

A FEW GOOD MEN



BY
AARON SORKIN

Magic Circle Theatre's production of *A Few Good Men* by Aaron Sorkin opens March 7. At its heart a morality play, the intense courtroom drama pits the Military Code of Justice against The Marine Corps Code of Honor in the age-old question of whether the ends justify the means. In dangerous times, when maintaining military discipline is vital for unit survival, are all superior's orders inviolate—to be carried out without question?

The situation seems straightforward: Military lawyers are presenting the government's case against two Marines stationed at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base who have confessed to imposing an illegal disciplinary action that proved fatal to a fellow Marine. At first the defense merely hopes to cut a deal for lenient sentencing, but it soon unearths mitigating circumstances that are impossible to ignore.

Overlaying the relentless search for clues and motivations are interacting rivalries, moralities, and inferiorities: Marine Corps versus Navy, male versus female, senior officers versus junior officers, Ivy League educations versus real-world experiences. With near-Shakespearean detail, each character's moral perspectives are dramatically offset and challenged by a complementary character whose beliefs differ.

Confidently leading the prosecution is Lt. Jack Ross, USMC (played by Rob Omer). Uncertainly mounting the defense is LT (junior grade) Daniel Kaffee, USN (Nikko Nelson) with LTJG Sam Weinberg, USN (Nathan Cretti) and Lieutenant Commander Joanne Galloway, USN (Stacie Healey) whose opinion of Kaffee evolves as the truth is uncovered.

Looming ominously in the background is the threatening presence of Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Jessup, USMC (Peter Ambrose), commanding officer of the Marines at Guantanamo. Jessup's subordinates, Platoon commander Lt. Jonathan Kendrick, USMC (Ned Bosworth) and company commander Capt. Matthew Markinson, USMC (Jim Hougnon), as well as the base physician, Commander Walter Stone (Tony Roberts) dwell uncomfortably in Jessup's shadow.

A Few Good Men is a taut, tense thriller that will surely entertain and challenge you. The play includes some adult language and imagery.

Directed by Keith Distel with assistant director Katie Anderson, *A Few Good Men*'s evening performances are on March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees on March 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. Public ticket sales open on Tuesday, March 4 at the box office of Magic Circle Theatre or by phone at 970-249-7838. Box office hours are 2-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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All Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 PM

All Sunday matinees are at 2:00 PM

The Box Office opens two hours before each performance.

Regular Box Office times are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays - 2 PM to 5 PM.

Come in or call and leave a message to make reservations.

The box office will be open EVERY TUESDAY from 2 PM to 5 PM.

420 S. 12th Street, Information and Reservations 249-7838

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Animal Farm: the barnyard fable with a sting.

In this Montrose High School production, George Orwell's timeless allegory arrives on stage combining physical theater and storytelling. This powerful fairy tale illustrates how greed and absolute power corrupts absolutely and, with devastating consequences, can change the course of history.

Revolution has taken place at Manor Farm. The pigs have assumed control and, under the principles of 'Animalism,' a better life free from human service is promised to every former beast of burden. Guided by a simple set of rules and an unrelenting respect for authority, it is not long before the hope of promised freedom becomes the chains that bind the animals once again. Evening performances begin March 27-30. Directed by Matt Jenkins.



Magic Circle Players and Montrose Community Foundation is presenting the *first ever* My Funny Valentine Benefit Concert on Feb. 14, 2014, at the Montrose Pavilion. This event features many Magic Circle favorites singing and dancing to our all-time favorite love songs, including an hilarious scene from the upcoming play, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," and much more, making this Valentine's Day magical, memorable and fun for all!

Cast: Rhonda Parker, Jim & Jeannie Hougnon, Bethany Ward, Nathan Cretti, Romeo Icasiano, Dalyn Pearson, Jessica Kastendieck, Marshall & Beckie Pendergrass, Jeff Nelp, Jane Pierrepont, Ned Bosworth, Jim Mitchell & Amy Nelp, Teira Ila, Everett Gregory, Ruth & Ray Jantzen, Gary and Jonah Hokit, and our very own *Girl Group, The Dream Valentines*: Katelyn Rediger, Emma Cooper, Teira Ila and Arielle Bustin, Jamie Ila

Curtain: 7:30 PM Friday, February 14, Cash Bar

General Admission: \$20.00
Students \$15.00
VIP Reception \$50.00
VIP reception includes reserved seating, & 6 PM reception which includes: fabulous food, champagne, desserts, entertainment, Valentine surprises

Tickets on Sale Now at the Montrose Pavilion or Magic Circle!
Magic Circle Theatre, [970-249-7838](tel:970-249-7838)
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Montrose Pavilion, [970-249-7015](tel:970-249-7015)
1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose

This event is sponsored by Megapixel. All proceeds will help to fund the building addition to Magic Circle theater.

Magic Circle Box Office Hours
Tuesday 2pm -5pm
February 11, 12 & 13 2pm -5pm



**A Benefit Concert for Magic Circle Players
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THANK YOU BILL AND KAREN

The archive photo mattes and frames that hang in the lobby just received a facelift thanks to BILL CUNNINGHAM and KAREN ARNOLD. Bill and Karen willing gave up their living room for several months to mattes, tape, pictures and memorabilia as they repaired damaged mattes and compiled many new ones. Going above and beyond, they had new frames constructed and rehung them in the lobby, next time you are here, look for your favorite show. Thank You, Bill and Karen.

From Lisa

Time sure flies when you're havin' fun! I have been up to the new costumes storage hunting for glittery gowns for Peter Pan's mermaids and have been dreaming about how to make actors "fly." I have enjoyed watching SO MANY volunteers help us build, organize, and move in to the new addition. It has been a thrill listening to five teenage girls practice for "My Funny Valentine"; you don't want to miss all the treats planned for that night! Matt Jenkins from Montrose High School is directing his students in Animal Farm; there has been much rummaging through boxes, looking for our animal costumes. We updated our credit card machine and WE NOW ACCEPT DISCOVER CREDIT CARDS. We replaced our computer, printer, modem and credit card machine in a few weeks....that was the not fun part of time flying! The glitter and color of Miss Helen's Mecca is about to be exchanged for army green and khaki. We will see you soon for A Few Good Men.

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**DRAMA CAMP -
CAN YOU SEW?**

Drama Camp needs help with simple sewing; the costumes are quite often goofy, wild and imaginative. It's fast and fun and you would get a chance to meet the young actors.

Drama Camp Registration
APRIL 26, 2014

9:30am - Elementary Drama Camp - Week 1 - June 16 to 20

10:00am - Middle School Drama Camp - Week 1 - June 16-20

10:30am - Elementary Drama Camp - Week 2 - June 23-27

11:00am - Middle School Drama Camp - Week 2 - June 23-27

Tuition is \$40.00 plus \$3.00 for a Drama Camp T-shirt. There is a discount if more than one child from a family is attending.
Registration must be made IN PERSON ONLY.



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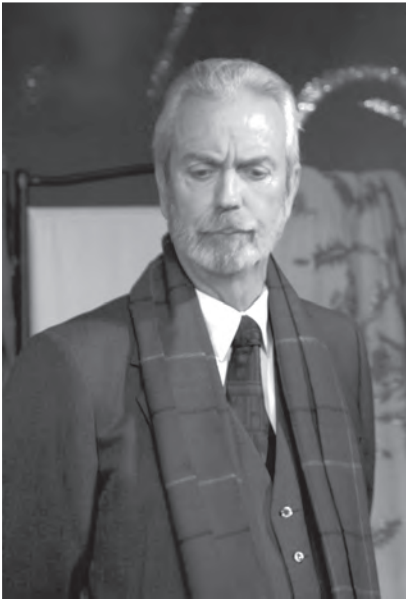
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TFC TRAVELS - NO AUDITION

Actors are needed--no audition required--for the TRAVEL show which travels to local schools in the fall. We need people who are available to perform the last three Friday afternoons in September and the first three Friday afternoons in October. We perform for about 2500 people at 8 schools with rehearsals in August. If anyone is interested in being involved in the TRAVEL SHOW with acting, designing or directing, please contact Nancy.



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