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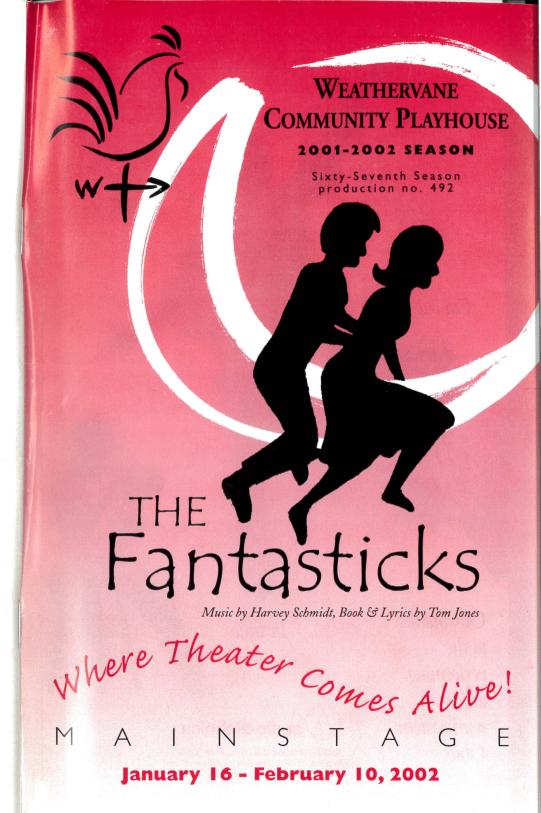


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The Sunshine Boys

Comedy by Neil Simon

October 17 - November 3, 2001 Dracula

Classic play by John Balderston & Hamilton Deane

January 16 - February 10, 2002

The Fantasticks

Musical by Harvey Schmidt & Tom Jones

February 27 - March 17, 2002 Seven Guitars

Drama by August Wilson

April 10 - 28. 2002

As Bees in Honey Drown

Comedy by Douglas Carter Beane

May 15 - June 2, 2002 Wit

Drama by Margaret Edson

June 19 - July 14, 2002

Fiddler on the Roof

Musical by Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick & Joseph Stein

Program subject to change

YOUTH/FAMILY PRODUCTIONS

July 28 - August 12, 2001 Charlotte's Web

by E.B. White & Joseph Robinette

November 24 - December 22, 2001

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Musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber

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by Thornton Wilder

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- * Assistive Listening Devices are available at the Box Office for the hearing impaired. This service is available thanks to the generosity of Virginia and J. Robert Wilson. In addition, some performances at Weathervane may feature American Sign Language or audio-description translations.
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- performances and at 2:30 p.m. for Sunday matinees. We appreciate audience courtesy in arriving on time.
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- * Comments from audience members are always welcomed with interest. Please feel free to write to Weathervane or call us to express your views and opinions about our productions, play selection or other matters. We appreciate hearing from you and will respond. Please send your comments to: Executive Director, Weathervane Community Playhouse, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron, OH 44313-5186.

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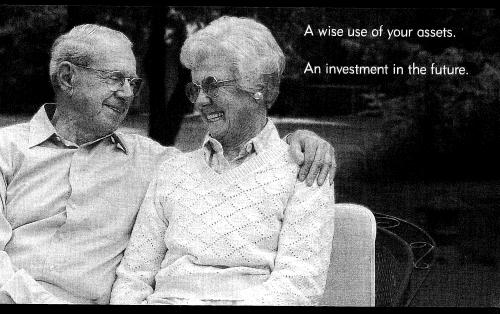
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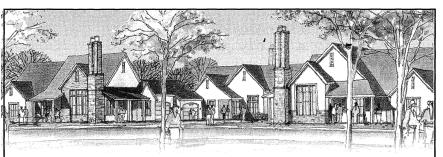


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From the Barn to the Valley A Brief Weathervane History



From 1935 until 1951, Weathervane was housed in a modest carriage house barn on Marshall Avenue in Akron. The

Barn, as it was known, has long since been destroyed but there are still a few people who recall its cramped quarters and especially the energy and devotion of the four ladies, Grace Hower Crawford, Laurine Schwan, Helen Troesch and Muriel MacLachlan, who believed that Akron deserved the best in theater and that volunteers could make it all happen. The plaque in our lobby lists the names of the other founders who shared their commitment and who joined their ambitious mission, producing everything from light comedy to Shakespeare and opera.

Though the Barn is now only a memory, its rooftop weathervane gave the theater its name and logotype character, the Chanticleer.

Except in 1948 when located at the Pythian Temple, the Barn was home to Weathervane until 1951. Then the organization renovated a building on Copley Road and became a more accommodating 100-seat facility. In 1960, Weathervane hired its first professional director, Bob Belfance, who served until 1992. Along with long-time custodian/ticket office manager, Nora Scott, the two-person staff relied on volunteer support. Paid guest directors and children's theater instructors served in part-time positions and Weathervane existed on a lean budget. Ticket office receipts, along with donations and community support, helped Weathervane meet expenses and created a modest endowment fund. Volunteers still nourish all of Weathervane's activities.

In the mid-1960s, a fund-raising drive resulted in construction of the present 263-seat facility which opened in 1970, one of the first enterprises at the head of the corridor into the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Thanks to Grace Crawford's legacy, the mortgage has since been paid off. Growing audience demand for live entertainment and theater education continues to underscore Weathervane's needs for increased community support.

In its nearly seven decades, Weathervane has constructed, torn down, recycled, painted and refitted stage settings for more than 500 productions (when Stage Two and Youth Theater productions are included). We've stitched up hundreds of costumes, created lighting magic by the multiwatt, crafted reality out of scores of stage properties and, most of all, shared the talents of well over a thousand amateur performers, who take their performance curtain calls to the applause of more than a hundred thousand theater goers. This effort is the result of volunteer dedication based on the founders' original philosophy that "all who can contribute are welcome."

Our volunteer archivist, Cue Fleming, has compiled the impressive list of productions back to 1935, a record of the dedication of those who have given their time to present each show to please the audiences who seek entertainment excellence each time the lights go up. Share the link to Weathervane's past by joining in the applause for today's performance.

NOTE: Weathervane always appreciates donations of past programs, photographs or other theater memorabilia which can be added to our archives kept at the University of Akron. Thank you.



Ticket Information

- ★ Tickets may be purchased by telephone when you call 330-836-2626 Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may also purchase tickets in person during these hours. On performance Saturdays only, the Ticket Office is open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Ticket Office is also open one hour prior to all performances and remains open through the first intermission.
- Telephone reservations must be charged to a Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card. Reservations are also required when using coupons from your Weathervane Super Coupon book, complimentary tickets or coupons offered from any other cooperating arts organization. Please arrive at the Ticket Office at least 20 minutes before curtain time to pick up your tickets. Any unclaimed tickets will be released for sale to waiting ticket buyers five minutes prior to curtain at the discretion of the Ticket Office Manager and volunteers.
- ★ Special seating Please inform us if you have seating preferences, or require special attention due to visual, auditory or other physical needs. We'll do our best to accommodate you, but please remember orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis with season subscribers and advanced group sales taking first priority. ★ Super Coupon holders are reminded that coupons do *not* ensure seats for a specific performance. Please call the box office early to reserve seats with these prepaid coupons.
- ★ Season Subscriber Exchange Please call the Ticket Office at 330-836-2626 if you wish to exchange your subscription seat for another performance of the same show. Exchanges must be phoned in at least 24 hours prior to your originally

- scheduled performance. We can't always guarantee the same seats but we'll give you the closest available replacements. An upgrade fee will be charged when changing subscription seats from the Preview Series to any other performance. If you cannot use your subscription seats, please call us at least 24 hours in advance to release them. We will recognize this as a donation to Weathervane.
- ★ Student Rush Tickets go on sale 30 minutes before curtain time allowing students with valid ID to purchase remaining tickets for half price on the night of performance, pending ticket availability. These tickets cannot be reserved in advance.
- ★ Complimentary Tickets for cast members and production volunteers require reservations and may be used only on designated performances. Complimentary tickets distributed to special donors also require reservations but may not be restricted to specific performances. Please let us know you wish to use a complimentary ticket when you telephone for a reservation.
- ★ Discounted Group Reservations are available for groups of 15 or more. Call Weathervane at 330-836-2626 to learn how you can entertain friends, associates, or clients with a night at the theater or to plan a fund-raising event for larger groups. ★ Gift Certificates are available through the Ticket Office at any time in any amount you choose.
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Weathervane Women's Board welcomes new members who serve an apprenticeship allowing them to explore the full spectrum of Weathervane activities in which they may wish to participate. Membership is open to all. If you are interested in becoming part of this vibrant organization, please let us know. Leave your name at the Ticket Office or write: Weathervane Women's Board, c/o Weathervane Community Playhouse, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron, OH 44313-5186.

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The Women's Board welcomes new members.



Weathervane appreciates the continuing strong support of individuals, corporations, foundations and other donors who help finance the theater's operations, capital improvements and endowment program. Weathervane is classified as a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax deductible. Following are some of the many ways in which you can take pride in your support of the art of theater in our community.

* Become a Weathervane Member.

Your annual support makes you a voting member of Weathervane Community Playhouse. You'll receive discounts on educational programs and other benefits, based on the membership level you choose. Members are invited to Weathervane's annual meeting and to other special events such as the Chanticleer Awards Banquet. Memberships are renewable annually, beginning at \$50 (Contributing), and continuing at Sustaining, Patron, Silver, Gold and Platinum Levels. Membership is actively solicited in the fall but is accepted at any time. Members are recognized in the Playbill.

* Give a Special Gift To Say You Care. Special donations may be made at any time to memorialize a friend or relative whose interest in Weathervane was significant to his or her life. You may also recognize and celebrate important dates or current achievements of relatives, friends or associates.

* Remember Weathervane in Your Heart and in Your Will. What better way to carry on your tradition of support to Weathervane than by a planned gift. By taking advantage of the tax laws which encourage charitable giving, the U.S. Government will share in the cost of your gift to Weathervane. Your gift can fulfill a specific purpose or project while providing your estate with tax savings. To help ensure that Weathervane will continue, please contact our Executive Director for more information.

★ Check For Matching Gifts. Many national and local corporations will match your donations to Weathervane,

increasing your generosity to the theater. Please check whether or not your company participates in such a program.

To Local Foundations. Several of this area's larger foundations accept memorial and tribute gifts in the name of specific organizations such as Weathervane Community Playhouse. Such gifts help assure continuing grants to the theater's operations and special projects. We are enormously grateful for the impressive history of foundation support in this community.

* Sponsor or Underwrite a Production. Our productions may be underwritten by local corporations or foundations. Benefits can include private "command performances" and special receptions for employees and friends when your business chooses this important method of support. Please call 330-836-2626. We'd like to discuss this kind of opportunity with your executive officers.

★ Capital Project. The new construction segment of the Capital Project includes a scene shop with basement storage, a 2nd-floor classroom, a 2nd-floor rehearsal hall, soundproof corral with construction of a production booth and office, elevator and fly gallery pocket above the stage. Donations for Stage Two of the project will purchase classroom furnishings, update the lighting system, purchase and install the rigging system for the fly gallery, renovate the lobby and replenish the Capital Fund for maintenance and repairs through 2010.



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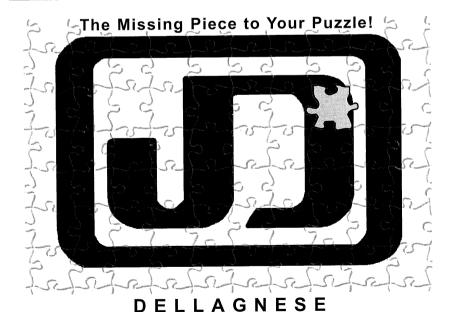


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Youth Education

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Children from throughout the community may also audition for roles in Youth/Family productions. Casting is not dependent upon class enrollment. Participation is an extension of valuable training in every facet of production from the audition process to technical and performance experience. Family members may also have learning opportunities by participating in such productions.

Weathervane works with area schools by providing outreach information and study guides in our Project STAGE program, which brings public and private school students to see as many as three productions each season. This season,

Dracula, Seven Guitars and Our Town will be featured in the Project STAGE events. Tickets are only \$7.

For information about classes or audition schedules for Youth Theater productions, please call our Education Coordinator at 330-836-2323.

Adult Classes and Theater Training

Professionally taught fall and spring Adult Theatre Education classes include Scenic Design, Stage Lighting, Directing, Improvisation and Classical Drama. These classes help both new and experienced actors to expand their own performance and public speaking skills. Classes are held at the theater and costs are affordable. Call 330-836-2323 ext. 17 for details.

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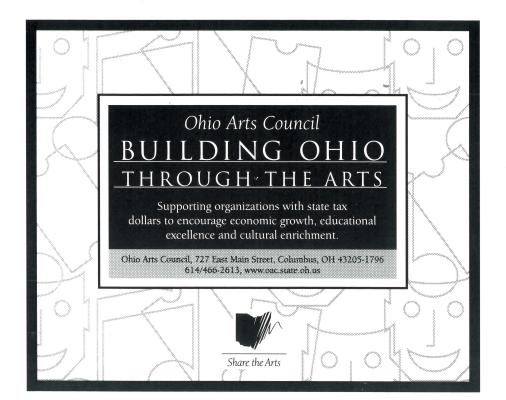
Every volunteer participant in a production actually becomes part of Weathervane's continuing education process. You'll learn from more experienced actors and technical helpers who share the creation of production and performance. If you don't have time for structured classes, sign on to become a crew member or performer. We'll help you expand your knowledge of backstage and onstage responsibilities along with your own talents and imagination. Please call us at 330-836-2626 and let us show you how to give new wings to your talent and new meaning to your time.





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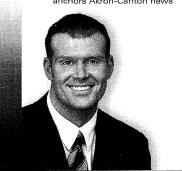
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Botanical Designs by Lisa A. Merrick

It's a delight to welcome back the creative works of an artist who has been seen before in the Weathervane gallery. Lisa Merrick's botanical prints were so delightedly received by audiences just a couple of years ago that her works deserved a revisit. And what better choice for our current production than the "living presence" of garden treasures captured for all seasons?

Lisa is a Norton resident who has spent more than 25 years working with pressed botanicals, most of them from the gardens and woods near her family home where she has lived over 40 years. A favorite aunt first showed her how to create bookmarks from flowers she liked and, from then on, Lisa was on her way to a creative lifetime. She learned to make her own wooden flower presses and to work with hand-cut papers, mats and unusual frames. She is also an award-winning photographer with a line of photographic cards. Her work won an honorable mention at the 2001 Yankee Peddler Festival and earned her a first prize in Akron's Ohio Mart last fall. The cash prize was for an entry using her botanical craftsmanship on apparel.

Lisa has a two-year degree in Natural Science from Wayne State College and now grows many of the flowers she favors most for preservation just as early botanists did to record their work in "herbariums." Her work was featured in an Akron Beacon Journal article a couple of years ago and may be found for sale at several local galleries. For information regarding purchase of any of the Lisa Merrick botanicals in the Weathervane gallery, please inquire at the Boutique or at the Weathervane ticket office during the run of *The Fantasticks*.

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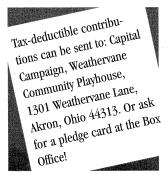
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It's an exciting time at Weathervane Community Playhouse! Take a good look around and you'll see lots of changes. Most of the "big" stuff is behind the stage — a new scene shop, new classrooms and rehearsal hall. And the rest is up above you — a new enclosed production booth, new costume shop and the fly gallery.

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- Soundproof production booth
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- Lobby renovation
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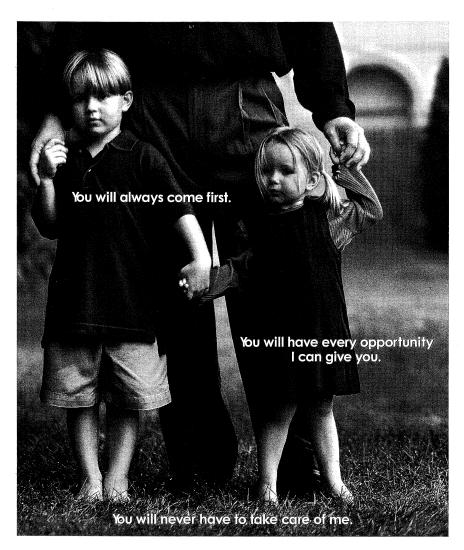
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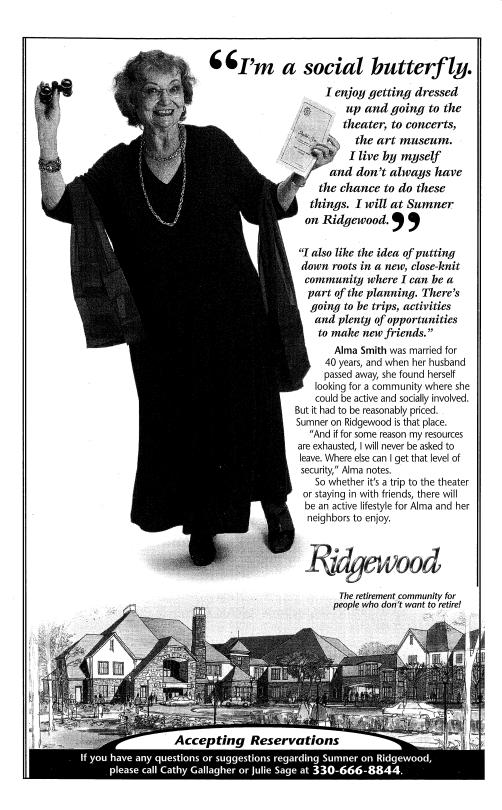
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The Fantasticks – Cast

Narrator (El Gallo)	
Matt (The Boy)	Andrew Hubacher
Hucklebee (The Boy's Father)	. Timothy H. Champion
Luisa (The Girl)	Trishah Scalera
Bellomy (The Girl's Father)	Tom Stephan
Henry (The Actor)	Irv Korman
The Mute/Mortimer	Jen Arvay

For your safety, we request that you remain seated until the house lights have come up at intermission and after the curtain call.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I	
Overture	The Company
Try To Remember	The Narrator
Much More	
Metaphor	The Boy and The Girl
Never Say No	
It Depends on What You Pay	
Soon It's Gonna Rain	
Rape* Ballet	The Company
*Note: The word "rape" is used here	e in its literary definition,
"to seize and carry off by force,"	from the Latin <i>rapere</i> .
Happy Ending	The Company
There will be a 15-minute interm	ission between the acts.
ACT II	
This Plum Is Too Ripe	The Boy, The Girl, The Fathers
I Can See It	The Boy, The Narrator
Plant A Radish	The Fathers
Round and Round	The Narrator, The Girl and Company
They Were You	The Boy and The Girl
Try To Remember (Reprise)	The Narrator

Musicians:

Piano -- Steve Parsons Harp -- Tom Bell

Director's Notes

The simplicity of this piece has a profound effect on all who view it, but especially those who work on it. The complexity of this piece does the same. This is my fourth production of *The Fantasticks* and people ask me if I am bored yet. No - because, like life, while the simple yet complex elements of the human condition always remain the same, they are always changing. El Gallo sings "With a hurt, the heart is hollow." There is no better time than now to heed that lyric and rejoice in the resilience and the fullness of the human heart.



Our Guest Directors — Jacqi Loewy & Steve Parsons

JACQILOEWY (Director-Choreographer) directed Weathervane's production of Little Shop of Horrors just a couple of seasons ago and has also appeared on our stage in Prelude To A Kiss and Six Degrees of Separation so we are delighted to have her back to take charge of this production. Recent directing credits include The Fantasticks at Lyric Opera Cleveland, Look Back in Anger at Charenton Theater Company, Speed-The-Plow at The University of Akron (where she received her MA degree in Theater) and The Eight: Reindeer Monologues at Cleveland Public Theater. Other credits range from Broadway to Summer Stock and everything in between. As choreographer for the Broadway revival of I Married An Angel, Jacqi had the pleasure of working with Tony winner and former Akronite Karen Ziemba. She has also directed and choreographed several international productions for Warner Brothers and Madison Square Garden productions. A nationally recognized voice/over and on/camera actress, she has several commercials to her credit. Local audiences have seen her on stage at Dobama (Safety), Playhouse Square (Shear Madness), Porthouse Theatre (Dames at Sea) and with Kenley Players where she understudies and performed with another Tony winner, Judy Kaye. Currently, she supervises the cast of Tony n' Tina's Wedding at Playhouse Square as the Production Stage Manager. Jacqi shares her life, heart and home with actor Paul Floriano, his daughters Becca and Rachel and their menagerie of fluffy pets. She extends cheers and thanks to the cast and crews of The Fantasticks for making her return to Weathervane such a pleasure.

STEVE PARSONS (Musical Director) is now in his seventh year as Musical Director for The Players Guild in Canton where he has conducted and supervised productions including Godspell, The Fantasticks, Sunday In The Park With George, Plain & Fancy, Nunsense and 42nd Street. Steve's keyboard talents have been featured in many of The Guild's mainstage shows and he has also been on stage, most memorably as Simon Stimson in Our Town. He is the composer and orchestrator of The Guild's new musical version of A Christmas Carol and produced a cast recording of the show. Steve received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees from Kent State University and is now an instructor of music at Malone College. He has music directed at other area theaters, including North Canton Playhouse, The Illusion Factory, and Weathervane. He also frequently plays keyboards for Carousel Dinner Theater productions and he has supervised music for several New York productions. Other professional experience includes music for the Fox animated television series "The Tick," music and arrangements for the video game "College Slam" and scores for the new official versions of Nunsense and Nunsense A-Men for author Dan Goggin as well as other original works published by RBC Music, Inc. A member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Steve is also in demand as a composer and arranger for many marching and concert bands.



About the Play and Playwrights

Word has come to us that the production of *The Fantasticks* at New York's off-Broadway Sullivan Street Theatre will close in early 2002 after establishing an astounding number of continuous performances since its opening on May 3, 1960. During these 40-plus years, this bright, little musical has been seen around the world with national touring companies in London, Mexico, Sweden and in the United States including in San Francisco where it ran for over five years. Weathervane was the first non-professional theater to produce the show and we staged it during our 1961-1962 season.

Including professional, stock, amateur and school productions, the show has been staged into Guinness Book of World Records numbers. Of course, casts have changed at the Sullivan Street Theatre, but they have included, over the years, such performers as Anna Marie Alberghetti, Liza Minelli and Eileen Fulton. Jonathon Farwell (a Clevelander) was the first to play the Narrator/El Gallo and others who have appeared in the off-Broadway production cast have included F. Murray Abraham, John Raitt, Elliott Gould, Richard Chamberlain, Ricardo Montalban, Edward Everett Horton, Ed Ames and Laurence Luckinbill.

Harvey Schmidt & Tom Jones: Both men were students at the University of Texas in 1950 where the undergraduate shows they began writing together encouraged them to head for New York in 1955. They soon began having their work acted and sung in various places including clubs such as Upstairs at the Downstairs. They also contributed to a revue called *Shoestrings* and wrote material for nightclub performers such as Tom Posten and Ronny Graham.

Since the opening of *The Fantasticks*, the two have collaborated on three musicals for the Broadway stage -- *110 in the Shade*, *Celebrations* and *I Do*, *I Do*, which starred Mary Martin and Robert Preston and ran for over 583 performances.

Their original conception of the show which eventually became *The Fantasticks* was Texas-sized and included a horseback chorus line! Producer Lore Noto saw other possibilities in the show and commissioned the young authors to create a full evening of off-Broadway theater leading to the record-breaking life of *The Fantasticks* at the Sullivan Street Theatre in New York and around the world.

Next On Our Stage

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Playwright **August Wilson** has continued to aim toward his goal of writing plays documenting black American experience in each decade of the twentieth century. *Seven Guitars* takes us to

Pittsburgh in the late 1940's. The guitars in this play are metaphors for the three female and four male characters living in the same Pittsburgh Hill section where Wilson grew up. Though the main character, Floyd, is a bluesman, the music you will hear in this play is the constantly changing key of ideas and interruptions. The play allows each of these unique characters to visit each other and us and leads eventually to an unexpected, heart-rending conclusion. **Richard Morris** of Karamu House, will return to create the backyard scene for this production and **John Fagan**, a former Akronite and very busy director from South Carolina, will be in town to direct this production.

BILL BERRY (Narrator, El Gallo) is making his first Weathervane appearance in this production but, in recent years, he's been active with Royalton Players, ANTIC, Inc. and Streetsboro Community Theater where he recently appeared as Billy Flynn in Chicago. He was Charlie Brown in Wayne County Performing Arts' production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown and played the same role for Medina County Show Biz Company's production. Other roles this Wadsworth resident has enjoyed performing include Hero in A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, Jesus in Godspell, Harold Hill in The Music Man, Adam and Noah in Children of Eden and Charles Condomine in Blithe Spirit. He earned commendations for musical performances in OCTA-Fest competitions for two years in a row. Daytime responsibilities find him working for Allstate Insurance Company.

ANDREW HUBACHER (The Boy, Matt) is also a newcomer to our stage. He's been honing his talent in productions with several different groups including Smithville High School where he is getting ready for graduation. Last year, he added the role of Tony in West Side Story to his list of credits which also includes roles in Shenandoah, The Music Man, Bye, Bye Birdie, The King and I and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in productions at venues including Stage Partners, Ashland University, Amaranic Productions and Richland Performing Arts. He also joined the Blossom Festival Chorus in a performance of Brahms Requiem. He is a two-year member of the Ohio University Honors Choir.

TIMOTHY H. CHAMPION (The Boy's Father, Hucklebee) is a frequent performer in Weathervane productions. Winner of six Chanticleer Awards during his 17-plus years on our stage, Tim was last seen here

in Communicating Doors where he played a remarkably realistic corpse under the sofa. He also played C.K. Dexter Haven in The Philadelphia Story and Sir Thomas More in A Man For All Seasons. Though we've not heard Tim sing since Pirates of Penzance, he found his voice in our production of Guys and Dolls as Benny Southstreet several seasons ago. Porthouse Theatre audiences have seen him in productions including Much Ado About Nothing, 1776, Man of La Mancha, Twelfth Night and A Thousand Clowns. By day, Tim practices Estate Planning and Probate Law with the firm of Aberth and Champion in Fairlawn.

TRISHAH SCALERA (The Girl, Luisa) made her first Weathervane appearance as Bet in Oliver! in 2000. Besides being a student at Firestone High School, she's also been taking voice and acting classes at Westside Vocal Academy and dances in Abby Dance Showgroup. She appeared in Magical Theatre Company productions including Young King Arthur, The Snow Queen, Rapunzel and Grease. With The Players Guild, she played Sally Cratchit in A Christmas Carol. A member of the Firestone High School Dance Ensemble, she's also been studying dance for several years and appeared in the Carousel Dinner Theatre production of George M! and with Wooster Stage Partners in Peter Pan and Annie. Her home is in nearby Norton and she's looking forward to playing the title role in Magical Theatre Company's production of Snow White this spring.

TOM STEPHAN (The Girl's Father, Bellomy) is beginning a new career as a retiree after his many years as a teacher of English and Drama at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. Weathervane audiences have enjoyed his performances in many of our productions and his collection of Chanticleer awards can prove it. He earned Best Actor awards for Breakfast with Les and Bess, Dear Liar and as Elwood P. Dowd in Harvey. A Best

Supporting Actor came to him for *Noises Off*. Since the early 1980s, Tom has been seen here is a variety of productions, most recently as Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* last season as well as Reese in *Communicating Doors*. He's also been active with Stow Players both as actor and director and, in all, has performed in over five dozen productions plus *Mysteries by Moushey* ever since these audience participation conundrums first began being seen in this area. He is now serving on our Board of Trustees.

IRV KORMAN (The Old Actor) was thrilled at the opportunity to be part of *The Fantasticks* again since he appeared as The Mute in our 1962 production. We haven't checked the records but can't really recall any other time where an actor from an original production returns to perform in the revival so Irv deserves special applause for making Weathervane history. He was also in the cast of *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, making the rounds of Rome as Erronius. In the Carousel Dinner Theatre production of *See How They Run*, Irv enjoyed being on stage with Mickey Rooney. A graduate of The

University of Akron with a Masters Degree in Theatre, Irv is an associate lecturer in the School of Communication at The University of Akron and also provides theater news and reviews for several local publications. He was Ronald McDonald in the Northeastern Ohio area for 14 years and currently performs as clown-magician, Marlowe the Magic Clown. Irv and wife Francine are proud parents of two beautiful daughters, Julie and Melanie.

JEN ARVAY (The Mute) gets to impersonate a sturdy wall during much of this production - not the easiest sort of task for someone who's been dancing since she was four years old. Her moves as one of the Geminae in A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum were considerably more active. A senior at The University of Akron, she recently performed in Bughouse Hamlet staged at the University's Daum Theatre and also appeared there in Damn Yankees. Born in Cleveland, she's now living in Akron while completing her degree in Dance and Musical Theatre and she stays close to the show-biz life while helping customers find costumes at Mr. Fun's and cards at Carlton Cards.

Backstage Callboard – Designer Biographies

CYNTHIA ZOLLER (Production Stage Manager) has been a helpful backstage "hand" at Weathervane the last couple of years, working on properties for *Oliver!* and *The Odd Couple*. Before moving to this area, however, she was active as a performer with the Cambridge (Ohio) Performing Arts Centre in a variety of productions ranging from *Peter Pan* to *Guys and Dolls* and played Bob Cratchit's sister in *A Christmas Carol*. She attended The University of Akron majoring in Mathematics — ideal for the exacting demands of stage managing. Currently, Cynthia works

as a Recreation Supervisor for the City of Akron's Recreation Bureau where she instructs tap classes for 100 children and adults.

STEPHANIE KOHL (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Firestone High School senior and has handled the ASM task previously for *The Philadelphia Story* at Weathervane. She's also worked on other backstage jobs here, including lighting and properties. She served as lighting technician for our recent Youth Theatre production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. At Firestone, she worked the



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Dreamcoat. At Firestone, she worked the stage manager's job for Babes In Arms and A Midsummer Night's Dream and handled sound and properties for other productions at the school. She's a vocal major in Firestone's performing arts program, a member of the Thespian Society and Symphonic Choir and is also active in a church youth group.

MARK A. ZIMMERMAN (Lighting Co-Design) serves on Weathervane's Production Board as the FirstEnergy Lighting Co-Chair and is the Theatre Director at Firestone High School where he has developed a program that presents a full season of plays and musicals. As a working theater director, he has over 30 plays to his credit including Weathervane productions of Oliver!, The Philadelphia Story, Dear Gabby: The Confessions of An Over-Achiever and How I Learned To Drive. Mark has also directed productions at Stan Hywet and at Cleveland Public Theatre. He has appeared on stage at Coach House, Stan Hywet and Weathervane where he played Speed in The Two Gentlemen of Verona. He created lighting for our productions of Having Our Say, Little Shop of Horrors, The Glass Menagerie, Gross Indecency and Joseph.... He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bowling Green State University and his Masters Degree in Theatre Arts from The University of Akron. Mark was recently named to "Who's Who Among American Teachers."

ERIN DILLON (Lighting Co-Design) is a senior at Copley Fairlawn High School. Although she has helped with lights for Joseph... and Dracula, this is Erin's first time as a lighting co-designer. Erin intends to attend Ohio Northern University to pursue a degree as a Doctor of Pharmacy.

LISA SHAY (Costume Co-Design) joined

the cast of A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum last summer and got a chance to see the wonders of Weathervane's new costume shop and to wear the creations turned out by Weathervane volunteers. A graduate of Auburn University in Chemical Engineering, she's still new to the Akron area with husband Bryon, but, while living in Pensacola, she did costume design for a production of Amadeus and performed on stage in Witness For The Prosecution, Quilters and Guys and Dolls, among other productions.

KAREN BURRIDGE (Properties Co-Design) is another past-president of the Weathervane Women's Board and has enjoyed the task of gathering stage properties and organizing props crews for shows including Gross Indecency, The Mousetrap and The Two Gentlemen of Verona. She has also handled other backstage responsibilities including assistant stage managing. She lives in Kent with sons and her husband, Pat. Together they enjoy ballroom dancing and performing as clowns for special events.

FRANK C. COMUNALE (Properties Co-Design) has been such a long-time theater devotee that now he's decided to jump right in to backstage responsibilities. As a Weathervane volunteer, he's worked on the Play Selection Committee and the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. He is Vice-President of S.A. Comunale Company, Inc. and is involved in many community and church-related activities. He is a regular audience member at the Shaw Festival, as well as other local and out-of-state theater performances. A graduate of The University of Akron with Honors, he also took graduate courses at the University of Southern California and the University of Tennessee. Frank is a



Production Team Members & Crews

SET CONSTRUCTION

COSTUMES

PROPERTIES

Ruth Richardson Tom Marshall

Jeff Hudson

Rob Sveda

Erin Katz

Scott Ferrall

LIGHTS

Gabe Riazi John Pierce Mark Chapman

Jennifer Vitas Diamond Green Erin Katz Susan Bailey Barbara Langhorn

Diana Hummel Sheila Motter Cherry Kassebaum

Marcia Deist Jane Krimmer Michelle McCauley Jeff Bigler

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Future Events

*Salon Readings...

Jan. 27 Voire Dire by Joe Sutton Directed by John Fagan

Feb. 10 Fat Men in Skirts by Nicky Silver Directed by Sean McConaha

*Sundays at Seven: Salon Play Readings are held in the Weathervane lobby at 7 p.m. (on selected Sundays) with light refreshments and discussions following presentations. The events are free of charge. All are welcome.

Feb. 27 - March 17 Seven Guitars by August Wilson Project STAGE

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Students, teachers and chaperones can see the play at the **special Project STAGE ticket price of \$7**. After the performance, the actors and audience may participate in a talkback session.

Dracula, October 17 - November 3, Seven Guitars, February 27 - March 17 and Our Town, April 13 - 28 are the **Project STAGE** offerings this season. It is not too early to start making plans to bring your students. We will be glad to help you start the arrangements.

Call our Education Department at 330-836-2323 ext. 17.

Missing Painting

Merron and Elizabeth Latta, who volunteered actively at Weathervane's first "barn" theater, painted portraits of the original Marshall Avenue structure. The painting done by Mrs. Latta hangs in our Ticket Office. A similar watercolor, done by her husband, has eluded us.

Can you help us find the painting? If you've seen a painting similar to the one in the Ticket Office, please let us know. We'd love to reunite the paintings!



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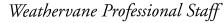
Business & Public Relations Assisstant

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Summer Intern



ELYNMARIE KAZLE (Executive Director) is entering her fifth WCP season. Formerly Resident Producer at Santa Monica Playhouse and Associate Managing Director for Actors Alley, she produced Ohio playwright Nancy Kiefer's The Illustrated Woman and Sweden's Darling Desperados' Whatever Happened to Baby Jane to critical acclaim in L.A. where she was a theatrical producer and publicist for over ten years. Other credits include Great Lakes "Shakespeare Festival," San Diego's Old Globe Theater, NY's Brooklyn Academy of Music and Los Angeles Classical Ballet. She is pleased to be living in Akron (with husband Mark and son Banno) where she worked with Tom Skelton at Ohio Ballet. Elynmarie holds an MFA from Ohio University and is Vice-President - Membership and Development - for the U.S. Institute for Theater Technology.

JANIS L. HARCAR (Director of Marketing & Development) holds an M.A. in Arts Administration from The University of Akron and a B.S. in Music Education from Kent State University and has been a Weathervane staff member since 1993. She serves as the Artistic Director of the Ravenna Community Choir and Director of St. Paul Lutheran Church Choir also in Ravenna. Jan occasionally serves as Musical Director for local productions.

ALAN SCOTT FERRALL (Scenic Designer/ Technical Director) began at Weathervane under the tutelage of John R. Thomas. Learning the skills necessary to work full-time in the theater, Scott was hired at Cuyahoga Falls High School as auditorium manager, where he spent the next six years. During that time, he was awarded a Design Excellence citation from USITT for Carousel, and a place in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He has also designed

for many local high schools as well as for The Players Guild, Cleveland Signstage and Channels 45/49. Scott has earned two Chanticleer Awards, one as stage manager for *Fences*, the other as lighting co-designer for *A Man for All Seasons*. Scott also takes great pleasure in writing the end-of-the-season revue for the Not-Ready-for-Mainstage Players who appear at our annual Chanticleer Awards Dinner.

SEAN McCONAHA (Director of Education and Producer of Youth/Family Productions) holds a dual major in Theater Performance and Pre-Law from West Virginia Wesleyan College and an M.A. in Theater from The University of Akron. He is co-founder of the Prodigal Theatre Company and is a free-lance actor and director throughout Northeastern Ohio. Sean directed the OCTA award-winning production of Romeo and Juliet as well as the 1999-2000 season's Chanticleer winner for Best Production, The King of the Kosher Grocers. He is also the Drama Director for Archbishop Hoban High School. He and wife, Beth, and daughters, Leda and Delaney, live in Canton.

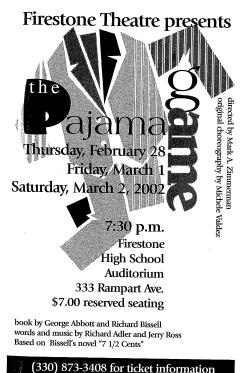
KEITH D. CAMPBELL (Front-of-House Coordinator) holds a B.A. in English from The University of Akron, where he served as editor of *The Buchtelite* and sang with the Akron Symphony Chorus. During the summers of 1995 and 1996, he interned in the box office at Porthouse Theatre Company. Keith has done post-baccalaureate studies in Arts Administration at The University of Akron. This is his sixth season at WCP.

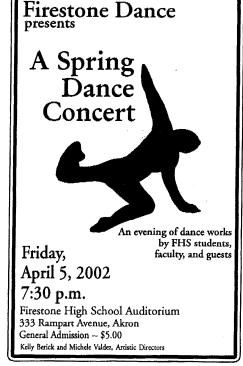
MARYANNE ARCURI COTTER (Volunteer & Production Coordinator) has been a volunteer at Weathervane since 1984. She worked on every set from 1984-1989 as well as on props, lights or sound crew for

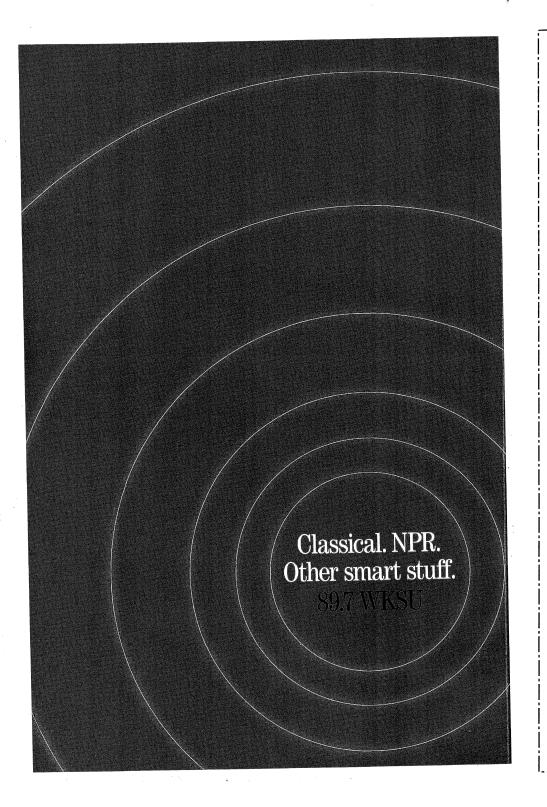


every show. She also stage-managed at least one show per season for that period and has won Chanticleers for Master Harold...and the boys and The King of the Kosher Grocers. She has been a member of the Production Board as head of Stage Managers and has appeared on stage in our production of Daughters and in the Women's Board production of Cinderella. Maryanne has professionally stage managed at the Halle Theater in Mayfield Heights. From 1989-1991 she was the Co-Director of Marketing and Development at the Playhouse. Maryanne and husband John live in Akron and have three grown children and two beautiful grandchildren!

JOHN COTTER (Business and Public Relations Assistant) is one of Weathervane's newest partime employees. His duties consist of helping Jan and Keith in the Marketing and Box Office areas. He also serves on Weathervane's Production Board as Chair of House Managers. John is a retiree of 36 years with Ohio Edison. He has been a long-time volunteer of the Playhouse and has served on the Production Board as it's President and as Co-Chair of Properties. He has also worked backstage for many productions and has won Chanticleers for Properties Design for four productions his most recent being last season's co-design of The Philadelphia Story. He is, however. most proud of his two grandchildren, Dana and Nicholas.







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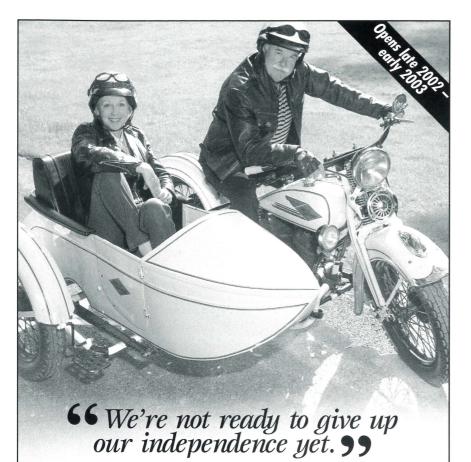
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Of course, rehearsals, set construction, classes and performance times often mean that staff and volunteers are likely to be available at other times than the hours noted during the week. For information, please call 330-836-2626. You may leave a voice mail message for a staff member, but we do not accept recorded ticket reservations. For any Ticket Office-related business, please call during Ticket Office hours.

Akron Area Arts Alliance

Weathervane Community Playhouse is a member of the **Akron Area Arts Alliance**. Its mission statement is "to utilize its collective resources to

- 1) foster communication and coordination among area cultural groups
- 2) generate greater awareness and participation in the arts and humanities in all segments of the community
- 3) promote the value of the arts and humanities to local governments and advocate its financial investment in the community's cultural activities."

Season Coupons

Seats' for Weathervane's most popular shows, especially those late in the season, often sell out fast. Saturday night seating is frequently difficult to obtain, so it's smart to call for reservations early. Please remember that coupons don't guarantee your seats. You must call for reservations. Check the production schedule in your Super Coupon book and plan to use as many coupons as you wish for the shows you plan to see. We hope you'll use your convenient coupons frequently and won't find yourself missing out on sold-out shows or ending the season with unused coupons. Performances and schedules are subject to change so, for the most up-todate information, call our ticket office at 330-836-2626.

Remember, you can always buy a new Super Coupon book at the Ticket Office any time you want to treat yourself and several friends to a Weathervane show. Books of eight coupons provide a modest savings over regular admission prices.

Mission Statement Weathervane Community Playhouse

The mission of the Weathervane Community Playhouse is to entertain, inform and educate, thereby enriching the cultural life of the Greater Akron area. Weathervane shall provide area residents the opportunities both to attend and to participate in quality presentations of a cross-section of the finest theatrical works available. Weathervane shall provide education in the theater arts to adults and children. In meeting these goals, Weathervane shall be mindful of the standards of its audiences and shall maintain fiscally sound management.



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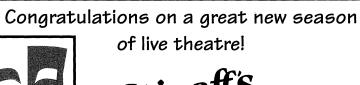
Weathervane can often make good use of used furniture and household items so please think of us when you're redecorating, cleaning or moving. Small rugs, carpet remnants, draperies or curtains are also appreciated.

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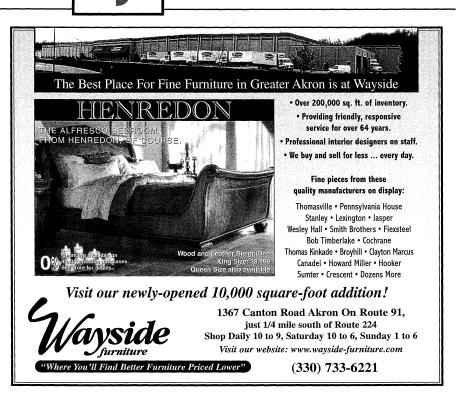
theater so we can tell you what may be needed most by our property or wardrobe department.

If we can't make use of your much-appreciated gifts, they may be passed on to another charity. We also, every so often, hold a rummage sale to clear our storage areas of items that we find we haven't been able to use. Your donations are appreciated and you may even see a favorite piece on stage some day.





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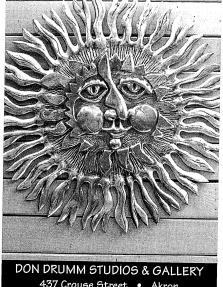


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Their spirit is the backbone of our continuing operations, a valued support on which our professional staff relies.

Each month, we acknowledge the outstanding Volunteers of the Month in our lobby, but those volunteers represent all who commit their time and interest to create a great theater experience for everyone who's come to see this show.

If you have friends or relatives who volunteer generously at Weathervane, we hope you'll take a moment to thank them for their help and their support of the cultural enrichment of our community. Better yet, join them! Call us and we'll help you win your own share of the applause for a "jolly good show," an experience that offers unique challenges with every performance.

Share the Annual Chanticleer Celebration

Shortly after the final production of each season, Weathervane volunteers and friends share an exciting party to acknowledge outstanding performances by performers and technical volunteers. The top performers are awarded rooster statuettes— Chanticleers—in recognition of their work, as voted by Chanticleer "judges" who have seen all productions during the season. It's a great night to get together, share hopes, fun and festivities and is open to all.

If you'd like to take an additional part in Chanticleer night and serve as a juror to vote for the award winners, all that is required is your affidavit that you have seen all seven shows during the season, and your choices for outstanding lead performances by a male or female in a drama or comedy, outstanding support performances, and outstanding lead and support in a musical as well as choices in technical achievement. Chanticleers are also awarded for Properties, Lights, Costumes and Sound Design, plus Best Production of the season. In addition to performance and production awards, the event also recognizes outstanding volunteers of the year.

Chanticleer ballots are available during the run of the season's final show in July or August each year. We welcome regular theater-goers who'd like to take part in the jurying and join us for the biggest nail-biting party of the year. For information, please call our office.



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Organization Benefit Opportunities

A benefit night or matinee at Weathervane can add funds to your club or organization treasury and could be an exciting annual event. Check the schedule of this season's productions. Perhaps one of the shows will dovetail with the aims and purpose of your group.

Discounted tickets for groups of 15 or more may be sold at a profit or passed along to your members. To create a dramatic fund-raiser or special celebration, you may also plan for catered refreshments. Your fund-raising chairman can get further details on a benefit night at Weathervane by calling Front-of-House Coordinator, Keith Campbell.

Boutique Treasures

Our lobby Gift Boutique is a fundraising project of Weathervane Women's Board. Shop from one hour before curtain time or during intermission to find exciting jewelry, watches, bibelots, music boxes, and other unique items and objects for yourself or for gifts. Every purchase helps make good things

happen at Weathervane. Prices are extremely reasonable and the items on sale include a delightful variety from clowns and animal figures to pens, pins and earrings. Our Boutique volunteers will also assist you with information on gallery art works which are for sale.

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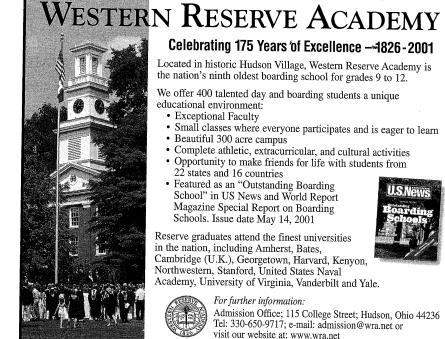
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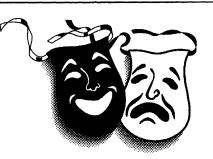
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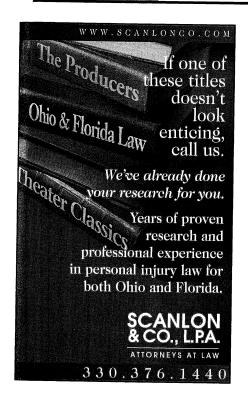
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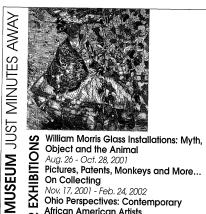
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Intermission Tea is served with our compliments by our volunteer hosts and hostesses. Please enjoy a cup with us. Soft drinks are available at a nominal cost.

Opening Night Receptions welcome our audiences on the first Friday night of each production. We'll provide light snacks and refreshments after the show so you can share that "first-nighter" feeling.

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Your support and commitment are welcome and appreciated any time and are needed now more than ever. For those who are already members, we suggest that an increase in your membership may be an idea whose time has come in the face of dwindling government resources.

If you truly enjoy live theater, you'll be playing a vital part every time the lights go up for each show on the Weathervane stage and we can honestly say that the show couldn't go on without you.



Who Gets On Stage at Weathervane?

The performers you see on the Weathervane stage come from throughout the greater Akron and surrounding areas. They're volunteers, just like the many men and women who supply backstage talent to make sure the show goes on performance after performance. They've committed themselves to four to six weeks of rehearsals plus perfor-

mances, and their greatest reward is your applause.

Many performers come to our shows with substantial theatrical experience. Others may be new to the stage. Frequently we find that talented newcomers to our area find that Weathervane is a great way to make new friends especially if they've been involved with community productions in their former home town.

Auditions are open to all and our non-traditional casting policy opens the way for performance opportunities for ethnic minority actors and others who may be physically or mentally challenged. Except in cases where race, gender, age or disability is essential to the play, all roles are cast on the basis of talent and sincerity of purpose.

To find out how you can get on stage, check the newspaper for audition dates and times or call Weathervane at 330 836-2626 if you are interested in auditioning for a role in one of our upcoming productions or in a Youth

Theater production. We'll tell you about requirements.

Weathervane shows are never "precast." When you've been in a show or auditioned, your name will be included in our file so we can send you future audition notices. Some guest directors prefer to set appointments for audition times and may ask that you come pre-

pared with a brief monologue, improvisational subject or musical number. Copies of plays scheduled or audition scenes are often available for a nominal deposit.

When you arrive at the theater on audition nights, you'll learn about the rehearsal and performance schedule ahead. You may also register as a production volunteer if you're

interested in learning about the technical opportunities in the show.

You may be asked to return for call-backs and will be notified of the director's cast selection as soon as possible. Please note that if you don't win the role you've wanted so badly, it may not necessarily reflect on your talent. The director's choice of cast members must take many factors into account to develop the proper "relationships," style and reality of the ensemble. Don't be discouraged. Come try again. The next show may suit you even better!





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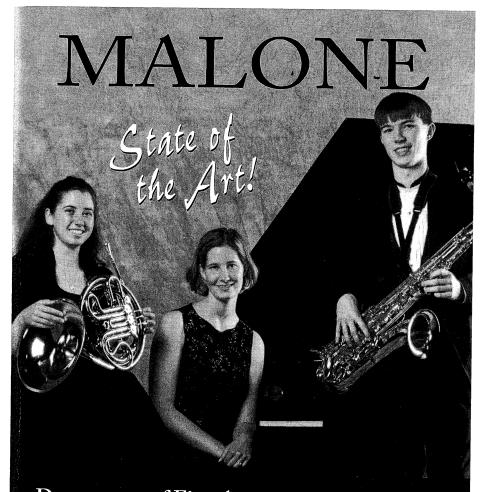
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What Can You Do as a Weathervane Volunteer

Here's a quick introduction to the responsibilities volunteers undertake to make our shows work night after night. If you'd like to try your hand at any of these jobs, please call our Production and Volunteer Coordinator, Maryanne Cotter, at 330-836-2323. Volunteers with 100 hours or more of service are eligible for a special Weathervane membership!

- * Stage Management Duties include assisting the director throughout the rehearsal period, calling cues, keeping backstage safe and orderly, and coordinating the technical needs of the show with the actors. A fulfilling responsibility for those who enjoy planning, communicating and taking charge. Once the director's work is done, it's the Stage Manager who runs each performance.
- * Set Construction Use your building skills, carpentry or painting techniques to help make illusion come to life. We appreciate all the help we can find to design and build sets, move them and tear them down after a show to make new ones.
- ★ Costumes Designers and workers are vital. We need skilled and even unskilled seamstresses to make or alter costumes, create patterns, care for costumes during a show and keep our wardrobe department organized. Add your design ideas or learn from other hard-working volunteers.
- * Lighting Experience is a plus, but you can learn by assisting others who know computers and electrical requirements. We'll train eager volunteers to help hang, focus, and add color to lighting instruments. We'll also teach you how to run the light board and follow spots. You'll take pride in knowing that nobody can see the show without you.
- Sound Create the music and sound effects tapes that enrich the aural environment for each show or add "live" backstage sound. Run the sound system

for technical rehearsals and productions. We'll help you learn.

- * Properties All the items that help "dress" a set and all those used by actors in rehearsal and performance (from tea sandwiches to "deadly" weapons and "shattering" windowpanes) must be borrowed, built or cooked. We need many volunteers to work on each performance. If you are clever at building things or have friends with "neat stuff" they'll loan, volunteer here.
- * Box Office If you enjoy dealing with the public, we can use your help during office hours and on show nights to assist in taking money and answering the phone to take reservations.
- ★ Ushering Welcome audience members with your smile, showing them to their seats, passing out programs, and serving refreshments at intermission. Your help is always welcome.
- * House Manager The theater's unofficial representative greets the audience, tears tickets and guides theater-goers to ushers for seating. You'll work with the stage manager to coordinate the timing of intermissions and remain in the lobby throughout the show to handle any emergency.
- * Office Volunteer Put a few morning or afternoon hours to good use answering phones, taking reservations, helping with mailings, working with staff, and greeting customers and visitors. Many friendly people are needed to help.



We hope you keep breaking your legs for many years to come. That's what we're supposed to say, right?

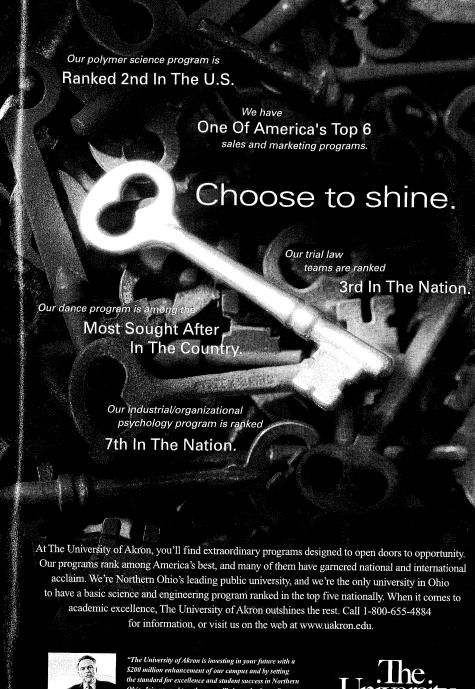
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