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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

**News from the MTW Board:**

- MTW is now set up on Facebook. Go to our page and click on "like". This will keep you updated with news, audition notices, when tickets will go on sale, our annual meetings and much more. We are trying to make it easier to keep everyone informed on what is happening with MTW.

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And more ...

Music Theatre of Wenatchee needs your membership to continue producing quality plays and musicals. Becoming a member of MTW is a great way to show your support.

**Membership Benefits:**

- Our quarterly newsletter
- Early notice of ticket sales
- Ticket discounts for "Member Nights"
- Invitation to semi-annual meetings
- Members at the Associate Producer level or above are listed in each show program.

**There are Six levels of sponsorship:**

- \$25.00 — Sponsor - (no program listing)
- \$50.00 — Patron - (no program listing)
- \$100.00 — Associate Producer
- \$250.00 — Producer
- \$500.00 — Executive Producer
- \$1,000.00 — Benefactor

Contact us online for the membership form and mail your check or money order to P.O. Box 3042, Wenatchee, WA, 98807. Your membership is very important to us.

**MTW's 50th Anniversary  
 GALA SHOW  
 AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED  
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST, AT 4:00 PM AT THE RIVERSIDE PLAYHOUSE**

MTW is preparing for their 50th Anniversary Gala Show that will be at the Wenatchee High School auditorium on Friday, September 30th.



Members of the cast of *The Drowsy Chaperone* and MTW veterans, Arlene Jones, Sue Lawson, John Merritt, and Keith Sexton, rode on the float. Even with a

The show will highlight the musicals and plays that MTW has performed over the last 50 years. The gala show will be performed by people that have been involved with MTW since 1962.

The auditions will be at the Riverside Playhouse. A pianist will be provided. You can bring a song that you have prepared or we will teach one. If you are unable to attend on the 21st, then please contact director, Colleen Bowen, to schedule another audition time.

MTW has already been celebrating their 50th year. The Apple Blossom Musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, was warmly received by the community. It was a fun show

that lots of people enjoyed.

For the first time, MTW entered a float in the Apple Blossom Grand Parade. They were awarded 2nd place in the Specialty Unit category. It was a great experience to have a float in the Apple Blossom Festival Parade. Here are Greg Armstrong, mas-



ter builder, and John Merritt, President, accepting the award. Congratulations to Greg and MTW.

little bit of rain, it was still a fun parade! After the Short Shakespeareans performance of *The Tempest*, our fall show will be the thriller, *Wait Until Dark*, directed by John Ryan.

MTW is having a great year to celebrate this big milestone for our non-profit organization. We are getting ready for more great musicals and plays for the coming year. MTW will continue to produce quality musicals and plays. Many volunteers over the years have made MTW what it is today. Many more volunteers to come will continue to make it great. We thank you members and the community for supporting us all these years. It is truly wonderful to have an audience enjoy all of our hard work and have an evening of joy.

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**MTW News:**

- Several of our MTW members were honored by the Wenatchee Valley Business World as the best and brightest 30 under 35 years old. Congratulations to Jeff Heminger, Sara Cornell, and Cori Bautista. You simply are the best!
- Please remember that we are still collecting e-mail addresses from anyone who wants to receive notices of what is happening with MTW. Please send your e-mail address to info@mtow.org. You will be added to our list and then will always be in the know when you are on our information highway!

## Nason Creek Fundraiser August 5th—7th

MTW is supplying coffee, tea, and lots of cookies to weary travelers at the Nason Creek Rest Area in a few weeks. If you would like to help provide cookies or time, please contact Arlene Jones at 884-6835. We need over 100 dozen cookies.

Coffee, tea, and desserts are provided free of cost to the visitors of the Nason Creek Rest Area. We only ask for donations. People are so generous and extremely fun to visit with.

If you are going by that weekend, stop by and say hi, get some cookies and leave rested and satisfied. And you never know what other delicious treats might be there to enjoy!

## The Tempest

By the Short Shakespeareans

Founded and Directed by Sherry Chastain Schreck

The Short Shakespeareans are bringing their latest play, *The Tempest*, to the Riverside Playhouse this August. Play dates are August 4-6 and 11-13 at 7:00 pm. You will not want to miss this wonderful play.

This drama is one of the great comedy plays by William Shakespeare. The themes illustrated in the play are freedom, friendship, repentance and forgiveness and feature differ-



ent temperaments illustrating temperance and intemperance.

The plot starts when King Alonso of Naples and his entourage sail home for Italy after attending his daughter's wedding in Tunis, Africa. They encounter a violent storm, or Tempest. Everyone jumps overboard and are washed ashore on a strange island inhabited by the magician Prospero who has deliberately conjured up the storm. Prospero and Miranda live in a cave on the island which is also inhabited by Ariel, a sprite who carries out the bidding of Prospero, and the ugly, half human Caliban. Various plots against the main characters fail thanks to the magic of Prospero. The play ends with of all the plotters repenting the Tempest is calmed.

## Raffle Basket Winner

From *The Drowsy Chaperone*

For the first time, MTW had a raffle during *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Many wonderful businesses donated some fabulous items; Stormy Lodge on the Entiat River, Town Chrysler Dodge, JC Penney Salon, Nikki Massage at Wall Chiropractic, One Stop Bridal, Apple Blossom Festival, and the Wenatchee Venom. Hundreds of tickets were sold. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

After the last performance, Mike Magnotti drew the winning ticket. Our winner, Pat Phillips, was with 5 friends to see *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Her co-worker bought a ticket for everyone. If one of them won, they would share the items. Pat was extremely shocked that she was the winner. After receiving the basket, she "promised" to share with her friends. Congratulations, Pat!



## MTW'S ANNUAL BBQ

August 28th at 4:00 pm

MTW will be having their annual BBQ at the Riverside Playhouse on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 pm. A lot of food and fun at this fun get-together. We will highlight the upcoming shows and events.

- 50th Gala Show
- Wait Until Dark
- Inspecting Carol-Eastmont High School Drama Club
- Harvey
- 2012 Apple Blossom Musical, Xanadu!



Come and join the fun

Riverside Playhouse

## ~ M.TW Announces their upcoming shows ~

### AUDITIONS!

## WAIT UNTIL DARK

Directed by John Ryan

Be a part of the show!

Our fall show is the wonderful mystery, *Wait Until Dark*. Auditions are coming up very soon. The play opened on Broadway in February 1966. The rights for the play to become a movie were purchased right after the play opened. The movie starred Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin, and Richard Crenna.

The dates for auditions are August 22 and 23 from 6-9pm at the Riverside Playhouse. Please come and be a part of this amazing play.

#### Roles Needed:

**Susy:** (20-35 years old) A young woman coping with blindness from a recent accident. She is independent and resourceful.

**Mike:** (25-35 years old) A small time con artist. Very personable and trusting.

**Carlino:** (25-50 years old) Another small time con artist. Simple and gruff, he presents himself as a police sergeant.

**Mr. Roat Jr., and Sr.:** (30-50 years old) An evil, completely ruthless man capable of doing anything at all to get what he wants. He is heartless, and an intelligent drug smuggler.

**Sam:** (30-40 years old) Susy's Husband. A photographer.

**Gloria:** (9-14 years old) An insecure pre-teen girl with a dysfunctional family. Curious, smart, & sassy, she is thrilled to help Susy with some serious issues.

A brief plot outline involves several criminals desperately searching for a musical doll filled with a large and valuable stash of heroin, of which Sam Hendrix has been made an unwitting courier (this was long before the days when we were all repeatedly warned not to agree to carry packages for strangers). The doll is missing, and people are dying for it – literally. Convinced that it is in the



Hendrix's basement apartment in Greenwich Village, Roat recruits Mike Talman and "Sergeant" Carlino, two down-on-their-luck conmen and ex-cons, to run an elaborate scam to recover it. They begin their efforts as Sam heads out of town on business and Susy is left home alone with only Gloria, the little girl who lives upstairs, to run errands for her. In the course of less than 24 hours, we see the game of cat and mouse between Susy and the criminals play out. The doll reappears. How far will Roat go to get it?

## HARVEY

Directed by Melissa Carlson

**THE STORY:** When Elwood P. Dowd starts to introduce his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, to guests at a society party, his sister, Veta, has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment. Problems arise, however, when Veta herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the verge of lunacy when she explains to doctors that years of living with Elwood's hallucination have caused her to see Harvey also! The doctors commit Veta instead of Elwood, but when the truth comes out, the search is on for Elwood and his invisible companion. When he shows up at the sanitarium looking for his lost friend Harvey, it seems that the mild-mannered Elwood's delusion has had a strange influence on more than one of the doctors. Only at the end does Veta realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all. Coming January 2012.



MTW's 2012 Apple Blossom Musical

## XANADU

DIRECTED BY PAUL ATWOOD

Xanadu follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time – the first ROLLER DISCO-hey, it's 1980! But, when Kira falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation and chaos abounds.

The hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure about following your dreams despite the limitations others set for you, rolls along to the original hit score composed by pop-rock legends Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, and includes, "Magic", "All Over the World", "Suddenly", "I'm Alive", "Evil Woman", "Have You Never Been Mellow" and "Xanadu", to name a few, and is based on the cult classic movie of the same title, which starred Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly.

