

StD Guild

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK



APRIL 2011

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

<i>Rumpelstiltskin</i> Afterglow	Apr. 8, 9, 10
MAC	Apr. 5
Board Meeting	Apr. 12
Full Circle	Apr. 16

RUMPELSTILTSKIN TO SPARKLE UP ST. D'S STAGE

The cast and crew of *Rumpelstiltskin* can't wait for opening night, Friday, Apr. 8.



Ryan Rowley relaxes from spinning gold into straw, as he checks out the royal throne that he expects to inherit.



Tracey Griggs comes out from behind the ticket counter to play her first role at St. D's—that of the perfect witch...eerie, but not scary.

JOSEPH TO COLOR THE GREEK

The Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this high energy, family-friendly musical parable. Marc Meyers will be directing, the show in the Greek Theatre, with Musical Director Eleonore Ellero-Groth; Asst. Director Tracey Griggs; Set Designer Obie Burch; Stage Manager Amanda Diaz; Set Build Tom Edson; Set Decorator Connie McEwan; Sound Bob Minchella; Lighting Obie Burch; Costumes Linda Watson, Kathy Shapero and Ruth Bennett; Properties Susan Holmes; Tickets Kathy Brooks; Publicity Molly Dorset and Craig Nichols as choreographer. Sandra Prokopp and Mairo Towle are producing. Performance dates are June 3, 4, 10, 11 and 16-18 at 8:30 p.m.

JOSEPH CAST IS AMAZING

Joseph, Drew Machak; Rueben, Dan Hartley; Simeon, Ryan S. Moore; Judah, Chris Shewchenko; Levi/Pharaoh, Jeff Foust; Nephtali/Potiphar, Gary Jones; Issacher, Hal Levine; Asher, Ryan Rowley; Benamine, Daniel Finegan; Zebulon, Jake Zinke; Gad, Eric Franz; Dan/Baker, Jody Florkowski; Jacob, Nat Towle; Guard 1/Ishmaelite, Richard Hutchison; Guard 2/Ishmaelite, Sandra Prokopp; Narrator, Sandi Haney; Reuben's Wife, Laurie Dooley; Simeon's Wife, Randi



Hamilton; Levi's Wife, Lauren DePorre; Naphtali's Wife, Andrea Kane; Mrs. Potiphar/Issacher's Wife, Rachel Biber; Asher's Wife, Deb Dworkin; Dan's Wife, Marley Boone; Zebulon's Wife, Audrey Isrow; Gad's Wife, Cyndi Kulman; Benjamine's Wife, Emma Quinn; Judah's Wife, Amy Lauter.

JOSEPH'S CHILDREN

Mairo Towle is the producer for the children, and she will be having her hands and heart full with 27 little darlings. The children LOVE Mairo and it is reciprocated! The children cast are: Caleb Biber-Welser, Meg Brokenshire, Gabrielle Bumbaugh, Kate and McKenna Dooley, Gabrielle Fix, Isabella Gielniak, Lilly Groth, Mariya Hagner, Sofia and Gabriel Hull, Cecelia Jones, Roni Kane, Lauren Kowal, Brigid Lally, Maryanna Lauter, Henry Lewsiton, Guinevere Renwick, Annelle Scott, Soline Skrzypczak; Victoria Smilnak, Sophia Sutter, Carter Wagner and Nick Zupancic.

NEW MEMBER TO DIRECT THE 39 STEPS



Kathleen Lietz is a new member who recently directed *Rent* at Stagecrafters and was the co-author and director of *The Jersey Show* at Go Comedy! in Ferndale. Some of her other directing credits include: *On Golden Pond*, *Criminal Genius*, *Zombies From The Beyond*, *Collected Stories*, *The*

Rocky Horror Picture Show, *Extremities*, and *Oleanna*. Kathleen has also participated in the Playwright-Actor-Director workshop at Purple Rose, directed many years at Heartland Theatre Play By Play Festivals and at Detroit BoxFest last summer.

Lietz is happy to be directing at St. D's and thrilled to be one of the first directors in the area to work on *The 39 Steps*. "Campy comedy is my favorite," she said. She has worked extensively throughout the area as an actress—on stage, in voiceovers and auto shows. Outside of theater, Kathleen loves to write, read and cook and this summer she and hubby Jeff (who played bass guitar in St. D's version of *Rent*) will start rehabbing a cottage they bought last fall. Besides Kathleen and Jeff, the Lietz family includes five kitties.

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JONES HEADS NEW PLAYBILL

As most of you know, long-time actor, friend, musician, financial wizard, benefactor and St. D's worker bee, Brian Jones took a new job in Fort Lauderdale, FL, as the Director of Business Development and Associate Administrator. "One of my favorite quotes is from *Sondheim's Into the Woods*—"Opportunity is not a lengthy visitor," Brian wrote,

Although this will be the most difficult move I've made because of the deep roots I've established here with my family, friends, theatres, neighbors, etc., this is a move that will get me ready for the next stage of my life and career.

I truly want to thank you all for being a wonderful part of this chapter in my life. I have some many wonderful memories and experiences that I will keep in my heart forever. This will always be my home.

And, as Mme. Arcati would say..."Look on the bright side..." If you ever want an escape from the cold, you're always welcome to come visit and will have a place to stay!

Love to you all--Brian

Here are a few of St. D's fond memories of the "Life of Brian."



..as Mme. Arcati in *Blithe Spirit*



...as Valentin in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*



...as Shem in *Two by Two*



...in *Rent*

FORMER MEMBER NEWS

Robert Schmidt, husband of member Irene Schmidt, recently died. Irene's address is Irene Schmidt, 2437 Windemere, Birmingham, MI 48009. She would love to hear from her friends at St. D's, and would like you to keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Frank Gettleson was a member who passed away several months ago. His son, Scott and wife Jenn, are thrilled to announce their new son, Franklin Ben Gettleson, born Mar. 6.

SECOND STAGE 2012

Playreading and Casting is happy to announce that Obie Birch will be directing "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett as a Second Stage Production next season. for a second stage production next season.

PR&C would also like to know what shows any directors would like to direct for the 2012 - 2013 season, as they consider the slate for that timeframe. If prospective directors would be so kind to email Anthony Marsalese at tonyjeff@comcast.net, with their suggestions before the end of May, PR&C could review them over the summer.

FULL CIRCLE STARS A2 LASS

Kitty Donohoe brings her luminous, earthy and compelling music to the Full Circle Performance Series on Apr. 16 at 8 p.m. The Ann Arbor, Mich.-based talent combines her Michigan roots and Irish heritage into a unique musical style that unites a love of language and impeccable sense of melody. In addition to her lush three-octave voice, Donohoe backs herself on guitar, cittern and keyboard. Her name may be familiar for having written the 9/11 song, "There Are No Words," which won a Michigan Emmy Award. Donohoe and her

If we had devoted this whole issue of the *Guilder* to you, Brian, it wouldn't begin to tell you of our affection for you, or to offer sufficient tribute for your tireless hours devoted to St. Dunstan's. Thank you for overseeing *Artisans*, serving in SO many capacities and lending your beautiful voice to our productions. If only we could have printed pictures from EVERY one of your shows. We cast you in the leading role of "First in Our Hearts," and wish you only the best in your new adventure. Click your heels together if you ever get lonely, for there's no place like home.

band were invited to perform the song at the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial on September 11, 2008. Admission is just \$10 per person and all proceeds benefit St. Dunstan's. "We're keeping creativity flowing for audiences at St. Dunstan's while our main stage productions are in rehearsal," said Alan Canning, one of the event's co-producers. "We're also increasing awareness of some talented musicians and raising much-needed funds for a great theatre organization."

Scenes from A Tropical Pickle.
Below, Lauren DePorre makes a couple great points as Jeff Davison looks up to her.



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Wow, four shows down and two to go 'til the end of the season. Pickle was a GREAT success (if I do say so myself). It is so much easier for a director, and really a lot more enjoyable for the crew and audience when we have such a cohesive and fun cast. Kudos and MUCH thanks to the cast and crew that made it such; Tom Griffin, Sue Mancuso, Lauren DePorre, Paul Dorset, Ben Feliciano, Jeff Davison and Samantha Glover worked their magic each night with comic delight. Aided ably by our stalwart crew of Ruth Bennett making certain everybody was dressed (or undressed in some cases), Jimmy Luzenski manning

the stage, Bob Yazejian setting props in the right place, Amanda Diaz giving the actors light, and Nina Kircher adding the sonic punch. And of course, add in the pre-show crew designing, building, publicizing, taking tickets, etc; Obie Burch, Tom Edson, Barb Gowans, Allie Walters, Molly Dorset, Mary Myers, Kathy Brooks, Tracey Griggs, Mike Brooks, Susan Holmes, Al Tendler, Kathy Shapero, Ruth Dorfler, Anthony Marsalese, Ann DeMay, Peggy Yazejian, Paul Gillin, Ryan Rowley, Ned Schneider and Ian McEwan (I hope I haven't left anyone out). THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!



Sue Mancuso's dinner party collapse puts her in a terrible pickle, as daughter blackmails her for higher babysitting rate.



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