

IT'S SHOWTIME!

THREE WEEKENDS OF SENIOR THEATRE TO WHET YOUR APPETITE FOR THE STAGE!

The Po'tater Family Saga

Boo! Hiss! Laugh! Cry! Cheer! Come ready to be rowdy at this old-fashioned melodrama set in Spudville, Oregon.

This town of tater growers is desperate to get the water rights for their land.

Follow the Tater family, lead by Dick Tater and his wife, Carmen Tater, as a town meeting is called to speak out against the villainous lawyer, Noah

Count, Esquire. Will the town get its water? Or will the farmers be forced to move from their beloved land? Don't miss this chance to get swept away in the lights, the sets, the drama that is Southern Oregon Senior Theatre!

Four One-Act Plays

Our first act consists of four plays of about ten minutes each. Come watch as seniors from our area bring to life these amusing stories:

“Gin and Tonic”

Directed by Larry Wenner

“Who's Herbert?”

Directed by Jeff Tabler

“The Danish”

Directed by Jerry McDougall

“The Tridget of Greva”

Directed by Buzz London

Don't miss our next
Meeting

6:00 pm
Monday, July 18th
Central High Cafeteria
815 S. Oakdale Ave.
See page 5 for details.

Southern Oregon Senior Theatre is a subsidiary of the Oregon Conservatory of Performing Arts. Please visit us on our website at www.OregonConservatory.org, and click on “Senior Theatre.”

It's Easy to Donate!

LOTS OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP!

Southern Oregon Senior Theatre only asks \$10 a month to help our troupe grow. In order to put productions on stage, we have a number of expenses that we have to meet. Our current production requires money for costumes, theater janitorial fees, and gas reimbursements not to mention the printing costs for the playbill, the tickets, and the flyers!

Making that \$10 monthly payment just got easier. Go to our website at www.OregonConservatory.org/Senior.html and check out our quick and easy ways to donate! You can quick-pay your \$10, or you can donate more! And all donations are tax deductible tax ID #80-0028076).

This is also a great spot to keep you updated on what's happening in the current production. Check us out!

Want to Get Involved? VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you missed your chance to be in the cast, and have talents that you would like to share, we would love to have you join us! We're looking for people who have experience in lighting and sound, as well as advertising. We need people to put flyers in businesses all across the valley. Would you like to help? Just call us at 541-776-9118 or email us at info@oregonconservatory.org and let us know what you'd like to do to help make this a great event!



Tell a Friend!

Our First Southern Oregon Senior Theatre Production will be held on three consecutive weekends, beginning Friday, July 22nd, at the Rose St. Theater at Phoenix High School. See the attached flyer for more details, or check out our website at

www.OregonConservatory.org/Senior.html

OUR DIRECTORS

MEET THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BRINGING OUR FIRST PRODUCTION TO LIFE

Creighton Barnes started as an entertainer, claiming it runs in his family. He served in the Navy during WWII, returning to acting for nine years before going to college. Over the next 20 years, he was in space research and was a Director of Research on the Space Program. After retiring and returning to the theater, he wrote over 200 scripts. He directed and produced many television projects, and founded the Garden Grove Players. Since coming to Ashland, he has acted and become increasingly involved behind the scenes in countless productions.

Jerry McDougall received his bachelor's degree from Southern Oregon College, and hold a dual Masters degree in performing arts and education. Jerry taught speech and drama for 22 years at Crater, Ashland and Medford high schools. He spent another 20 years as Dean Of Students in Medford, where he also staged a number of musicals. Jerry has been a board member, actor and director for the Medford Civic Theater, Ashland Community Theater, Actors and Camelot Theatres. He is pleased to see "oldsters" with a chance to "tread the boards" again.

Theatre has played a part in Buzz London's my life for many years. After receiving his MFA in theatre from U of Hawaii, he moved to Ashland where he taught theatre for three years at the high school. From '75 to '86 he did extensive theatre work in Grants Pass

with Barnstormers, as well as one production each with Rogue Music Theatre and Rogue Opera. After moving to Medford in '87, he taught theatre in Eagle Point at both the Junior High and the High School, until retirement in '05. After performing for his wife, Janet and their cat, Jazzee for 6 years, Janet lept into a frenzy of encouragement when Buzz suggested that he might be interested in Senior Theatre.

Jeff Tabler, Artistic Director, is the co-founder of the Conservatory. Jeff graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and holds a degree in cinema from Ithaca College. He has been involved in film and theatre for more than 30 years as a teacher, director, writer, producer, and actor. He also teaches and directs for OCPA.

Larry Wenner is a recent transplant from Redding, California, where he spent 12 years as an English and Drama teacher. His directing credits include: *The Lion in Winter*, *The Crucible*, *Tartuffe*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Macbeth*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*. A graduate of Michigan State University and CSU, Fullerton, Larry lists some of his favorite acting roles as including Tony Aronica in *Savage in Limbo*, Bill Lewis in *Hot I Baltimore*, Romeo in *R & J*, Christian in *Cyrano*, Banquo in *Macbeth*, Valere in *Tartuffe*, Will Pentland in *Look Homeward, Angel*, and Stu Franklin in *California Suite*. He also spent five years at Medieval Times in Buena Park, California, as Sir Lawrence of Shelby.

See pictures of the first casting call at www.OregonConservatory.org/Senior.html
and stay tuned for pictures from the production itself!

COMING SOON!

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS?



COMMUNITY THEATRE AT THE RANDALL BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR A BETTER MEDFORD

Oregon Conservatory of Performing Arts has been working with Robin Downward, Artistic Director of the Randall Theatre in Downtown Medford, to try to spice up Medford's theater life. They've just received \$30,000 in MURA funds to renovate and upgrade their space, to give the community an affordable, relaxing place to revel in the performing arts. Their goal is threefold: to make community theatre stronger in Medford, to promote and expand downtown businesses, and to uncover and encourage local talent.

We are currently talking with the Randall about holding productions here. Stay tuned!

RADIO PLAYS ON THE RADIO

There is a new radio station in the valley. As we speak, 94.9 on your radio dial is a small, brand-new station that caters right now to the southern valley cities of Ashland, Talent and Phoenix. Their specialty is finding and highlighting local talent. As they expand this summer to reach even more listeners, they would like to team up with the Southern Oregon Senior Theatre to do some broadcast shows. Perhaps a real radio play? Talks have just started, and ideas are flying. If this is YOUR cup of tea, then keep an eye on the website as the information unfolds!



Check out the Randall Theatre!

See for yourself what community theatre in a community space can be like. Their current show, Scots on the Rocks! Runs through July. Don't miss it!

www.RandallTheatre.com

THEATRE OUTREACH

TRAVELING SHOWS TO RETIREMENT HOMES

We have quite a few members interested in participating in an outreach program that will visit local area retirement homes to perform on site. There are a lot of ideas around this program right now, and we're still just looking at all the possibilities. We have some definite interest in a number of one-act plays, particularly those that deal with senior issues. This could even be treated as a Drama-Therapy program, and could not only reach a lot of people, but also do a LOT of good!

We have a number of writers in our group, some who even write poetry. It would be wonderful to include some poetry readings in a program.

If you are interested in joining a regular group, please keep us in mind and watch for more information to come!



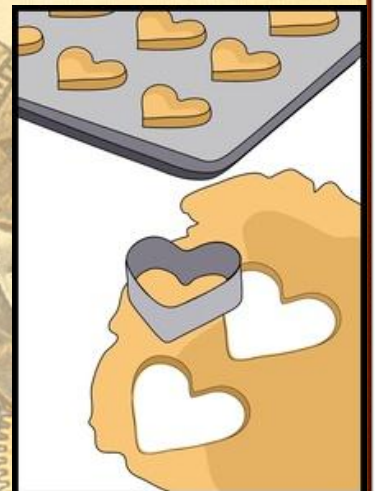
MONTHLY MEETING

COME SHARE YOUR IDEAS

We will be holding our next Southern Oregon Senior Theatre meeting on Monday, July 18th, at 6:00 pm at Central High School in Medford. We will be meeting in the old cafeteria. Bring your smiles, your ideas, and your friends! Come and share in what's coming up for Senior Theatre in Southern Oregon!

Refreshment Committee Needed!

We're looking for a group of hosts and hostesses who would be interested in bringing in, gathering up, or baking up some refreshments for Monday's meeting. If this is something that YOU love to do, please give us a call at 776-9118 and we can talk about the details!



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JOIN US TODAY!

Would YOU like to become a more active member of Southern Oregon Senior Theatre? Do you know anyone else who might like to join? It's never too late to jump right in and have some fun. Dare yourself to get involved in a small production, make some new friends, and have a BLAST!

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