



CALLBOARD

October, 2007



Greetings from the Co-Presidents,

As summer ends, and we enjoy this beautiful fall weather (everybody's favorite season of the year), we hope all of our members are in good health. The occasion of our 75th anniversary year is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and create new relationships as our theatre community continues to flourish and grow. Our fall production of *Brighton Beach Memoirs* will be performed on November 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11. The cast includes: *Eugene* – Steve Markarian, *Kate* – Marilyn Whipple, *Blanche* – Erin Stulb, *Laurie* – Tessie McGough, *Nora* – Julia Blauvelt, *Jack* – Alberto Rizzotti, and *Stanley* – Chase Hall. Please ask your friends and relatives to join our theatre community as annual subscribers. A subscription form can be downloaded from miltonplayers.org. See you at the show!

Brian and Frank

MEMBERSHIP DUES & MEETING

Please be sure to remit your \$30 membership dues as soon as possible. Checks made payable to Milton Players may be sent to **PO Box 870001, Milton MA 02187**. Please also consider being a **75th anniversary Diamond Donor** by including a \$40 donation, for a total of \$75 (see how nicely the numbers correspond?). All Diamond Donors will be gratefully acknowledged in our programs throughout the season!

Please mark your calendars for our **Fall Members Meeting**, to be held at the Milton Yacht Club, 35 Wharf Street at **7:30pm on Wednesday, October 10th**. We will be looking for members to help out with stage construction for *Brighton Beach Memoirs* on the weekend of October 20 and 21, as well as to join a 75th Anniversary party subcommittee so that we can all celebrate our special season in style come spring! We look forward to seeing many of you on October 10.



PLAYERS PLAYING AROUND....

You do not have to wait until November 2nd to see a Milton Player gracing the stage. **Cathy Larson, Sara Daly, and Woody Farrick** are in North Quincy Community Theatre's production of Neil Simon's *The Gingerbread Lady*. Performances are October 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 at North Quincy High School. Please visit nqct.org for tickets.

Marianne Withington and Tom Coon are in Curtain Call's production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, running November 9 – 17 in Braintree. **Jeanette Lake Jackson** can be seen

at the Constitution Museum on October 20th in “*Sailor’s Lives, Sailor’s Wives*” as part of the museum’s 210th birthday (and we thought our group was old!). She is also in the ensemble while understudying Calpurnia in Wheelock Family Theatre’s upcoming run of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR RETURNS ON DECEMBER 8th!

Our **Annual Craft Fair** will once again be held at Cunningham Hall on **Saturday December 8th** from **9:30am – 3pm**. Last year’s event went quite well, as the attendance grew significantly from the prior year. You will be surrounded by unique gift items from 30 talented vendors, not to mention the appetizing aromas from our always popular kitchen. We sure would love to have some volunteers to help out at various times during the day, both in the kitchen (where you can snag a goodie or two!) and on the floor. Please contact Dawn Labrie or Erica Prussmann and make their day by telling them how you will help out. Thanks!!

OH, JUST ONE MORE THING.....*COLUMBO* AUDITIONS!

Auditions for *Columbo* (also known as *Prescription: Murder*), written by William Link and Richard Levinson, will be held on **Monday, November 12th** and **Wednesday, November 14th**, from 7:00pm to 9:30 pm at Cunningham Hall, 75 Edge Hill Rd., Milton. Please bring a resume and a headshot, if you have one. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. No monologue is required. Performance dates are February 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10, 2008. The show will be directed by Brian Delaney. Also on board are Tom Coon, assistant director; Bruce Kantor, stage manager; and Steve Hamilton, production manager. The character descriptions are:

Dr. Roy Flemming (30s-50s) – A polished, suave New York psychiatrist. Calculating, manipulative, pragmatic. Under control at all times. He is cold, functioning intelligence personified.

Claire Flemming (30s-50s) Roy’s fading, brittle wife who is showing the cumulative strain from years of loveless marriage. Suspects her husband may be unfaithful. Upscale, chic, jaded, combative.

Susan Hudson(20s-30s) – Young and very attractive. A struggling actress who is a patient of Dr. Flemming as well as his mistress. Emotionally vulnerable, she is the weak link in the brilliant murder scheme.

Lt. Columbo (30s-50s) - The ultimate “can’t judge a book by its cover” detective! Sloppy, *apparently* bumbling and forgetful, with an overly apologetic, almost deferential manner. Everything about him causes his foes to underestimate him. Incredibly perceptive, with relentless tenacity which often pushes suspects to the edge.

Dave Gordon (30s-50s) – Smooth attorney, close friend of the Flemmings, serves as Roy’s protector while eyeing a political future. Ivy league, future bureaucrat.

Miss Petrie (any age) – Pleasant, efficient secretary of Dr. Flemming

If you would like to be involved with the production team, please give Brian or Steve a call.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR 2008-09 SEASON

OK, we haven't even opened *this* season yet, but in theatre we are always planning ahead! If you have a play which you would like to submit for consideration for next year, please contact our Play Reading chairman, Kevin Lowney, by email at Kevin@lowney.net or at the number below. He would be especially grateful if you actually had a script to go along with the title!

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