

## **BARN THEATRE 2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**MARCH 26, 2017**

Meeting started at 5:15 PM

Attendees: Alice Moynahan, Joe Guadara, Judy Jordan, Tom Schopper, Janice Schopper, Cheryl Bookstaver, Rich Witenberg, Todd Mills, Greg Moran, Claire McDonald, Dave McDonald, Jerry Sapperstein, Robert C. Loucks, Susan Hagen, Mellissa Milbaank, Pamela Misiewicz, John Misiewicz, Jodi Maloy, Rich Maloy, Janet Lazar, Carla Kendall, Roseanne Ruggiero, Marie Bogart, Roy Bogart, Mary Ryzuk, Camille DiLorenzo, Janine Wentz, Geraldine Baillod, Cheryl Wilbur, Jeff Knapp, Mindy Knapp, Jack Knapp

### **AGENDA**

STATE OF THE THEATRE

TREASURER'S REPORT

2017-2018 SEASON

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### **State of the Theatre**

Todd Mills Board President

It has been a good year for the Theatre.

- The solar panels have been in operation for one year. The switch for the solar power was pulled on March 12, 2016.
- The parking lot was regraded and repaved over the summer.
- A new sound board, and additional microphones have been purchase. This will enhance the quality of sound for musicals and other events at the Theatre.
- A hearing assistance system is currently being used at the theater. This hearing assistance is on loan for free from the NJ Theater Alliance as a pilot program. It may be used as a permanent feature in the future.
- A permanent heating system has been installed in the Box Office.

Current Needs and Future Projects for the Theatre

- Gutters and leaders are needed for the parking lot
- The stairs up in the orchestra stage need to be finished.
- The North side exterior of the building needs some repair due to the constant exposure to the sun, wind, and rain.

- The air conditioning system for the Theatre needs to be replaced due to it's age and breakdowns last summer. Our current air conditioning system uses a Freon which very expensive to recharge, and the maintenance and repairs are costly.
- The lighting grid for the stage lights needs to be upgraded. Specifically, additional outlets are needed for upstage area of the lighting system.
- Additional outside lighting is proposed for the parking lot. An underground conduit for the outside lighting was put in place before the parking lot was regraded and paved.
- The bathrooms will be repainted by the House and Grounds Director Joe Guadara.
- The Hospitality area needs to be upgraded with a new counter top and new lighting.
- The Barn Theatre road sign at the bottom of Skyline Drive is being made.

The President stated that volunteers are needed to complete these projects. The President asked our members to volunteer their time and talents to the Barn Theatre.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Rich Witenberg Board Treasurer**

The Barn Theatre derives it income from:

- Membership
- Ticket sales
- Benefit Sales
- Special Events
- Theatre Rental
- Advertising in Production Programs
- Raffle, Hospitality, Donations. And Bequest

Major Expenditure:

- The regrading and Paving of the Parking Lot \$88,000.00

Bank Loan

- \$100,000 in Anticipation of Parking Lot Improvement

Other Improvement

- Solar Panels- Saving 25% in Electrical Cost
- Sound Board and Microphones –Improved Audience Experience

Future Major Expense

- A/C System
- Gutters and Siding
- Additional Outdoor Lighting

Motion was made by Cheryl Bookstaver (trustee) to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Geraldine Baillod (Board Director). Motion was passed.

## Theatre Chair Report Presented by Janice Schopper

As in past years, this process has been very challenging. Putting together a season is like putting together a puzzle and making sure all the pieces fit correctly. The play reading committee of seven (including myself) reviewed and discussed several plays and musicals with submissions from several different directors.

After numerous meetings and emails, a season was finally chosen that we feel will be a well-rounded selection of offerings that will appeal to our audience.

Without further ado, I present to you the Barn Theatre's 90<sup>th</sup> Season.

### .Mothers and Sons -Drama

September 8 to September 30, 2017

Written by Terrance McNally

Director: Tom Schopper

The Tony Nominated play Is an "Eloquent, exceptionally timely and intensely resonant. A moving reflection of a changed America."

Mothers and Sons is about a mother who pays a surprise visit to the New York apartment of her late son's ex-partner, who is now married to another man and has a young son. Challenged to face how society has changed around her—without her—she is finally able to see the rich life her son might have led.

### Fiddler on The Roof –Musical

November 10 to December 2, 2017

Book Joseph Stein

Music Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick

Director: Scott Hart

The Tony Award winner Fiddler on the Roof is the brainchild of Broadway legends, Jerome Robbins and Harold Prince; songwriters, Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick; and bookwriter, Joseph Stein.

Set in a little village, the story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, Fiddler on the Roof's universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

Brighton Beach Memoirs – Dramatic Comedy

January 12 to February 3, 2018

By Neil Simon

Directed by: Scott Baird

Set in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, New York in September 1937 amidst The Great Depression, this coming-of-age comedy focuses on Eugene Morris Jerome, a Polish-Jewish American teenager who experiences puberty, sexual awakening, and a search for identity as he tries to deal with his family, including his older brother Stanley, his parents Kate and Jack, Kate's sister Blanche, and her two daughters, Nora and Laurie, who come to live there after their father's death.

The 39 Steps -Comedy

March 16 to April 8, 2018 (Easter is April 1, 2018)

Written by: Patrick Barlow, John Buchan

Director: Ron Mulligan

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have *The 39 Steps*, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This 2-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of 4), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance! In *The 39 Steps*, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, *The 39 Steps* amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure!

Annie –Musical

May 18 to June 9, 2018

Book by Thomas Meehan

Music by Charles Strouse

Lyrics by Martin Charnin

Directed by Camille DiLorenzo

Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, *Annie* has become a worldwide phenomenon and was the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical., features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including "Tomorrow."

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the Orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations... and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! She finds a new home and family in billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**The 2017 Nominating Committee for The Barn Theatre submits the following slate of nominees for election or re-election to upcoming vacant positions on the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees:**

**Board of Directors Nominees**

**Re-election:**

**Roy Bogert**

**Camille DiLorenzo**

**Todd Mills**

**Janice Schopper**

**New Election:**

**Susan Hagen**

**Robert Loucks**

**Jerry Sapperstein**

**Richard Witenberg**

## **Board of Trustees Nominees**

### **Re-election: Lillian Miller**

Motion made by Rosanne Ruggerio to accept new nominated Board Directors, seconded by Tom Schopper. Motion Passed, nominations accepted.

The floor was open to accept any other nomination from the floor. No further nominations.

Nominations for new Board Directors was closed.

Motion made to accept Lillian Miller to the Board of Trustees by Tom Schopper, seconded by Rich Witenberg. motion passed.

No other nominations came from the floor.

### **Flea Market**

There will be a flea market held at the Barn Theatre in the parking lot on April 29, 2017 from 10 till 4 PM. Spaces in the parking are being sold for \$20.00 each.

Motion made by Roseanne Ruggerio to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Carla Kendall. The motion was passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM