13 Closed	14 Box Office Open 2-5	15	16	17	18
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General Public may make online reservations starting Feb. 24

Earnest Opens!



All Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 PM.

Sunday matinees are at 2:00 PM.

The Box Office opens two hours before each performance.

Regular Box Office times during a play in production are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 2 - 5 PM. Come in, call and leave message, or use our new online system to make reservations.

420 S. 12th St.

Information and Reservations 249-7838

Find us on the web at www.magiccircleplayers.com

Box Office is open every Tuesday from 2-5 PM.

from
Lisa

My New Year's Resolution was to daily journal what I was grateful for and what brought me joy that day. This decision was borne of the necessity to take back my life after a particularly stressful 2016. I found myself often gritting my teeth, acutely aware of the difficulties and challenges. I wanted out of that rut! When I began to record all that DID make me happy in a day, I began to FEEL happy...often. Some of you are on my lists: a conversation at the Box Office, an encounter in aisle 5 at Safeway, a conversation on the phone, an e-mail, a note in the mail – THANK YOU for all your concern and support as our family takes this Alzheimer's journey. You make my day!

Don't miss My FUN Funny Valentine on February 11, 2017 at the Montrose Pavilion! The event is \$25 per ticket and includes hors-d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffles, all the fun and festivities AND a show. Fun begins at 6pm with a 7:30pm Show Time. We offer reserved seating so don't wait to purchase your tickets. Tickets may be purchased at MagicCirclePlayers.com or at the Magic Circle Box Office, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 2pm -5pm.

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Magic Circle Players, Ltd., is a non-profit organization dedicated to the presentation of quality live theatre in the Montrose community. Through the efforts of volunteers, MCP strives to entertain, educate and involve the residents of Western Colorado, young and old, by encouraging an appreciation for the dramatic arts.



Week One - June 18 through 23

Week Two - June 25 through 30

Drama Camp is held at the end of June each year and gives actors third grade through middle school the opportunity to audition, be cast in a play and perform that play at the end of the week. It is a whirlwind week that is a summer highlight for many! DRAMA CAMP REGISTRATION is by MAIL ONLY. Registration materials will be available in the Drop Box at the front of the theatre on April 15th at 7:00am. Parents should fill out the registration form and mail it ASAP; actors will be added to the roster on a first come-first serve basis. Please be sure to keep the information sheet that is part of the registration packet. For additional assistance or TO VOLUNTEER, contact Nancy Ballantyne 249-1346 or nancybgm3@gmail.com



On Stage 2017

Auditions for the engaging, entertaining, funny *A Play About A Dragon* will be held Sunday, March 19 & Monday, March 20 at 6pm at Magic Circle Theatre. We are looking to cast 15 actors; adult, teen and older children roles are available for this production set in England in the middle of the Middle Ages. Audition packets will be available March 7, 2017. Production dates are: June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18. For more information, please contact Stasia Allyn at stasiayork102@gmail.com or 275-7820. See page 5 of this Teaser.



For twelve years, the TFC Travel Show has performed each fall at local elementary schools. We perform a 30 minute play, cast and directed by Magic Circle Players' volunteers, to give the joy of a live theatre experience to children who may not otherwise have the opportunity. We generally rehearse through the month of August and start performances after Labor Day; performances are scheduled on Thursdays and/or Fridays each week through the first week of October. We do two performances at each of the public schools. We are always warmly welcomed at the schools, so it is a wonderful theatre experience.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to participate! We need a director and actors interested in auditioning. If you want a performance experience that doesn't have the strenuous requirements of a full length production, you have availability in the fall, you like elementary children and children's literature AND would like to be part of extending a theatre experience to a captive audience, please contact mcp@montrose.net or call 249-7838.



Theatre for Children
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Theatre for Children on Stage
Auditions:

In the middle of the Middle Ages, Morton Montesque's troupe of traveling players happily believe they've volunteered to perform their play about a dragon for King Stanley The Stern. Actually, they've volunteered to slay a real dragon! When they discover their mistake, it's too late to back out - but how can they succeed where so many brave heroes have failed?



Disney's
Aladdin Jr.

Montrose High School presents "Aladdin Jr."
on
March 30, 31 and April 1st
7pm all nights, 2:00pm matinee on April 1st

\$10 adult
\$8 senior, 55+
\$5 student/child

Tickets may be purchased at Montrose High School Activities Office or at the MCP Box Office two hours prior to each performance.



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