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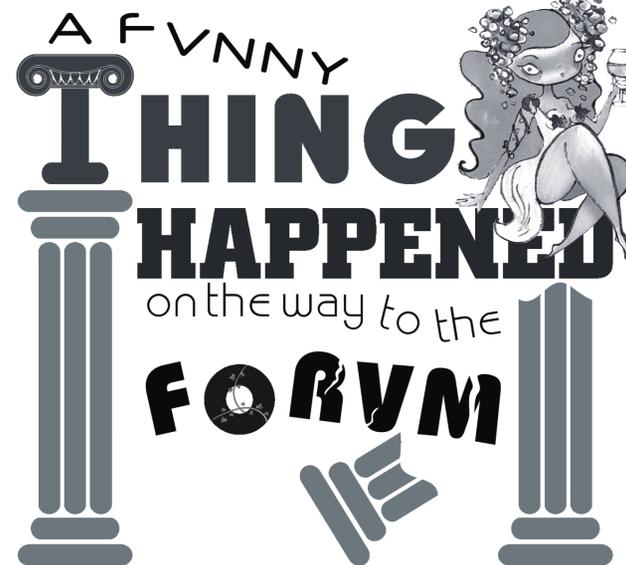
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:: RENÉE G. O'LEARY FUNDRAISER ::



music & lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**
book by **Burt Shevelove/Larry Gelbart**

directed by **Brian M. Touchette** music directed by **Bill Fellner**
choreography by **Sarah K. Hearn** ass't directed by **Susan Boudreaux**

Performances:

June 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m.

June 9 and 16 at 2:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guests:

Welcome to our 50th FUNdraiser! We are so excited to be celebrating this special anniversary because it is also the 50th FUNdraiser that Chapel Street Players actress and long time board member, Reneé G. O'Leary, has been in. Over the years she has played minor roles, major roles, had a part written for her in the show, and in one production, only her leg was seen briefly. But, no matter in what way, shape, or form she has appeared, Reneé and our June show are synonymous. To that end, the Board voted unanimously to name our annual comedy in her honor. Starting with *Forum*, and moving forward, we will now annually give you the Reneé G. O'Leary FUNdraiser. We thank Reneé for her years of service, devotion, and generosity that actually began before CSP even started the concept of the FUNdraiser.

Also, we are pleased to announce our new season for 2013-2014 and now is the time to become a new subscriber to CSP or renew your current subscription. A new benefit of subscribing (*beyond reduced rates to our four main stage shows and a ticket to the One-Acts*) is that subscribers will be able to reserve specific seats. Historically, all patrons could reserve specific seats, but starting in our new season it will be a privilege limited to subscribers! Anyone currently on our mailing list will receive a subscription brochure in the mail, but anyone new to CSP you can pick up a brochure in the lobby before you leave!

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

When choosing a show for CSP's FUNdraiser, many things need to be considered, and when it is the 50th anniversary, the pressure is on to find the perfect show that exemplifies the FUNdraiser. First, the style of the show is very critical as the FUNdraiser traditionally is a broad and bawdy comedy. It has often been a bedroom farce with lots of innuendo – and *Forum* fits this requirement perfectly. The next consideration is how to include Reneé in a way that makes sense. I decided for the 50th anniversary that I wanted to do something that wouldn't be expected and would be different than any other role that she has played before. Fortunately for me, Reneé is an incredibly talented actor and can pull off anything asked of her. This is the largest cast with which I have worked, and they have been amazing and made this show so much fun for me. I have also been able to pull together a dream production team and behind the scenes crew. This has truly been a group effort from the set, to the costumes to the back stage tech. So now – it is time for you to sit back and enjoy the show – and stay 'til the end – it is an explosive ending you won't want to miss!

CHAPEL STREET PLAYERS 2013-2014 SEASON

2013/2014 STAGE X SCREEN

The 39 Steps*

written by **Patrick Barlow**
John Buchan

directed by **Joseph Pukatsch**

Sep 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 @ 8pm

Sep 22 @ 2pm

Blithe Spirit*

written by **Noël Coward**

directed by **Jamie Cunningham**

Nov 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 @ 8pm

Nov 10 @ 2pm

Les Liaisons Dangereuses*

written by **Christopher Hampton**

From the novel by **Choderlos de Laclos**

directed by **Brian M. Touchette**

Feb 28, Mar 1, 6, 7, 8 @ 8pm

Mar 2 @ 2pm

Contains adult themes / brief nudity

Agnes of God*

written by **John Pielmeier**

directed by **Kathleen M. Kimber**

ass't directed by **Christie Cerminaro**

Apr 25, 26, May 1, 2, 3 @ 8pm

Apr 27 @ 2pm

the Annual One-Act Showcases

Jan 17, 18 @ 8pm / Jan 18 @ 2pm

Piece of Cake

written by **George Cope**

Riders to the Sea

written by **John Millington Synge**

Tech Night 4'33"

written by **Vaughan Ellerton**

Reneé G. O'Leary Annual FUNdraiser

Dame Edna's Annual Family (and Down-Under Members) Barbecue

written and directed by **Scott Mason**

Jun 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 @ 8pm / Jun 15 @ 2pm

Summer Special

Mr. Marmalade

written by **Noah Haidle** / directed by **Joseph Pukatsch**

July 10, 11, 12 @ 8pm



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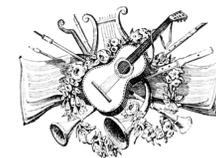
Comedy Tonight.....Prologus, Proteans, Company
 Love, I HearHero
 Free Pseudolus, Hero
 The House of Marcus Lycus..... Lycus, Pseudolus, Courtesans
 Lovely.....Philia, Hero
 Pretty Little Picture Pseudolus, Philia, Hero
 Everybody Ought to Have a Maid.....Senex, Pseudolus, Hysterium, Lycus
 I'm Calm Hysterium
 Impossible Senex, Hero
 Bring Me My Bride..... Miles, Pseudolus, Courtesans, Proteans

ACT II

That Dirty Old Man..... Domina
 That'll Show Him Philia
 Lovely (*reprise*)..... Pseudolus, Hysterium
 Funeral Sequence Miles, Pseudolus, Courtesans, Proteans
 Finale..... Company

Setting: 200 years before the Christian era, a day in Spring, at a street in Rome in front of the houses of Erronius, Senex, and Lycus.

The action is continuous, with one 15-minute intermission.



A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

50 Years of FUNdraisers, 50 Years of Renéé
50th Anniversary of Winning the Tony for Best Musical

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by Burt Shevelove/Larry Gelbart

Directed by Brian M. Touchette

Music Directed by Bill Fellner

Choreographed by Sarah K. Hearn

Assistant Directed by Susan Boudreaux

CAST (in alphabetical order)

Geminae Caitlin E. Adams
Pseudolus..... Peter Briccotto
Protean..... Bill Campbell
Hero..... Dennis Conner
Geminae Stephanie Hoopes
Gymnasia..... Kendra Eckbold
Protean..... A. J. LoPorto
Senex..... Pete Matthews
Erronius Renéé G. O’Leary
Lycus..... Walt Osborne
Hysterium Dominic Santos
Tintinabula Lauren Schindler
Domina Tina M. Sheing
Panacea Stephanie Smith
Miles G..... Patrick Sutton
Protean..... Bill Swezey
Philia..... Ashley Wright
Vibrata..... Morgan Wright

CREW LIST

Director..... Brian M. Touchette
Music Director Bill Fellner
Choreographer..... Sarah K. Hearn
Assistant Director..... Susan Boudreaux
Stage Manager..... Michelle Cullen
Dance Captain Lauren Schindler
Scenic Artist/Lobby Display Peter Kuo
Costume Designer..... Walt Graham
Costume Assistants..... Michelle Cullen, Patricia Dircks
Laurene Eckbold, Ann Matthews, Renéé O’Leary
Walt Osborne, Carole White
Props..... Cast and Crew
Crew/Dressers Kathleen M. Kimber and Christie Cerminaro
Light/Sound Operators..... Joe Pukatsch and Susie Moak
Set Design/Concept..... Brian Touchette, Peter Kuo
Master Carpenter Peter Matthews
Set Construction Scott F. Mason, Susie Moak, Darin Bishop
Judy David, Nancy Storch
Program Cindy Starcher
Gala Cover Design Peter Kuo
Box Office..... Frank Newton & Friends of CSP
Ushers..... Cindy Starcher & Friends of CSP

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to the cast, crew, and
Doug Nichol and Bob Thatcher from Thatcher Construction
for their help building the set.

Other special thanks for lending items to the theatre: Cindy Starcher,
Wilmington Drama League, and The New Candlelight Theatre

WHO'S WHO 🎭 DIRECTORS

Brian M. Touchette (*Director*) Brian is excited to be back in the director's chair at CSP. Some directorial favorites from his past shows include CSP's productions of *Amadeus*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *The Lion in Winter*. Brian would like to thank the cast, crew and an amazing production team for their many hours of hard work and ability to bring this BIG show to this little stage! Brian particularly wants to thank Peter for his patience and for being there for countless late nights to bring all of this together.

Bill Fellner (*Musical Director*) Bill has been active in community theaters and other local organizations as actor, singer, pianist, and music director. He would like to thank the extraordinary cast of *Forum* for all of their hard work, and for making his job easy!

Sarah K. Hearn (*Choreography*) Sarah has been dancing since the age of five, and began choreographing in college. *Forum* marks the 15th musical she has had the privilege of choreographing. She is a member of The Brandywiners Ltd., and loves to perform when able, but the best role is Mom of 3 fantastic kiddos (*4 if you include her loveable hubby*). It is always a blast working with the CSP team! Happy 50th to Reneé, and congrats to the cast of *Forum*!

Susan Boudreaux (*Assistant Director*) Susan is happy to be working with Brian again having last been the Assistant Director for *Amadeus*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Lion in Winter* and to be working with such a talented group of people. Susan was last seen as Karen in *Rehearsal for Murder* and as Evy Meara in *The Gingerbread Lady*. Break legs, all!

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WHO'S WHO 🎭 CAST

Caitlin E. Adams (*Geminae*) was last seen as Janet in the Chapel Street Players production of the Rocky Horror Show. She just became a small business owner, opening a horseback riding facility called Opening Number Riding Academy in April. (www.caitlineadams.com) Much love to Mom, Redz, and HerO.

Peter Briccotto (*Pseudolus*) Peter is excited to make his CSP debut. Favorite roles include Seymour (*Little Shop*), Snoopy, Malcolm (*The Full Monty*), and Le Fou (*Beauty and the Beast*). He currently serves as the Development Director, the bartender, and a performer at New Candlelight Theatre (Come see him as Sparky in *Forever Plaid* starting July 15!)

Bill Campbell (*Protean*) A walking dichotomy, Bill suffers from both delusions of grandeur and an inferiority complex (albeit a small one). He would like to thank Dr. H. West for making his participation with this great cast possible. Next up for Bill is an extended break from the stage in order to step through his shadow.

Dennis Conner (*Hero*) Coming this June! Dennis Conner returns to CSP for his second fundraiser. Funny things will happen on the way...*FORUM!*

Stephanie Hoopes (*Geminae*) Stephanie has been involved with several shows at CSP, mostly backstage. This is her first time appearing as an actress in a show and is loving every minute of it. Having recently graduated from the University of Delaware, she hopes to be in more shows at CSP.

Kendra Eckbold (*Gymnasia*) Kendra is making her debut at CSP. She has been in many local productions and recently returned from an internship with Walt Disney World. She would like to thank the wonderful directing staff and cast for being so welcoming and fun to work with. Enjoy the show!

A. J. LoPorto (*Protean*) A. J. is happy to be involved in his second production with CSP. When he isn't a Protean, he is a piano accompanist for various shows and performances around Cecil and New Castle County, as well as a night shift stockperson at the supermarket. He'd like to thank his family, and everyone in the *Forum* cast for their love and support.

Peter Matthews (*Senex*) Pete was last seen at CSP in *12 Angry Jurors* as Juror #7. *Forum* marks his 8th collaboration with the CSP, and hopes there will be many more. Even though it has been hard work for a man of his advanced years, the role of Senex has been a great opportunity for him, and he's had lots of fun working with this cast and crew. A thousand thanks to all.

Renee G. O'Leary (*Erronius*) My thanks - 50 fold - goes to all the directors, cast and crew members and folks in the audience who have shared my journey through sexy, silly, serious, scary and strange characters. Major credit for any theatrical success I've had goes to directors Howard Kuscher, Scott F. Mason, Ernie Sutton and Brian Touchette. I dedicate this performance to the memory of my late husband, Jack, who shared 43 CSP FUNdraisers with me.

Walt Osborne (*Lycus*) *Forum* marks Walt's ninth production at CSP, having last been seen in *The Beach Club*. He has also done musicals with Avon Grove (PA) Community Theater. After 47 years of acting, he considers himself a stage veteran and is excited to be working with Brian again and to be part of a great cast.

Dominic Santos (*Hysterium*) Dominic is ecstatic to be involved in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. He has been involved with theater for more than a decade and has performed in theaters all over the tri-state area. Many thanks to Brian, Susan, Bill, Sarah, and the hilarious cast!

Lauren Schindler (*Tintinabula*) Lauren is thrilled to be a part of an amazing cast in her first musical with the CSP. She hopes her previous acting roles and formal dance instruction will lead to a growing theatrical career. Lauren greatly appreciates all the support from her husband, family, and friends.

Tina M. Sheing (*Domina*) Tina is thrilled to be back at CSP!! Most recently she played Rose in *Gypsy* at Wilmington Drama League alongside Ashley and Pat. Thanks to a great staff and cast for making this so much fun!

Stephanie Smith (*Panacea*) Stephanie is very excited to be doing her first show with the CSP! Some of her recent shows include *Annie* at the Wilmington Drama League, *Hello, Dolly!* with The Brandywiners, and the *Student Written One Acts* at West Chester University. Stephanie would like to thank her family for always supporting her, and the cast and crew for being so great to work with!

Patrick Sutton (*Miles G.*) Pat is very excited to be part of the cast of *Forum*. His other recent roles have included Juror #10 in CSP's *12 Angry Jurors*, Herbie in *Gypsy*, Man 2 in *I Love You, You're Perfect Now Change*, and Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*. He would like to thank all of the cast, crew, and directors for their inspiration and guidance, and he would also like to thank his wife for all her love and support.

Bill Swezey (*Protean*) Bill is proud to be making his second appearance at CSP, in the role of a Protean. His previous role at CSP was as Lou Tanner, "a rough but good looking musician", in Neil Simons *The Gingerbread Lady*. Bill would like to thank the most amazing cast and crew for making this such a spectacular show, and his loving wife and children for allowing him to indulge his inner thespian.

Ashley Wright (*Philia*) Ashley is elated to finally portray a character she can relate to - a lovely, winsome and radiant blonde with the intelligence of a brussel sprout. When not on stage, she enjoys roller coasters, unicorns, and mustard.

Morgan Wright (*Vibrata*) Morgan is thrilled to be making her Chapel Street Players debut alongside this talented cast and crew. When she isn't prowling around stage, hissing at any passersby, she enjoys field mice, animal print, and pouncing.