



MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

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November Teaser

News of the Magic Circle Players

2023



DEATHTRAP

by M.A. Smith

Sit down. Make yourself comfortable. You've just walked into Deathtrap, the longest running comedy/thriller in Broadway history written by prize winning playwright and novelist Ira Levin. Sidney Bruhl (played by Peter Ambrose) a once highly successful Broadway playwright, is now suffering from severe writer's block and hasn't had a hit show for a long time. He receives a package from a former student, Clifford Anderson (played by Everett Gregory). The package contains an unproduced script that Sidney immediately recognizes as an unmistakable smash hit. At the urging of Sidney's wife Myra (played by Pam Carlson) Sidney instigates a plan to lure Clifford to his home. But does he offer to collaborate on a rewrite or will he murder Clifford and claim the play as his own? What is really the plan? Levin's play is chock full of twists and turns that will keep you guessing until the final curtain. Rounding out the cast is Deb Patterson as Helga Ten Dorp, a spookily accurate clairvoyant, and Keith Laube as Sidney's lawyer, Porter Milgrim. There is some violence, some gun shots and some lightning. Deathtrap is directed by Kim Santich with assistance from Julie Laube. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me three times....shame on Ira Levin.

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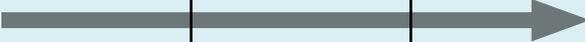
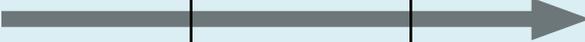


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Calendar

Due to construction, the Box Office will not be accessible to the public until Nov. 14. Contact us at (970)249-7838 or mcp@montrose.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 November	13	14 Box office open 2pm-5pm 	15	16	17 DeathTrap 7:30pm	18 DeathTrap 7:30pm
19 DeathTrap 2pm AUDITIONS Noises Off 6pm	20 AUDITIONS Noises Off 6pm	21 Box office open 2pm-5pm 	22	23	24 DeathTrap 7:30pm December	25 DeathTrap 7:30pm
26 DeathTrap 2pm AUDITIONS My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen 6pm	27	28 Box office open 2pm-5pm 	29	30	1 DeathTrap 7:30pm	2 DeathTrap 7:30pm
3 DeathTrap 2pm	4	5 Box office open 2pm-5pm 	6	7 Coney Island Christmas 7:30pm	8 Coney Island Christmas 7:30pm	9 Coney Island Christmas 7:30pm
10 Coney Island Christmas 2pm AUDITIONS Something Rotten 5:30pm	11 AUDITIONS Something Rotten 6pm	12 Box office open 2pm-5pm 	13	14	15	16

From Lisa

Little Shop of Horrors closed on Sunday, and Audrey II is on her way home to Philadelphia. Our *Little Shop* audiences were fabulous; it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, and also have the pleasure of meeting new theatre lovers. How marvelous that every show brings new guests, new volunteers and new faces to our stage.

We have 63 years of theatre in Montrose, and each show we welcome back veteran thespians and directors. It was fun to have BOTH Seymours in the house on October 12th: Jeff Nelp, who played Seymour in 1989, and Jonathan Heath, who nailed the role this time around.

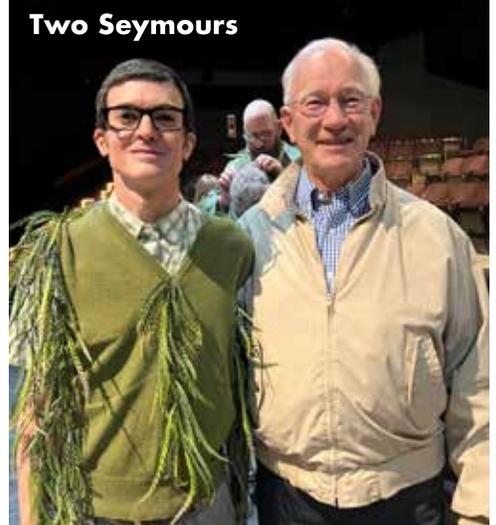
Each year, the Board solicits nominations from Magic Circle patrons and volunteers to recognize outstanding contributions to the theatre. You can see from the photo of nominees, that we have an incredible group of volunteers! We were pleased to honor 14 award winners, including Sandy Brown, who has catered Opening Night appetizers for more than two decades, and Judy Wind, retiring Board Member, who won the Lifetime Achievement Award for service on the Board, on committees, as an actor and director.

I was in line at Safeway recently, and the clerk told me she had just seen *Little Shop of Horrors* with her daughter – they loved the show and it was the first time that she'd ever been



**Kim Walter
(Newcomer
Award)**

to the theatre, "I really just didn't know what was there; the outside doesn't look like a theatre!" She is correct, and that is what we are seeking to correct! We want our building to be unforgettable and draw people in to see the magic that is on the stage. **If you want to be part of BUILDING TOWARD OUR FUTURE, we invite you to donate to Magic Circle Players on COLORADO GIVES DAY. Tuesday, December 5, 2023, for 24 hours, Colorado comes together to raise fund raise funds for local nonprofits. Be part of the MAGIC that is our live theatre.**



Two Seymours



2022/ 2023 Season Award Nominees



2022/ 2023 Season Award Winners

December 5

ColoradoGivesDay.org

BACK ROW - Dalyn Pearson (Acting), Julie Laube (Support), Aubrielle Weaver (Youth), Maryellen McCracken (Youth), Mark Smith (Acting), Jennifer & Kenny Easton (Directing)

FRONT ROW - Judy Wind (Lifetime), Nick Hoppner (Lifetime), Mike Shanahan (Technical), Sandy Brown (Special Star), Joy McCracken (Support) Missing David Tabor (Special Star)



Little Shop of Horrors Cast & Crew – photo by Cyllia Lynn Photography



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Directed by Jason Atchley

My heart swells with pride at the show, *Little Shop of Horrors*, that we brought to the Magic Circle stage. If you missed it, you truly missed an amazing experience. I want to thank everyone involved in the show. My actors were outstanding and my leadership team was off the charts



Jason Atchley

amazing. Special thanks to my Assistant Director, Michelle Terry, for all of her assistance. Now, as the curtain has closed on *Little Shop*, let's not forget the main message of the show: to not get caught up in material things and to not feed that drive to walk over people on the ladder of success. It truly was an honor for me to bring this show to the Magic Circle stage. Thank you to the selection committee for choosing this project a year ago and believing in me. I am eternally grateful.

Magic Circle in the Community



Brenda Joyce Coda
portraying Magic Circle
founder, **Bette Dustin Spiro**

After being invited by Lisa Rediger to portray Bette Dustin Spiro at "Night At The Depot," sponsored by the Montrose County Historical Society, and after hours and hours reading archives from MCP and the Montrose Daily Press, I started getting a sense of who this founder of Magic Circle Players was. Additional emails among her three children, and a few phone calls helped immensely as

I continued to 'flesh' her out, so as to present as full a personality as possible. Using these facts and my intuition, by September 21st, I felt excited to convey the spirit and vitality of what was an historic, courageous, and life-long dedication to live theatre as personified in the woman called Bette Dustin Spiro. by Brenda Joyce Coda

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Aidan McBride, Scott
Pollak, KC Pollak, Everett
Gregory, Amanda Laube



Saturday, Oct 14, my wife, KC, and I had the delight of performing in a fund-raising murder mystery dinner theatre along with MCP regulars Amanda Laube, Everett Gregory and Aidan McBride, to benefit the Montrose Council for the Arts. A crowd of roughly 100 people enjoyed our presentation of a "Love the '50's to Death" high school prom murder mystery. As always happens with these, you have people who have no clue what's going on, all the way up to groups who are so deeply invested in it they ask questions that even the actors can't answer. But they are always a hoot as this one was. Murder mysteries combine improv theatre with a lot of pre-planning and this one would never have happened without countless hours and weeks of planning, creating, scripting and directing by Chris McDonald. End the end, money was raised, a murder was solved and we all said "Let's do this again next year!!" by Scott Pollak

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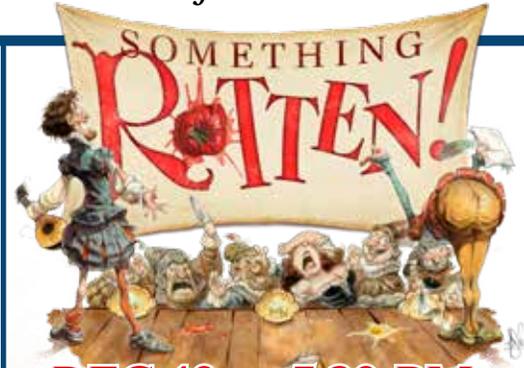
NOV 19 & 20 @ 6PM
@ MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE

Casting 4 women & 5 men ages 20 - 80

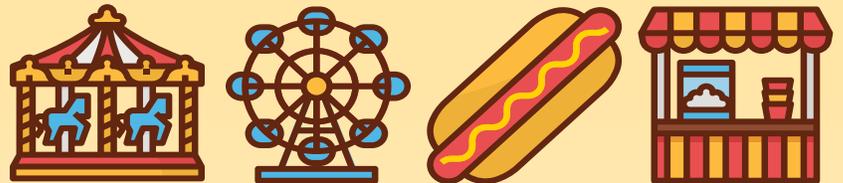


NOV 26 @ 6PM
@ MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE

*Casting up to 40 actors, singers,
dancers, actors and band members.
Casting teens to 100 years.*



DEC 10 @ 5:30 PM
DEC 11 @ 6:30 PM
@ MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE
*Casting 20 to 25 actors, male and female,
aged 15 and over*



CONEY ISLAND

Christmas
Directed by Renee Lee
and Ginny Spaven

TICKETS: \$15 Adults · \$10 Youth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 7:30PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 7:30PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 7:30PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 2PM

By Don Margulies, based on the story "The Loudest Voice" by Grace Paley

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**It's a WRAP!
Little Shop of
Horrors**

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