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The Teller



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The Teller is the newsletter of
 the Amil Tellers of Dramatics,
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Footloose

Stage Adaption by Dean Pitchford & Walter Bobbie; Music by Tom Snow, Lyrics by Dean Pitchford
 Additional music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman

When Ren MacCormack and his mother move from Chicago to a small Texas town, Ren isn't prepared for the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher, determined to exercise the control over the town's youth that he cannot command in his own home. Musical hits include: *Let's Hear It For The Boy*, *Holdin' Out For A Hero*, *Almost Paradise*, *The Girl Gets Around* and *Footloose*. Featuring Jason Uptegrove as Rev. Moore, Debbie Briggs as Vi Moore, Taylor Gandy as Ren MacCormack, Megan Ryan as Ethel MacCormack, Leah Lammers as Ariel, Josh Adcock as Williard, Hannah Fuhrman as Wendy Jo, Dean McCombs as Chuck Cranston, Karrie Lester as Rusty (Cast continued on p. 5). Director is Joe Warnement, Music Director is Laura Warnement and Choreographer is Jill Kuhlman.

Performances - July 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 2010

Tickets on sale now!! \$15 Adult, \$13 Senior, \$10 Youth

Call 419-223-8866, 1-800-944-1441 or visit www.amiltellers.org.

New Box Office Hours

One week prior to all shows (either adult or youth) and during the run of a show:

Monday 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Also open 1 hr prior to show time.

*Show nights the office is only open until 5pm

Between these time periods, the box office is open Monday 3pm - 7pm, Wed & Thursday 10am - 2pm. Ticket orders can be left on the answering machine or our web site www.amiltellers.org To e-mail Jen directly in the box office, use encore@wcoil.com.

Information for the next issue of *The Teller* can be submitted by **August 15** to Editor Karen Finn by e-mail at encore_theatre@earthlink.net.

Encore Theatre is owned & operated by the Amil Tellers of Dramatics, Inc., a non-profit corporation. Corporation members pay annual dues of \$12. Contact Joan Hageman or the office for information on becoming a member.

Amil Tellers of Dramatics, Inc

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Theatre Office Asst Jen Warnecke

Audition Callboard

Picnic

A drama by William Inge

Director: George Dunster

Audition Dates:

Sunday August 8 7:00pm

Monday August 9 7:00pm

Requires: 4 men, 7 women

Production dates: **September 17 - 26, 2010**

Honk Jr

A Musical by Anthony Drewe & George Stiles
Based Han Christian Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling*
For youth ages 6 - 18

Director: Kara Place

Audition Dates:

Monday August 30 5:00 pm

Tuesday August 31 5:00 pm

Production dates: **October 22 - 24, 2010**

Perusal scripts may be available for some shows.
Call the box office for availability. A deposit is
required.

Encore Show Directors 2010-11 Season

Picnic George Dunster

Honk Jr Kara Place

A Christmas Carol Jon Hodges

Little Women Joe Warnement

*I Never Saw Another
Butterfly* Cheryl Mulholland

*Come Back to the 5 & Dime,
Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* Rod Blackwell

Anne of Green Gables Sheri Welker

Moonlight & Magnolias George Dunster

Calendar of Events

July 2010

04 **Star Spangled Spectacular**
06 Box office opens *Footloose*
07 - 8pm Corporation Meeting
15 - 8pm Dress Rehearsal *Footloose*
16 - 8pm *Footloose*
17 - 8pm *Footloose*
18 - 2pm *Footloose*
20 - 7:30 pm Board Meeting
22 - 8pm *Footloose*
23 - 8pm *Footloose*
24 - 8pm *Footloose*
25 - 2pm *Footloose*

August 2010

04 - 8pm Corporation Meeting
08 - 7:00pm Auditions *Picnic*
09 - 7:00pm Auditions *Picnic*
17 - 7:30 pm Board Meeting
30 - 5:00pm Auditions *Honk Jr.*
31 - 5:00pm Auditions *Honk Jr.*

September 2010

01 - 8pm Corporation Meeting
03 - 06 OCTA State Conference

.Congratulations are in order to...

Shannon O'Neill - 1st runner up in this years Miss Ohio pageant. Shannon practically grew up on the Encore stage. You may remember her as Liesl in *The Sound of Music* or as Sandy in *Grease*.

Kent Boyd - for his continued success on the TV show *So You Think You Can Dance?* (Fox). Kent is a graduate of Botkins High School and was choreographer for *Willy Wonka Jr.*, our February McDonald's Youth Theatre production. Don't forget to get your votes in!!

The Mission of the Amil Tellers of Dramatics, Inc is to provide the community an artistic outlet, rooted in theatrical education and tradition, with events to raise public interest in Encore Theatre and community theatre as a whole.

And the Winner is...

At the 75th Anniversary Banquet May 30, a number of awards were announced. The winners were selected by members of the theatre just as the Oscar's or the Tony's are voted on by the members of their respective organizations. Want to get in on the fun? Become a member for just \$12 a year. Talk to Joan Hageman, membership secretary or Jen Warnecke, our new theatre office assistant.

Barney Awards for Excellence in Acting

Nick Bader – as Rudy Pazinski in *Over the Tavern*

Debbie Briggs – as Roxie Hart in *Chicago*

Kedryn Carpenter– as Grace Hoyland in *Bus Stop*

Kedryn Carpenter – as Ellen Pazinski in *Over the Tavern*

Jeff Kerr – as Jeff in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*

Jeff Kerr – as Carl in *Bus Stop*

Katie Poppe – as Katie Pazinski in *Over the Tavern*

Dan Stanowick – as Dan in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*

Mike Tarbet – as Mike in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*

Rick Workman – as Henry Potter in *It's a Wonderful Life*

Amil Awards for Merit in Technical Production

Christopher Butturf/Jim Crumrine – Directors, *Bus Stop*

Gene Craft – Master Carpenter, *Over the Tavern*

George Dunster – Director, *Chicago*

George Dunster, Deb Duncan-Faul – Directors, *Over the Tavern*

George Dunster, Bob Corson–Lighting Designers, *Over the Tavern*

Karen Finn – Master Painter, *Over the Tavern*

Lynda Jay – Lighting Execution, *Over the Tavern*

Missy Keller, Jodi Brincefield – Directors, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*

Karen Wagner, Deb Duncan-Faul – Properties Design, *Over the Tavern*

Barney Awards for Technical Excellence

Christopher Butturff, Gene Craft– Set Designers, *Bus Stop*

Gene Craft – Master Carpenter, *Bus Stop*

George Dunster – Sound Designer, *Over the Tavern*

Gene Craft – Master Carpenter, *Over the Tavern*

Julie Kerr, Sarah Bennett, Victoria Covarrubias, Laura Warnement – Stage Crew, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*

Jill Kuhlman – Choreographer, *Chicago*

Mark Trinko – Sound Execution, *Over the Tavern*

Karen Wagner– Costume Designer, *Over the Tavern*

Jean Wright – Costume Design, *Chicago*

Amil Awards for Merit in Acting

Debbie Briggs – as Cherie in *Bus Stop*

Christopher Butturff – as Amos Hart in *Chicago*

Alana Fickel– as Elma Duckworth in *Bus Stop*

Jon Hodges – as Dr. Gerald Lyman in *Bus Stop*

Joseph Killough– as Georgie Pazinski in *Over the Tavern*

Kara Schoenhofer – as Annie in *Chicago*

Mary Smith – as Honey Ray Futrelle in *Dearly Beloved*

Ted Smith – as John Curtis Bunntner in *Dearly Beloved*

Awards Continued...

The Barney Award for Excellence in Production

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) - Producer, Linda McClure-Hammons

The Amil Award for Merit in Production
Over the Tavern - Producer, George Dunster

Director's Choice Awards

<i>Chicago</i>	Jill Kuhlman
<i>Dearly Beloved</i>	Ruth Minick
<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	Drew Kantonen
<i>The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)</i>	Julie Kerr
<i>Bus Stop</i>	Julie Kerr
<i>Over the Tavern</i>	Deb Duncan Faul
<u>Trustees Award</u>	Zachary Tucker
<u>President's Award</u>	Diane Finn

Around the Area

Once Upon a Mattress

August 5 -21

Ft. Findlay Playhouse 419-422-4624

www.fortfindlayplayhouse.org

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

July 9 - 18

Wapakoneta Theatre Guild 419 - 738-2248

Northwest OCTA Regional Festival

June 12 & 13 the Northwest Region of OCTA (Ohio Community Theatre Association) held its annual regional competition hosted by Fort Findlay Playhouse at the University of Findlay. Fourteen theatres from all over Northwest & West Central Ohio presented short excerpts from a show produced during this past year's season. Selected to represent the Northwest Region this year at the State Conference in Columbus on Labor Day Weekend were:

Chorus Line
3B Productions
Maumee

Honky Tonk Angels
Jesters Roving Players
Ft.Jennings

The Wizard of Oz
Black Swamp Players
Bowling Green

The Iliad, the Odyssey and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less
Harlequins, Inc.
Sandusky

Alternate: *Almost Maine*
Van Wert Civic Theatre
Van Wert

The first 4 shows will represent the Northwest Region at the state conference.

Encore Theatre was well represented with an excerpt from *Bus Stop* which included two award winning performances. **Rich Minick** was recognized with a Merit in Acting Award for his portrayal of Virgil Blessing and **Jon Hodges** received an Excellence in Acting Award for his role as Dr. Gerald Lyman. **Congratulations to these two gentleman and the entire cast & crew for a job well done!**

We are also saying goodbye to Rich Minick and his wife Ruth (last seen in this season's productions of *Dearly Beloved* & *It's a Wonderful Life*) as they are moving to Arkansas. Good luck and the best of wishes to the both of them!



Introducing our new web-based ticketing system

We are excited about some important changes in our ticketing system for this coming season. You may still call or stop by the box office to purchase tickets as usual, but you now have a third option. For a small processing fee, you can now order your tickets online. This is an option available at many professional theatres, and we are happy to be able to offer it to you, our valued patrons and ticket holders.

Just by going to our website, www.amiltellers.org, and clicking on “buy tickets” you will be able to pick

out your seats yourself and purchase tickets right online. You then will have the option of printing out “e-tickets” at home or picking them up here at the box office. If you are not comfortable purchasing tickets online, you don’t have a computer or you wish to avoid the processing fee, call or stop in at the box office and we will process your tickets just as we always have. Please be aware that with this new system, **payment will be required at the time of order**. We will not be able to hold tickets without payment. You will also notice that show tickets will look a bit different this season. Another advantage of our new system is if you happen to misplace your tickets you can get replacements at the box office simply by showing identification.

Season ticket holders – this year your payments were processed through the old system and you **must continue to call the box office** to select your show and seats. You may view availability online but must call the box office to finish the processing. In addition, because the payments were processed under the old system, the printed ticket will indicate Comp on the ticket.

The ticketing system goes into effect Tuesday July 6, the first day tickets go on sale for *Footloose*. If you have questions, please feel free to call the office and we can help you!

***Footloose* cast continued from p.1:** Also featuring: Melissa Reeves as Urleen, Michael Sexton as Lyle, Nathan Shepherd as Travis, Austin Drake as Bickle, Ralph Bowsher as Jeter , Matthew Pheneger as Garvin, Jason Upthegrove II as Billy, Christopher Butturff as Cowboy Bob/Town Cop, Charlie Diefenbacher as Principal Clark, Mike Hunter as Coach Dunbar, Victoria Covarrubias as Lulu Warnicker, Jon Hodges as Wes Warnicker, Laura Killough as Irene Eleanor Dunbar, Karen Wagner as Doreen/Betty Blast. With Talia Simpson, Ellie Wenzinger, Devan Guagenti, Ally Johnson and Brianna Welker.

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It's Not Too Late !!

There's still time to get in on a great deal, season tickets are still available - get 6 shows for the price of 5! You can even apply your full price ticket for *Footloose* to the purchase of a season ticket and get in on the savings. Also the entire McDonald's Youth Season (*Honk Jr, I Never Saw Another Butterfly, Anne of Green Gables*) can be added to your season package for an additional \$20. Contact the Encore Theatre Box Office and join the fun!

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July 16- 18, 22-25

Little Women

January 7-9, 14-16

Picnic

September 17-19, 24-26

Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy

Dean, Jimmy Dean

March 11-13, 18-20

A Christmas Carol

November 26-28, December 2-5

Moonlight & Magnolias

May 13-15, 20-22