



MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

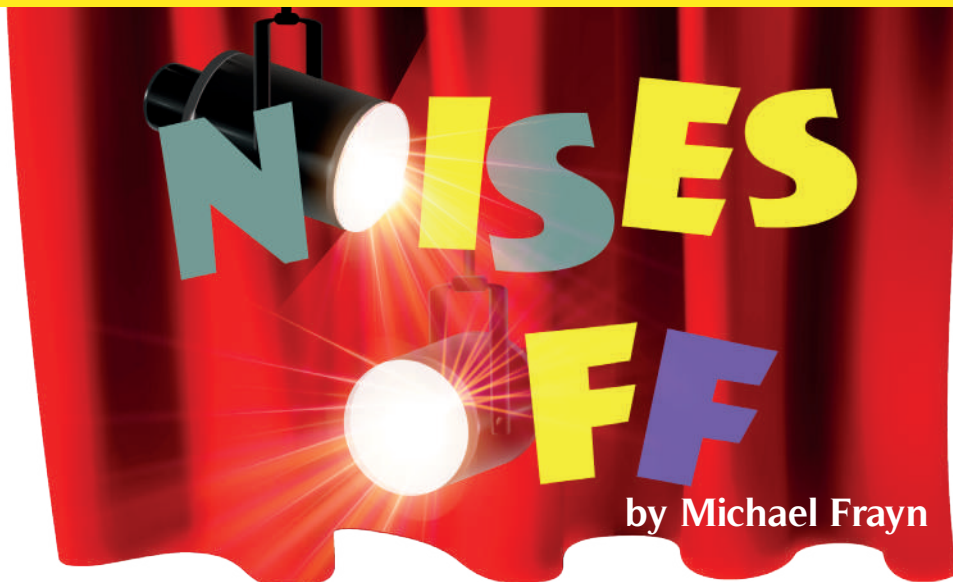
The MAGIC of Live Theatre

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March Teaser

News of the Magic Circle Players

2024



by Michael Frayn

An Hilarious and Classically Comic Play BY CHERYL CAPSHAW

Noises Off first opened in 1982 at the Lyric Theatre in London, England. It is both a farce and an embedded narrative, a delightful play-within-a-play. Michael Frayn conceived of the idea in the early 1970s while watching one of his own plays from backstage. While listening to the conversations among the actors, he was amused and inspired.

Eventually, Frayn wrote the script for his concept in the form of a one-act play called *Exits*. His colleagues and critics loved it so much, they talked him into expanding it into a full-length play. The current title comes from the stage direction that refers to contrived sound effects or, in this case, unintentional noises coming from backstage.

The play *Noises Off* is in three acts, all situated backstage during the “first act” of the other play that is happening simultaneously, a production called *Nothing On*. As the audience views the play from an implied “backstage,” they will meet the following characters: The arrogant director of *Nothing On* is Lloyd Dallas, played by Scott Pollak. Dotty Otley (Corie Smith) is a veteran television star turned stage actress. Garry Lejeune (Rich Burt) is the lead

actor in *Nothing On*, a professional who needs a script in order to form a complete sentence. Brooke Aston (Samantha Beer) is a young, inexperienced actress from London who is always losing her contact lenses.

There are three other characters popping on and offstage, Frederick Fellows (Dalyn Pearson), Belinda Blair (Molly Benson), and Selsdon Mowbray (Bill Bottomly). Attempting to keep all of this running smoothly are the stage managers: Poppy Norton-Taylor (Spencer Crosby) and Kim Allgood (Abrielle Weaver). All of these characters are involved in rivalries, affairs, dropped lines, nosebleeds, and love triangles, and six of them will play characters-within-a-character in the play-within-a-play.

The Magic Circle Players version of this award-winning play is directed by Dru Weaver, and she is assisted by Janel Culver. Actors, directors, and theatre patrons will certainly enjoy and relate to this playful parody that shows how wacky and wonderful it is to be involved in live theatrical productions. This fantastic show opens March 15, 2024 and will run for three weekends.

Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 March	4	5 Box office open 2pm-5pm →	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Box office open 2pm-5pm →	13	14	15 Noises Off 7:30pm	16 Noises Off 7:30pm
17 Noises Off 2pm Karaoke @ 7pm @ Magic Circle	18	19 Box office open 2pm-5pm →	20	21	22 Noises Off 7:30pm	23 Noises Off 7:30pm
24 Noises Off 2pm All My Sons Auditions 6pm	25 All My Sons Auditions 6pm	26 Box office open 2pm-5pm →	27	28	29 Noises Off 7:30pm	30 Noises Off 7:30pm
31	1 April	2 Box office open 2pm-5pm →	3	4	5 The Good Doctor 7:30pm	6 The Good Doctor 7:30pm

The Good Doctor
2pm

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From Lisa

Tomorrow is February 29, a once every four year leap year, and my 14th birthday! Two gifts arrived today: a \$2,000 grant from the Montrose Community Foundation and a \$25,000 grant from DMEA for our Marquee Sign. I am grinning from ear to ear, and so grateful to this incredible community for their support of Magic Circle Players.

If you've driven past the theatre recently, I hope you've been as delighted as I am over the outstanding transformation! Gayla Warner has been involved from the beginning with her design expertise, and it's been remarkable to witness the evolution from a concept on paper to a noteworthy façade.

It's my pleasure to introduce you to our Board of Governors. This group of seven supports all aspects of producing live theatre, they have a passion for cultivating a culture of community and excellence. Each volunteer member serves a three year term, and may run for a second.



Kevin Innarelli
President, Actor, Director



Kenny Easton
Vice President, Actor, Director,
Musician, Sound Committee,
Building Committee



Renee Lee
Treasurer, Director,
Props Committee

Merrilee Robertson
Member, Actor, Director,
Actor, Props Committee



Dru Weaver
Secretary, Actor, Director,
Drama Camp



Allyson Crosby
Member, Actor, Director,
Music Director



Jason Atchley
Member, Director, Actor

MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS PRESENTS

St. Patrick's Day

KARAOKE

@ *Magic Circle*



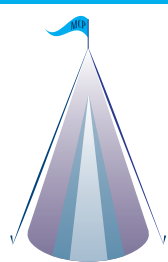
Sunday
March 17 @ 7pm

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Magic Circle Players' Youth Theatre program is an integral part of our community theatre, and currently has three specific facets.



**YOUTH THEATRE
DRAMA
CAMP**
MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

In 2001, we offered our first Drama Camp, and the wildly popular summer camp has grown to five separate, week long theatre camps that gives approximately 100 young actors, third grade to seniors in high school, a live theatre experience. The campers audition, are cast in a production, memorize lines, learn team work, theatre craft, and then perform an original production at the end of the week.

DRAMA CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION IS COMING SOON!!

Elementary and Middle School Drama Camp • Week One: June 2 - 7 • Week Two: June 9 - 14
High School Drama Camp • July 6 - 13

Registration: Monday, April 22 at 12:01am - Thursday, April 25 at 11:59pm.

Registration is ONLINE ONLY @ magiccircleplayers.com

A place in Drama Camp is based on first come, first acceptance basis.

**MARK THE DATES ON
YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

If you have any questions or if you need further information, please contact:

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**YOUTH THEATRE
ON STAGE**
MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

In 2002 we introduced Theatre for Children On Stage. Although the original concept was to have adults perform plays for children, the program expanded and

adults and young people began auditioning. With a passion to see more kids given the opportunity to act, in 2012 we began to produce large musicals cast entirely with young actors. Youth Theatre produces an on stage show each summer, the casting may vary, but it is always show for our very important audience -CHILDREN and families.



June 21 – 3, 2024

BUY TICKETS NOW!



**YOUTH THEATRE
TRAVELS**
@ MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

February 2004 we took our first Theatre for Children Travels to every elementary school in the RE-1J school district. Volunteer actors prepared a short play and shared the joy of a live theatre experience with approximately 2,600 children in the Montrose school district. Until COVID, we had continued this community outreach every fall. WE LOOK FORWARD

to starting again in September 2024. WE NEED YOU! If you have an interest in acting, are looking for a short commitment time, enjoy youth and want to be part of community theatre, please contact Nancy Ballantyne at (970)249-1346 or nancybgm3@gmail.com.

In 2018, recognizing that our mission was "to engage youth in a variety of live theatre experiences that educate, excite and increase community awareness of the value of the performing arts", we wanted our name to reflect the breadth of our mission and changed our program from Theatre for Children to Youth Theatre.



A WALK IN THE WOODS Directed by Scott Pollak

When proposing *A Walk in the Woods* my hopes were to do 2 things: give audiences a really timely deep subject matter that might provoke discussion and thought, and to create something Magic Circle had never seen before, a "cinematic experience" for lack of a better word. Between the stunning performances by Kevin

Innarelli and Peter Ambrose and the enormous hours by everyone else creating the set, the lighting and the music, it far exceeded my wildest dreams. In my 50+ years of involvement in theatre, this is my proudest moment and I am so, so grateful that MCP took a chance on this unknown script and that audiences came, got involved and loved it.



MY FUNNY VALENTINE ON THE SILVER SCREEN

Directed by Lisa Rediger

My passion is to produce quality theatre, give as many people as possible the opportunity to express their creativity, and bring joy to an audience. This year's production had 77 volunteers – actors, musicians, dancers, directors and crew – ages 12 to 81, including twenty families with two or more members involved. The community jumped in, donating incredible support – Qdoba Catering, Julien Kibler Photography, and Keller Williams Rediger Group. The audiences were delightful, encouraging and generous. To me, this is the MAGIC of community theatre!



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ALL MY SONS



Directed by Bill Bottomly · Assistant Director John Lange

AUDITIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 @ 6PM

MONDAY, MARCH 25 @ 6PM

ALL MY SONS OPENS FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

Casting: 5 Males (25 – 65) & 4 Females (25 -65)

Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor*

Our Readers Theatre production, *The Good Doctor*, directed by Kim Santich, opens on Friday, April 5 and has performances on Saturday, April 6 and a matinee on Sunday, April 7. Written by Neil Simon - he dramatizes short stories written by Anton Chekhov. Each scene exposes the ridiculous, tender, outlandish, ludicrous, innocent, and weird frailties of human beings. Tickets are not included with your season subscription so make your reservations soon at magiccircleplayers.com



It's a WRAP! My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen
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