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HIGH POINT THEATRE

THE STAGE DOOR

From the Director's Chair . . .



Greetings all!

I cannot believe it is Fall already and we're in the middle of NCSF's Main Stage season at the theatre. The next three months will go flying by and before we know it, it will be Christmas!

As most of you know, the theatre launched the Star Spangled Series earlier than usual – in August – this year. What you may not know, is that the theatre calendar is so booked for the Fall that there wasn't an available date for a Star Spangled performance. But that's good news, right? Amos Lee and John Hiatt were our two season openers and we had a large and diverse crowd attend each of their concerts.

The next show in our series will be our Christmas presentation of ***It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play***. There's something immediately heartwarming when you even hear the title ***It's a Wonderful Life!*** This adaptation is performed in the style of a live radio broadcast and when the ON AIR sign lights up, you're in the studio of WBFR Radio on Christmas Eve, 1946. It's become almost an extinct formula (a small group of talented actors + live sound effects + the listener's vivid imagination); but NC Stage Company easily shows that the "live radio drama" is an art worth preserving. With productions already becoming a tradition in Chicago, Los Angeles and Toronto, this creative retelling of the uplifting story of George Bailey, Clarence

Oddbody (Angel, Second Class) and the many citizens of Bedford Falls becomes a perfect antidote to today's commercialized, stress-fuelled, holiday season. Tickets are very reasonably priced, thanks to a generous show sponsor, at \$12 adult, \$10 senior and \$1 for children up to age 12. Tickets are now on sale.

Talking about Christmas, I'd like to remind you that, if you're looking for Christmas gift ideas, the theatre sells gift certificates. Many people pair them with dinner at a local restaurant and/or rooms in a local hotel and/or a limo ride ... the possibilities are endless!

Now for an update on the facility renovation plan ... by the time you receive this newsletter, I am hoping that I will have the final document in my hands and in the January newsletter I will be able to report the recommendations ... and associated costs to you. Many interesting ideas and suggestions have come forth and I am excited about seeing the final results.

A reminder that the High Point Theatre now has a Facebook and MySpace page! And I do hope you'll visit and maybe share your thoughts on the theatre, shows, etc. It would be great to get the blogging going!

Finally, a thanks to all of you for your support of the High Point Theatre. As always, I look forward to seeing you at your theatre soon.....

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INTRODUCING

Karen Loman
Theatre House Manager

We're pleased to introduce our new House Manager Karen Loman.

Karen was born in Richmond, VA, attending elementary and junior high school in Greensboro after her family moved there in 1960. She graduated from Grimsley Senior High in 1978. She notes her passion in high school was the theatre, and credits Mike Parrish (who went on to start the Weaver Education Center in Greensboro) with inspiring her graduating class to win the many state and national awards that they did.



Karen moved to Cullowhee, NC, in 1978 and fell in love with the mountains and with Western Carolina University. She earned a BA in Technical Theatre and a minor in Speech Communications.

After college, she returned to Greensboro for a while and then relocated to New Bern, NC, where she entered the catering business. Karen says she enjoyed the work - the diversity of the events and the different clients she worked with, from brides, corporate groups, and Marine Corps Balls to major tournaments including the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament in Morehead City and The MS Bike Tour in New Bern - so much so that she remained in the business.

Karen has one daughter who recently returned from an exchange program in England. She is a senior in High school and plans to study Graphic Arts next year in Charlotte. She is an active volunteer with Civitans and church youth groups.

Karen and her daughter recently returned to the Triad area to be closer to the rest of her family. She is delighted to have finally returned to her true passion - the theatre - and we are delighted to welcome her to our High Point Theatre team!

In the Spotlight . . .

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT BY THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HERITAGE OF AMERICA CONCERT BAND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 ~ 8:00 PM



Dr. Milton Allen, Director of Bands at Eastern Illinois University, will lead the US Air Force Heritage of America Band in concert at the High Point Theatre. The band's commander, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Monroe, will be the featured soloist, performing Carl Maria von Weber's Concertino for Clarinet. The program entitled, "Living in the Groove," is an eclectic collection of concert music inspired by America's native art form, the blues.

FREE tickets may be obtained in person at the Theatre Box Office during regular business hours (Mon - Fri / 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm) or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with number of tickets requested to High Point Theatre Box Office, PO Box 230, High Point, NC 27261

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philosophy focuses on empowering employees on doing all they can to make sure each visitor is completely satisfied with their stay.

New Feature: Questions & Answers

There are certain questions that we get asked time and time again. We would like to address some of your questions as a regular feature in our quarterly newsletter.

QUESTION: What is the latest status regarding renovation plans for the High Point Theatre?

ANSWER: As you know the facility is well over 30 years old and in desperate need of upgrades. Not only is basic wear-and-tear a serious issue given the constant use of the facility, but with the advent of new technology, the facility is simply not adequately equipped to accommodate either that technology or our professional staff's needs. It is also vital that we find a solution for better accessibility to the Theatre for patrons with mobility issues. The city hired a renovation consultant last year to review the needs of our facility, clients, staff and community, and to make recommendations for both short-term and long-term improvements that will bring the High Point Theatre up to standards for all. We hope to have a complete report for you within the next few months.

Calendar of Events

October 2008

- 2 Much Ado About Nothing 7:30pm
- 3 King Lear 8:00pm
- 4 Much Ado About Nothing 8:00pm
- 5 King Lear 2:00pm
- 11 US Air Force Band 8:00pm

November 2008

- 1 Community Art Day 10:00am
- 6 Sound of Music 7:30pm
- 7 Sound of Music 7:30pm
- 8 Sound of Music 7:30pm
- 9 Sound of Music 2:00pm
- 14 Miss NC USA/Miss NC Teen USA Preliminaries 8:00pm
- 15 Miss NC USA/Miss NC Teen USA Finals 7:00pm
- 20 Theatre Art Gallery Reception-New Exhibits 5:00pm
- 30 Christmas Carol 2:00pm

December 2008

- 4 Christmas Carol 7:30pm
- 5 Christmas Carol 8:00pm
- 6 Christmas Carol 8:00pm
- 7 Christmas Carol 2:00pm
- 11 Christmas Carol 7:30pm
- 12 Christmas Carol 8:00pm
- 13 Christmas Carol 8:00pm
- 14 Christmas Carol 2:00pm
- 18 Christmas Carol 7:30pm
- 19 Christmas Carol 8:00pm
- 20 Christmas Carol 8:00pm
- 21 Christmas Carol 2:00pm
- 23 It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play 7:30pm

For more information or reservations call the box office at (336) 887-3001, Monday - Friday, 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Reserve online at www.highpointtheatre.com

Note: Not all events are open to the public and programs are subject to change.

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play returns to a bygone era when families gathered around the radio for inspirational broadcasts and wholesome entertainment.

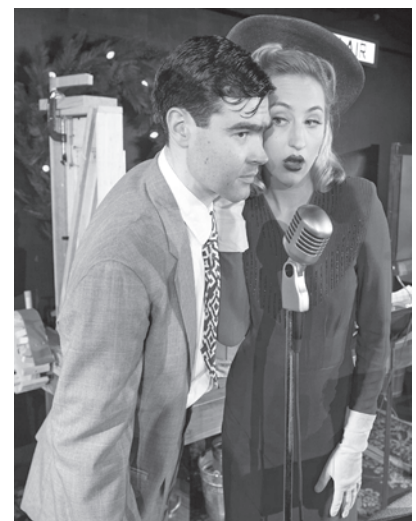
Who doesn't know the story -- George Bailey's conflict between wanting to escape his hometown and wanting to stick it out and do right by his family ... Then he meets an angel named Clarence who gives him the rather gruesome gift of witnessing the world as if George Bailey had never been born.

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play invites you

to experience Frank Capra's beloved story in a refreshingly new and intimate way...

In this unique "live broadcast" adaptation by Joe Landry, the ON AIR sign lights up and you're magically transported into the studios of WBFR Radio on Christmas Eve, 1946. More than 30 characters and numerous locations of the classic movie spring to life, in a beautifully replicated experience that recalls a mainstay of our cultural experience in years past -- the live radio drama.

And, the critics couldn't agree more: It's Wonderful!



"One of the best holiday shows around. Fresh and inventive. Highly recommended."
- The Chicago Sun-Times.

Tickets: 336.887.3001 / www.highpointtheatre.com