

MCP TEASER

News of the Magic Circle Players Oct. 2014

Magic Circle Players present *70, Girls, 70*, a Musical for the Ages

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Senior citizens rock! That's the implicit message of *70, Girls, 70* as musical comedy returns to the Magic Circle Players' 55th season.

Originally staged in 1971, the madcap *70, Girls, 70* is about an aging cadre of former theater folks moldering away in a dilapidated retirement hotel in New York's Upper West Side. The decrepit New Sussex Arms is slated to be sold to developers, and the septuagenarian residents fear they'll soon be cast out into the street. That is, until one of them stumbles across a successful, albeit illegal, way to finance the purchase and refurbishing of their accommodations. The laughs and songs of *70, Girls, 70* tell the tale of how the aging guys and gals undertake their hijinks. There are also tender and sentimental moments that reassure us that romance endures no matter one's chronological age.

A sure-fire measure of the appeal of a musical is whether the music is catchy and memorable. *70, Girls, 70* has several tunes that will reverberate inside your head all the way home. You'll love the title song, the life-affirming "Yes" and the infectious "Coffee in a Cardboard Cup" and "Boom Ditty Boom."



Created in the early '70s by the writers of *Cabaret*, Fred Ebb and Norman L. Martin with lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb, *70, Girls, 70* is brought to Magic Circle for 11 shows in November by veteran director Merrilee Robertson, with assistant director Mary Dietrich, musical director Greg Davidson and choreographer Chris Boyce.

Making her Magic Circle debut as "Ida," the ring leader of the oldsters, is Barbara Kastellic. With a cast of more than 25 to back her, Kastellic epitomizes the good-hearted yet sassy lady in charge. Providing the fast-paced, laugh-filled musical with on-stage keyboard expertise are Becky Northey as "Lorraine" and Amy Priest as "Roxie."

Evening performances of *70, Girls, 70* are on November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29. Sunday matinees are on November 9, 16 and 23. Public ticket sales open on Tuesday, November 4, at the Magic Circle Theatre box office, 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. **Circle Players present *70, Girls, 70*, a Musical for the Ages**

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Auditions!
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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 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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me from Lisa

My husband and I, our six children, and two daughters-in-law have lots to celebrate in the fall with two wedding anniversaries and five birthdays between September 8 and November 7. Three cakes down and three birthday parties remaining. The fall is a busy time at Magic Circle too: a new season begins; the next season is already in early planning, we have our Annual General Meeting and vote on Board members, there is a lot of data entry as we process season tickets and maintenance projects to complete before bad weather sets in. Full, busy days but still the fall is my favorite season. As a Mom with school aged children, it really marks the beginning of a new year, more poignant to me than the first of January, a time for reflection and beginnings. So as the final fields are harvested, Pumpkin Spice Lattes are sipped and the early morning light on golden trees takes my breath away, I will be running but happy!


We are pleased to announce the 2014/2015 Board of Governors.
Special thanks to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting and supported the candidates with your votes.

CALL TO DIRECTORS

If you are a qualified Magic Circle Players director, we invite you to submit a production for the 2015/ 2016 Season. Plays will be submitted Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7pm. If you would like a submission packet, please e-mail Lisa at mcp@montrose.net. If you interested in information on becoming a director, please let us know! If you would like to direct, but don't have a play in mind, we do have some recommendations from audience members and the Board of Governors.

ADOPT AN ACTOR

THE WARDROBE COMMITTEE OF PHANTOM WANTS YOU!



If you love to sew and have a little free time this winter, consider the joy of dressing actors for a story that takes place in Paris in 1900! We hope to create teams for specific groups of characters from the Paris Opera. There is a need for every level of sewing skill you may have to offer. Join our team of volunteers and dress an actor for our show! For more information, call Kathy Murdoch at 596-9007 or email Kathy at

agpi.kathymurdoch@gmail.com.

Auditions December 7th and December 8th at 6:30 PM

Phantom Auditions: at Magic Circle Theatre

Come join the fun and audition for the cast of Tony Award winning authors, Kopit and Yeston's *Phantom*. This passionate musical, based on Gaston Leroux's novel, Phantom of The Opera, is the timeless, star-crossed love story of the phantom, disfigured musical genius Erik, and his muse, Christine, the ingénue of the Paris Opera.

The story takes place in Paris, turn of the century, inside (onstage & back stage), around (outside on the magnificent Avenue de l' Opera), and The Bistro, where all the Opera company members and their admirers patronize, and (in the dark cavernous, catacombs below) the Great Paris Opera House.

There are many parts for both singing and non-singing roles.

Director: Kathy Murdoch 970 596 9007

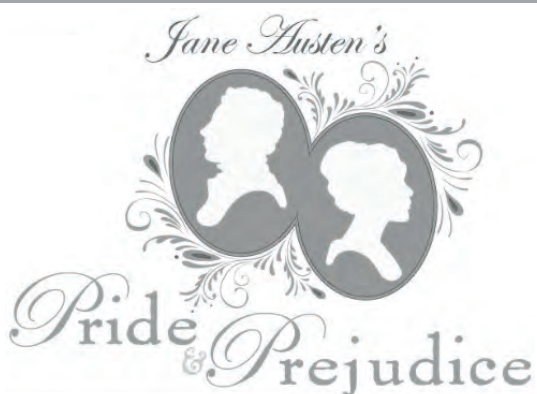
Audition packets will be available November 1, 2014.



Welcome, New Season Ticket Holders

We are pleased to welcome to Magic Circle Players new Season ticket holders and Patrons. Prior to each of the five main stage shows, you will receive a Teaser (newsletter) in the mail or by e-mail. The calendar on the second page will let you know when you may make reservations. For reservations: call or come in during Box office hours, call and leave a telephone message, or send an e-mail request to mcp@montrose.net. On show nights, we ask that you are in your seats 15 minutes prior to the performance, doors close 5 minutes before curtain; we

may seat guests arriving after 7:25pm in seats other than their assigned seats. Our desire is to cause as little distraction as possible to the actors, guests already seated, and to start the show on time. Thank You for your cooperation! If you are unable to attend a performance for which you have tickets, please do call and let us know, we will do everything we can to accommodate a date change if necessary. We do require a 24 hour notice for any refunds. If we can do anything to make your experience more enjoyable please let us know.



Auditions for *Pride and Prejudice*

by Jane Austen,

Director, Jane Pierrepont;

Assistant Director, Ginny Spaven.

Auditions will be held at MCP on Sunday, Oct. 26th and Tuesday, Oct. 28th at 6:30 pm.

Audition packets will be available outside the theatre Wed. Oct. 8th.

We are looking for 10 women (late teens/early 20' - 50/60's) and 6 men (20's-60's).

For questions please contact Jane Pierrepont
907 901 7123.

MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

The Christmas Schooner

Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7pm

Friday, December 5, 2014 at 7pm

Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 2:00pm

The Christmas Schooner is a poignant, true story of a German man and his family longing for the rich traditions of childhood Christmases. Risking everything they bravely face the frozen waters of Lake Michigan to deliver Tannenbaums to Chicago. An inspirational story with unforgettable music, *The Christmas Schooner* is the perfect start to the Christmas season and not to be missed!

Tickets may be purchased at Montrose High School or two hours prior to each show at Magic Circle Theatre. Prices are: Adults \$8 & Children \$6.





My Funny Valentine Concert Auditions!

Do you have a favorite love song, breakup song, wish I was in love song, you always wished to perform? We are looking for acts that can contribute to another fabulous Valentine's Day concert on February 14th, 2015, to be held at the Montrose Pavilion.

Bring your creative ideas, your love of music, and your talent to auditions Nov. 15th, at 10am at MCP theatre. An accompanist will be available if you do not have your own. An audition packet will be made available by Oct. 10th.

For more information, please call Kathy Murdoch 596-9007 or email: agpi.kathymurdoch@gmail.com

Theatre for Children Committee

Magic Circle Player's Theatre for Children is working to fulfill the Magic Circle mission statement, "MCP strives to entertain, educate and involve the residents of Western Colorado, young and old, by encouraging an appreciation of the dramatic arts." With three distinct facets: The Travel Show, On Stage, and Drama Camp, Theatre for Children involved over 4,000 children last season. The Board of Governors is recruiting volunteers to support this growing and vital part of Magic Circle Players. The Theatre for Children Committee is headed by Nancy Ballantyne, with Board liaison Kathy Murdoch, Pat Myers, Merrilee Robertson, and Lisa Rediger. Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact mcp@montrose.net.

To celebrate 55 years of the Magic of Live Theatre, we will give away a key fob every show this season; the winners of the key rings will be entered into a drawing for a piece of fine jewelry donated by Devanny's Jewelers. The winner will be drawn on Patrons' Night, Saturday, July 25, 2015.



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