

MCP Teaser

News of the Magic Circle Players ~ February 2013

Bus Stop by William Inge

Magic Circle Theatre's production of *Bus Stop* by William Inge, opens March 8, 2013. The dramatic comedy is set in the mid-1950s in a street-corner restaurant in a small town about 30 miles west of Kansas City.

When a raging snowstorm waylays their interstate bus, five strangers have an unwanted, night-long layover in the short-order eatery/bus stop owned by Grace Hoylard (played by Judy Wind). Grace is a worldly-wise woman with a somewhat adaptable morality largely overlooked by the local sheriff, Will Masters (Keith Distel). Working with Grace on the night of the storm is waitress Elma Duckworth (Jayde Truscott), an intelligent but impressionable high school girl.

Coming in out of the cold are Carl, the bus driver (Tony Roberts), and his four passengers. Carl and Grace clearly appear to enjoy each others' company.

Creating trouble is a brash young rancher named Bo Decker (Niko Nelson), whose boorish romantic intentions are directed toward Cherie (Kayla Needham), a nightclub singer. She wants nothing to do with Bo's awkward and aggressive romantic attentions. Trying to temper Bo's impulsiveness is Bo's head ranch hand, Virgil Blessing (Bob Allyn), an older and wiser cowboy.

Also introduced is Dr. Gerald Lyman (Peter Ambrose). Lyman is an intellectual college professor with an obvious drinking problem whose attentions Elma finds charming.

Were it not for being trapped together by the storm, would the relationships (romantic and otherwise) between Grace and Carl, Dr. Lyman and Elma, and Cherie and Bo turn out the same? That is the question that continues to delight *Bus Stop* audiences to this day. Capably directed by Sandy Lundberg, and Tania Hajjar, Assistant Director, the cast

transforms this classic romantic drama into a fascinating study of human behavior.

Evening performances are on March 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees on March 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. Public ticket sales open on March 5 at the box office of Magic Circle Theatre, 420 South 12th Street, Montrose, or by phone at 970-249-7838. Box office hours are 2-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



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MHS PRESENTS ***Arsenic and Old Lace***, the classic comedy that kills with kindness!

By Joseph Kesselring



Directed by Matt Jenkens
7:00 PM on 3/28, 3/29, & 3/30
Matinee 3/30 at 2:00 PM

Spinster sisters Abby and Martha Brewster are devoted to charity and family. But they have taken on another project as well—befriending lonely older gentlemen and then poisoning them with arsenic-laced elderberry wine.

“Insanity runs in my family,” Mortimer Brewster tells his fiancée. “It practically gallops.”

There is ample evidence throughout this dark comedy in which theatre critic Mortimer discovers that his brother Teddy's conviction that he is Theodore Roosevelt is just the tip of a very peculiar iceberg. Along with his sweet old aunts' habit for euthanasia, there's long-gone brother Jonathan (an escaped convict, who has undergone a series of surgical procedures that have left him with the distinctive visage of Boris Karloff) and his partner in crime Dr. Einstein. In this Montrose High School production, hilarity ensues in the classic play in which the Brewster's bring new meaning to family dysfunction.



From Lisa

I want to introduce you to the wonderful ladies who serve as volunteers in the Magic Circle Box Office. They make my job so pleasant and serve by answering the phone, returning phone calls, running credit cards, assisting customers, filing, and they have even been known to do dishes and make coffee. All of these women go above and beyond to care for our guests. Renee Lee was the Theatre Manager for twelve years. She retired, came back to volunteer and I won't let her quit. Ginny Spaven is a Board Member, and taking a brief hiatus as she directs our May production of *1776*. Jaymi Edgell works on show nights and schedules three hours away from her business each week to volunteer. Rachel Darling just started this season and has mastered the reservation process. Pat Myers comes in as her schedule allows and it always seems to be at a moment we most need the extra hand. Katelyn Rediger and Jamie Ila, high school students who volunteer for a couple hours every Tuesday, have done everything from ice removal to returning phone calls. When you next hear a voice on the phone confirming your reservation, rest assured these are the finest women you will meet!

Drama Camp 2013 registration will be Saturday, April 27. Drama Camp runs Monday through Friday the last two weeks of June. The grade indicates the grade the actor will be in for the fall of 2013. Each actor **MUST** attend the full week for which he or she is registered.

9:00am	WEEK ONE – June 17- 21
3rd through 5th grade actors	
9:30am	WEEK ONE – June 17 –21
6th through 8th grade actors	
10:00am	WEEK TWO – June 24–28
3rd through 5th grade actors	
10:30am	WEEK TWO – June 24- 28
6th through 8th grade actors	
10:45am	WEEK ONE – June 17-21
High School Improv Actors	(Evenings 6pm to 8:30pm, \$25)



Registration is at Magic Circle Theatre and you must be present to register. No early registrations are accepted. Tuition is \$40 for the first actor in a family, \$20 for each additional actor. T-shirts are \$3.00. There will be packets for each family to take home, so that each actor is prepared for a very intensive week of experiencing theatre through the production of a play.