Opening this Thursday at the Riverside Playhouse...

**Death by Design**

January 18-20 and 25-27 at 7:30pm
Matinee January 20 and 27 at 2:00pm

Opening January 18 at the Playhouse is the madcap murder mystery spoof *Death by Design* by Rob Urbinati. With equal parts Agatha Christie and Noel Coward sprinkled with a liberal dose of slapstick, this play features a host of broad and hilarious characters. The witty playwright with a critical flop, his oversexed actress wife, a stuffy conservative politician, spunky Irish maid, nearsighted ingénue, zany modern dancer, fiery socialist revolutionary, and the handsome chauffeur. Everyone has a motive! It’s a hilarious who-dunnit with a twist you will never forget.

Director Marcus Bingham is excited to be working with the Music Theatre of Wenatchee for the first time. Currently the drama instructor at Wenatchee Valley College, Marcus boasts four decades of experience as a writer, actor, and director for the stage and screen. He recently directed Agatha Christie’s *Mousetrap* and Ken Ludwig’s *The Game’s Afoot* at the college. That, along with his experience writing, directing, and producing interactive murder mystery plays in San Diego and Seattle has keenly prepared him to direct the suspense-filled comedy *Death by Design*. Marcus is joined by a talented production crew, with Vicki Michael creating costumes, Romaine Doty helping with makeup and hair, and Arlene Jones assisting with props. Milo Klanke and Mike Abbott are doing the lion’s share of set construction, and Christian Lockman will be manning the lighting and sound for the show.

Don’t forget! Music Theatre members can buy Thursday night tickets for only $12, and there is a champagne reception at intermission each Thursday.

Dates are: January 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 at 7:30 and Matinees at 2pm on Saturday January 20 and 27. Tickets may be purchased at the door before the show, or in advance by calling or visiting the Numerica PAC box office.

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By Cynthia Brown
Thank You, Tiffany!

After two years of proudly serving Music Theatre of Wenatchee as our board president, Tiffany Mausser will be passing on the presidency to Dave Williams. Don’t worry. She will continue to serve on the board as our past president, and will continue to lead our Membership Committee.

During her time at the helm of MTW, she has significantly grown our membership, helped develop more effective membership drives, and overseen many improvements at the Riverside Playhouse. On top of all that, she still managed to act in multiple productions including; Mary Poppins, Boeing Boeing, and Rumors. She is also co-directing our upcoming Apple Blossom production of Guys and Dolls.

She is often the first to arrive, the last to leave, and always present to search for a solution to any problem that pops up! Thank you so much for your service to Music Theatre of Wenatchee Tiffany, and for helping to continue our legacy of exceptional theater in the Wenatchee Valley.

By Brady Dundas

MTW Executive Board:
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Hot Off the Press: Guys and Dolls Cast List Announced

This year’s Apple Blossom Musical has just found its cast. Leading this amazing cast is directors John and Tiffany Mausser. As always we had a great turnout of local talent, and would love to thank everyone who auditioned. With a cast like this, Guys and Dolls will be a show you can bet on!

Performances are May 2-12 at the Numerica Performing Arts Center. Tickets available now!


By Brady Dundas
APPLAUSE

SAVE THE DATE:
Members Appreciation Dinner and Meeting
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 at 4:00PM

One of the great things about being a member of MTW is that we have two appreciation dinners each year that you are invited to. Our annual January membership meeting and dinner is right around the corner. Join us on Sunday, January 21st 2018 from 4-6 pm. Not only will there be wonderful food prepared by your board members, but we will have a brief members meeting, and there will also be entertainment. There will be preview performances of our upcoming productions, *Death by Design*, and *Guys and Dolls*. We will see you there!

*By Brady Dundas*

@ RIVERSIDE PLAYHOUSE:
Short Shakespeareans presents

*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

This summer, Short Shakes will be celebrating their landmark **40th anniversary** by returning to the production that started it all, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. The production will run one week only, August 8 -11.

Short Shakes is always looking for new kids to join the group. There is no required cost to participate! “Auditions” will be this spring…we will announce the dates on the website and Facebook. If you have any questions, you may contact us at shortshakeswenatchee@gmail.com .

FALL 2018 MUSICAL ANNOUNCED

Music Theatre of Wenatchee is pleased to announce the 2018 fall musical *Little Shop of Horrors*! Directed by Vern Smith and Dave Williams, this classic horror comedy rock musical, by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman, tells the story of a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that has a taste for human flesh. MTW is sure to present a hilarious and entertaining production to the Wenatchee Valley! Performances are Oct 18th-20th (w/ a matinee on the 20th), Oct 25th-27th (also matinee) and Nov 1st-3rd. Audition dates will be announced soon.

*By Dave Williams*

Introducing our MTW President-Elect,
Dave Williams by Nita Paine

Native Wenatchee-ite Dave, began building his theater resume while a student at WHS. After a time away, upon returning to the Wenatchee Valley, Dave found his way to Music Theater of Wenatchee, where audiences have enjoyed watching him interpret various roles over the years. My personal favorite was that of Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*, but I digress.

A career in education brought Dave to Washington Elementary where he is a 3rd grade teacher. Lucky kids! Dave has been married to his wife, Dianna, for 26 years, and they have 3 grown children, with 2 grandchildren… does life get any better?

Well, perhaps not “better,” but it can be at least interesting and challenging. Dave is about to be cast as the MTW Board President. While we have a hard working, dedicated, group of people on the Board, his role will be to keep us on course, pursuing the future hopes and dreams of this organization’s membership. A role I know he will deliver with characteristic aplomb.
MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS!

Music Theatre of Wenatchee needs your membership to continue producing quality plays and musicals. If you haven’t renewed your membership, do it today! If you are not a current member, you can join today!

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.

Levels of Sponsorship:
• $25 Sponsor (no program listing)
• $50 Patron (no program listing)
• $100 Associate Producer
• $250 Producer
• $500 Executive Producer
• $1,000+ 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.