



MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

Celebrating 65 Years of Live Theatre Magic

November Teaser

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BY LADONNA BUBAK

“Why are all the D’Ysquiths dying?” So asks the cast of *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*, a merry, murderous musical opening November 1 at Magic Circle.

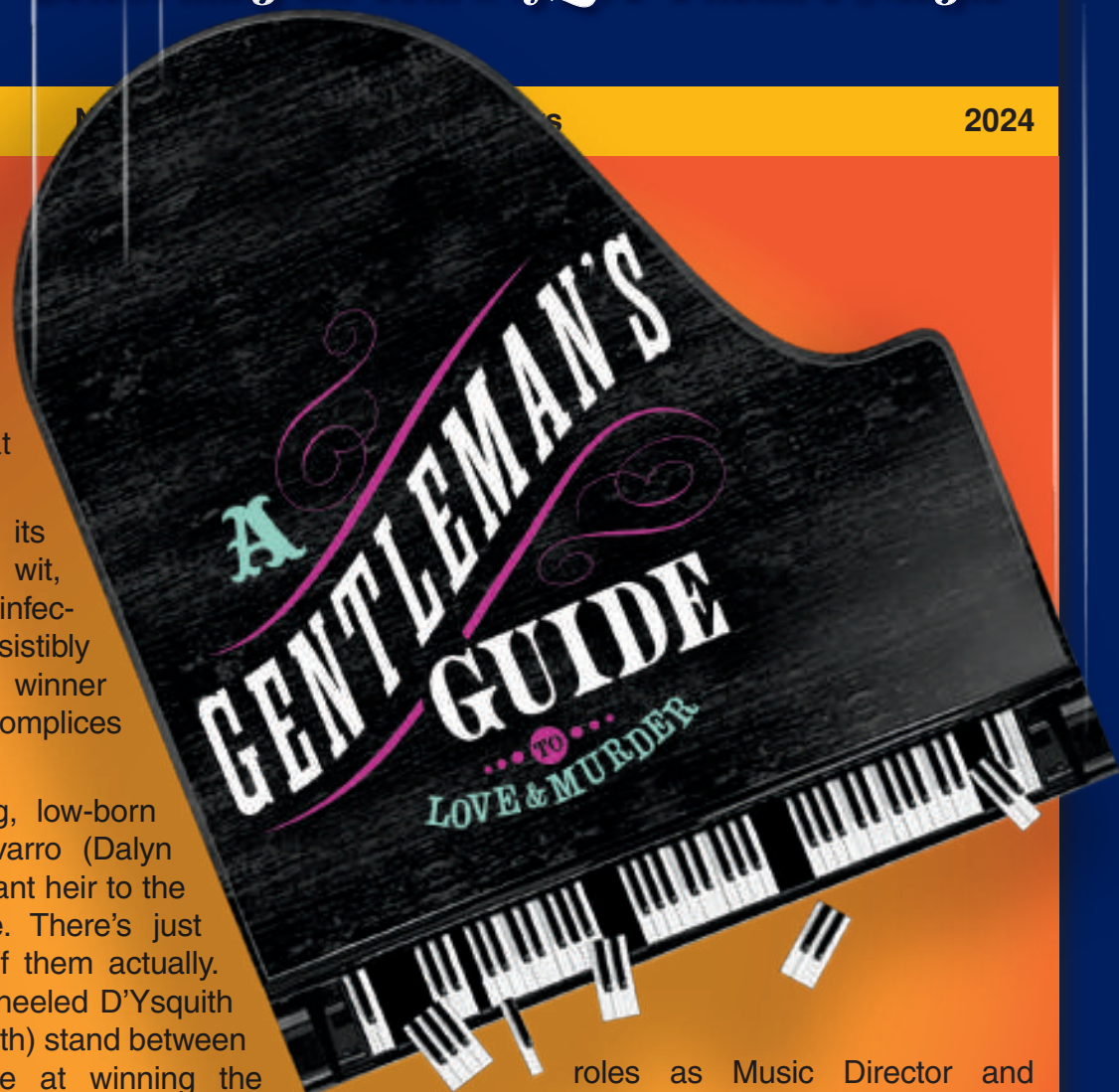
Spilling over the brim of its posh teacup with lyrical wit, farcical humor, and an infectious musical score, this irresistibly engaging four-time Tony winner turns the audience into accomplices from the very start.

After his mother’s passing, low-born and penniless Monty Navarro (Dalyn Pearson) learns he’s a distant heir to the D’Ysquith banking fortune. There’s just one problem—well, nine of them actually. Nine members of the well-heeled D’Ysquith clan (all played by M.A. Smith) stand between him and his only chance at winning the hand of the beautiful but financially-motivated Sibella Hallward (Wendy Bodwell). A delightfully implausible plan is hatched, and as Monty rockets through the ranks of London’s Edwardian-era elite—acquiring an aristocratic fiancée, cousin Phoebe D’Ysquith (Bethany Ward), along the way—his newfound relatives start dropping like flies. From killer bees to skating on thin ice to a tragic weight-lifting accident, the D’Ysquiths meet their maker in the most creative and hilarious ways. While each one brings Monty closer to inheriting a fortune, they also bring him closer to losing his own head—if love doesn’t save him first.

Helmed by veteran Magic Circle director Kathy Murdoch, with Everett Gregory stepping into dual

roles as Music Director and Assistant Director, this light-hearted and family-friendly farce is a rollercoaster of wit, suspense and captivating melodies sung by incredible vocalists.

Amy Priest (Miss Shingle), Ruthie Rich (Lady Eugenia) and Tia Brown (Miss Barley) take on three of the more memorable roles in the show, while the ensemble features the exceptional singing talents of Josiah Austin, Tia Brown, Sarah Crawford, Janel Culver, Mike Edwards, Jonathan Heath, Cole Patterson, Jessica Vergari and Hannah Weider. With a delightful blend of clever humor and catchy music, and a quirky cast of characters, *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder* promises an evening of non-stop laughter and unforgettable entertainment. Running November 1 through 23.



Calendar

If you are interested in volunteering as a Magic Circle usher, please contact Lisa at mcp@montrose.net or (970)249-7838

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Oct.	28 A SHERLOCK CAROL  AUDITIONS 6:30pm	29 Box office open 2pm-5pm	30	31 Nov.	1  7:30pm	2 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 7:30pm
3 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 2pm	4  AUDITIONS 4pm	5 Box office open 2pm-5pm	6	7	8 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 7:30pm	9 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 7:30pm
10 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 2pm	11	12 Box office open 2pm-5pm	13	14	15 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 7:30pm	16 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 7:30pm
17 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 2pm	18	19 Box office open 2pm-5pm	20	21	22 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 7:30pm	23 A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder 7:30pm
24  AUDITIONS 3pm	25	26 Box office open 2pm-5pm	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30
1 Dec.	2	3 Box office open 2pm-5pm	4	5 A SHERLOCK CAROL  7:30pm	6 A Sherlock Carol 7:30pm	7 A Sherlock Carol 2pm & 7:30pm
8 A Sherlock Carol 2pm	9	10 Box office open 2pm-5pm	11	12	13 	14 Dec. 15 @3pm Dec. 16 @6pm AUDITIONS Into the Woods



Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates volunteering at the theatre on their annual RED Day (Renew, Energize, and Donate.)



Students from Montrose High School (in front of our new sign) serving at Magic Circle on Red Hawk Soar Day.

From Lisa

Our Annual General Meeting is held in September every year. We have dinner together, hold elections for our Board of Governors, and announce the winners of our Season Awards. Any Magic Circle volunteer, and any patron/season pass holder is invited to attend and participate in voting. We are pleased to announce that our Board Governors for the 2024/2025 Season is Kevin Innarelli - President, Kenny Easton - Vice President, Allyson Crosby - Secretary, Merrilee Robertson - Treasurer, Rich Burt, Jonathan Heath, Michelle Terry.

AWARDS ARE PRESENTED FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACTING, BACKSTAGE WORK, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTIONS BY YOUTH, AND DIRECTING. WE HAVE A NEWCOMER'S AWARD, SPECIAL STAR AND A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. THE WINNERS ARE:



**Back Row L to R: Kenny Easton, Addie Howell, Sami Hampton, Luke Gann, Josiah Austin, Jonathan Heath
Front Row L to R: April Heard, Amy Eifling, Chris Worton, Gabrielle Lewis
Not shown: Bob Allyn, Everett Gregory, Scott Pollak**

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DIRECTORS

Directing at Magic Circle is a fantastic roller coaster ride! Most directors have learned through our Director Training Workshop, and as an Assistant Director. Are you interested in exploring the ins- and -outs of directing at Magic Circle Theatre, with no strings attached? No previous experience necessary.

YOUTH THEATRE

We are expanding our Youth Theatre productions. Beginning December 2025, we will offer a June and December Youth Theatre production. Are you interested in adventure, joy, fulfillment while working with youth? We need directors, crew, choreographers & music directors.

READERS THEATRE

We are actively seeking scripts, directors and committee members for our two Readers Theatre productions in the 2025-2026 Season. Do you love literature, do you want to leave the theatre challenged and inspired, are you interested in a theatre commitment that is only about 6 weeks long?

MURDER MYSTERY TROUPE

With our first event weeks away, and a holiday event booked, our Murder Mystery troupe is looking to grow. This is a perfect opportunity to take theatre into the community, showcasing the talent and culture that is Magic Circle. Are you comfortable meeting new people, can you mingle with ease, can you improvise and be creative..... would you like to learn?

A SHERLOCK CAROL

BY MIKE SHANAHAN

Directed by
Nancy Ballantyne

Assistant Director
Elisa McKee



DECEMBER 2024
DECEMBER 5 6 7 @ 7:30PM
DECEMBER 7 & 8 @ 2PM

A SHERLOCK CAROL is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. (www.dramatists.com)

AROUND
My FUNNY Valentine
The WORLD

CREATED BY LISA REDIGER ♥ SHANNON REDIGER

AUDITIONS
SUNDAY, NOV 24 @ 3PM
Performances February 5 – 9, 2025

CASTING: Casting actors, dancers, soloists, ensemble and band.
Audition Packets Available online @ MagicCirclePlayers.com

INTO THE WOODS

BY JAMES LAPINE AND STEPHEN SONDHEIM
DIRECTED BY ALLYSON CROSBY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MERRILEE ROBERTSON

Everyone's favorite storybook characters come together, each with a wish for...more. The Baker and his wife wish to have a child; Cinderella wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack wishes his cow would give milk. And when the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, they set off on a journey to break the curse. The curse is broken, the wishes are granted, but with unexpected consequences. An unforgettable, rare modern classic.

CASTING: Casting 25 Actors. 13 Female Roles, 7 Male Roles, Plus Ensemble. Ages 16 and Above Only. Audition Packets Available online @ MagicCirclePlayers.com

AUDITIONS
DEC 15 @ 3PM & DEC 16 @ 6PM
Production May 2025

INTO THE WOODS is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

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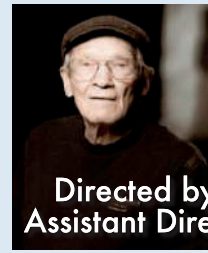
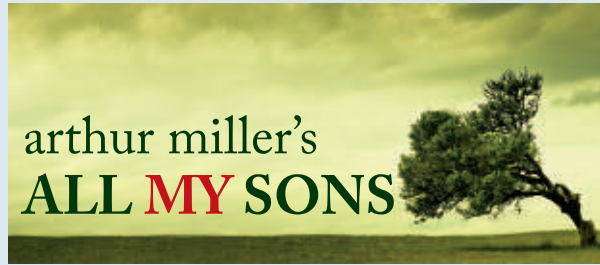
KARAOKE

@ Magic Circle

Saturday, Nov 30 @ 7:00pm

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Directed by Bill Bottomly
Assistant Director John Lange

All My Sons, by Arthur Miller, is the third of his works to have graced the stage at Magic Circle Players, the other two being *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman*, in which I was proud and fortunate to be cast as Willy Loman. Miller's work will be forever timely, thought-provoking, and a pleasure to produce, as a director or an actor. John Lange, our very capable and rigorous Assistant Director, and I had a cast who were a delight to collaborate with; they were committed to make this play unforgettable for themselves, and for those who saw and experienced it – they succeeded, and yes, it truly was an experience! These actors are so talented and gave their all, and then some as they grew into their individual and complementary roles. It was especially gratifying to have a newcomer on the stage. We can never thank this cast enough, and we will always remember them. We had the best supporting personnel every area of production, and of course backstage operations with scene changes, tree-felling, and timing.
Salutations, Bill Bottomly



YOUTH THEATRE TRAVELS

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Magic Circle Players board member, actor, and director, Michelle Terry had just a month to pull together a script, a cast and produce a 30 minute production to take to each of the Montrose County School District elementary schools. What a cast! Six actors playing multiple roles, taking the joy of a live theatre experience into the community. It was a delight to hear the laughter from the children, and see the connection between the actors and their audience. This was the fifteenth year of our Youth Theatre Travel Show, and we can't wait to be back next fall! Cast- Matteo Curtis, Sarah Smith, George Crosby Dustin Glass, Samantha Beer, Curtis Dull, and Keele Carver.



Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

and vocal coach, recently moving to Montrose to be close to family. Josiah Austin has been tinkering the ivories since he was 6 years old, his first Magic Circle show was this spring, and when he is not at the theatre, he works as a radiology assistant.

It has been delightful to have very talented pianists entertaining audiences with live, pre-show music in the lobby. Rebecca Northey was blessed to have parents, and piano teachers who supported and encouraged her, giving her the opportunity to flourish in a variety of musical avenues. Judith Bible has enjoyed a long career as a collaborative pianist

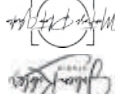




It's a WRAP! *All My Sons*



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