



Market House Theatre Off Stage Noises

We don't just entertain... We change lives!

A-L-LLL Aboard for Comedy!

Tap dancing, Cole Porter music and a great comic love story will set sail for the MHT stage as we present the hilarious 1940's classic **ANYTHING GOES!**

The story takes place aboard a cruise ship bound from New York to England. There is a boatload of very unusual passengers! Included amongst them is Public Enemy #3 Moonface Martin, wealthy debutante Hope Harcourt and her snooty mother Evangeline, nightclub singer Reno Sweeny, and wealthy New York businessman and his stowaway assistant Elisha Witney and Billy Crocker. It turns out that Hope is Billy's long-lost love. Unfortunately, she is now engaged to wealthy Englishman, Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Will Billy win back his love? Comic misadventures and romantic entanglements will keep audiences entertained aboard the magical ship where **"ANYTHING GOES!"**

The terrific Cole Porter tunes include "I Get A Kick Out of You", "It's De-Lovely" "All Through the Night", "You're the Top", and "Blow Gabriel Blow".

Playing the role of Billy Crocker is MHT veteran actor Fowler Black. Black last appeared in **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** as Lumiere. Playing Hope Harcourt is newcomer Tiffany Oakerson. Veteran actor and director Phil Counts plays Elisha Whitney. Playing Hope's mother is Dvonne Miller who most recently appeared in this season's **CROWNS**. Chris Schnarr (**ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**) plays Lord Evelyn.

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WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!
Starting in September, MHT will be moving to a quarterly print newsletter. We will be **emailing** a monthly update of all our exciting events - so be sure to give us your email address to keep up with all MHT activities! We will also post our newsletter on our website (www.mhtplay.com)
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June 12-15, 19-22, 26-29

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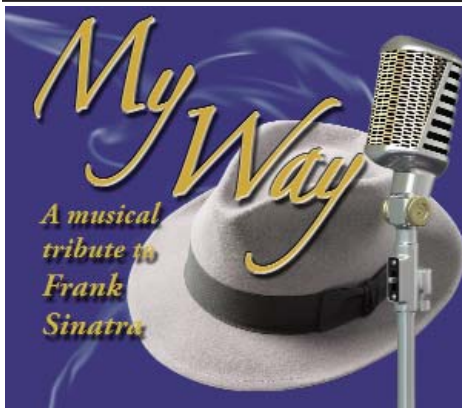
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Moonface Martin is played by radio personality and comic MHT veteran Steve Schwetman, whose most recent MHT appearance was in **RUMORS**. Rayla Bridges plays the nightclub singer Reno Sweeney, with Emily Chapman as Moonface's girlfriend Erma. Playing the Captain of the ship is Chip Bohle.

Rounding out the chorus are Joanna Allen, Pam Benzing, Leah Bohle, Caitlyn Gallip, Melissa Gallip, Mary Kathryn Dorr, Adam Gilliam, Robert Sharkey, Alison Watson, Britton Trigg, and Derek Hille.

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Auditions for MY WAY Musical!

Open auditions for MY WAY will be Monday and Tuesday June 16 & 17 at 7 pm on the Market House Theatre MainStage! Frank Sinatra's music comes to life in this exciting tribute to the "Chairman of the Board".

Needed are 2 men and 2 women. Man #1, age 40-60, should have a strong velvety baritone voice in the Sinatra mode. He sings many of the Sinatra standards, so he should have a feel for Sinatra's unusual phrasing and distinctive vocal style. Tap dance skills are a plus as there are a number of **optional** tap/dance breaks written for this character. Man #1 should also be able to sing close harmony. He is the leader of the ensemble in

terms of setting the tone and style of the show's music demands.

Man #2, age 25-40, is the 1940's big band "crooner" look. This actor should have an "all-American" squeaky clean nice boy look with a strong legit lyric baritone voice and be an excellent part singer. He sings up to a G. He spends much of the show trying to learn how to be "cool."

Woman #1, age 30-50, represents the female version of Frank ("Rat Pack" period). She is a "classy dame" who drips with style, sophistication, and class. Woman #1 has the more difficult singing role of the two women. Vocally she is a strong mezzo soprano who can also belt.

Woman #2, age 20-35, needs a smile that lights up the room. She should be able to project an energetic and youthful sensuality to the audience. Vocally this character needs to have that same smooth liquid big band singer sound of the 40's that Man #2 should also possess. Woman #2 is also a mezzo but does sing some soprano parts. Her voice should be lighter and provide a contrast to the darker sound required for Woman #1.

Those auditioning will be asked to sing a short prepared song, preferably a Sinatra song or similar from the 1940's/'50s. Those auditioning must sing with accompaniment, either recorded or using our provided pianist. They will also read from the script. The show will be directed by Michael Cochran with music direction by Patt Lynch. Perusal scripts are available at the box office to check out with a refundable deposit.

Performance dates will be September 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21. For more information contact Michael Cochran at (270) 444-6828 ext. 114.

ANYTHING GOES! *(continued from front)*

The production is directed by Diane Byrd who has directed for several regional theatres including MHT and PTHS. Patt Lynch is Music Director and Denise Bristol is Assistant Director. Emily Chapman assists with choreography.

The play will run June 12-15, 19-22, 26-29. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays June 14 and June 21 at 2:30 pm and all Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17 regular admission and \$14 for military personnel and seniors. Tickets can be purchased online at www.mhtplay.com or by calling the box office at 270-444-6828 Tuesday through Friday between noon and 5 p.m. Group rates are available. The

show is sponsored by United States Enrichment Corporation. Market House Theatre's 44th season is sponsored by Paducah Bank.

Looking for something fun (and meaningful) to do this summer?

Volunteer at MHT!

- * painting * filing/organization * props
- * children's classes prep work
- * construction * usher * archives organization

Contact Marsha Cash 444-6828 for more details!



Lunch Box Theatre - HARE AND TORTOISE!

Attention all youngsters - MHT will be presenting a Lunch Box Theatre presentation of **THE TRUE STORY OF THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE** on July 21 – 26 in our Studio Theatre as part of Paducah's Summer Festival. This audience participation musical comedy based on the Aesop classic tale is suitable for all ages and features loads of hilarious audience participation!

What's a reporter to do? It's a slow news day in the forest and our on-the-spot TV Action Reporter needs a big story! She stumbles upon a bored and cocky young Hare looking for someone to race. Add to the mix old Grandpa Tortoise who comes ambling along, and before she can say "Lights, Camera, Action" our Reporter has a chance to report on what appears to be the **True Story** of the Tortoise and the Hare! As she attempts to get this breaking story on the air - pesky Mayor Wolf keeps trying to huff and puff his way into the news! The race is on....but it's not exactly as we would

expect. Oh, sure, the Tortoise wins. But the Hare wins, too, because she learns that sometimes it's not your opponent who beats you-- it's yourself.

Mary Kathryn Dorr plays the Hare with Chris Simpson as Grampa Tortoise. Maria Miller is the Reporter, with Jamie Hagood as Mayor Wolf. The audience also plays an active role in the show, helping the characters make decisions and even taking part in the Big Race! A preshow craft is also part of the total package. April Cochran directs the production.

Lunch will be provided by Neil's Catering. The yummy family friendly menu includes grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, cole slaw, chips, beverage and ice cream for dessert. The ticket price includes dinner, show and craft! Tickets are \$10 for children age 12 and under, and \$12 for adults. There are two showtimes each day, an 11:00 a.m. seating and a 1:00 p.m. seating. Lunch will be served as the audience arrives, and the show will immediately follow. Seating is reserved and limited to 50 people per performance. Tickets will go on sale June 12 - mark your calendar!

OPEN AUDITIONS!

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!

Don't miss your chance to appear in the most wildly popular show in recent theatrical history – **Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!**

The Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on the Market House Theatre stage! Troy Bolton, the popular captain of the basketball team and Gabriella Montez, the brainy and beautiful member of the academic club, break all the rules of the East High society when they secretly audition for the leads in the school's musical. As they reach for the stars and follow their dreams, everyone learns about acceptance, teamwork and being yourself. The show features all the music, dancing, and drama from the Disney Channel Original Movie with the addition of two brand new songs!



Open auditions are slated for August 18 and 19 at 5:00 at MHT. April Cochran will direct, with Cindy Miller as music director. Anyone in middle school, high school or older is welcome to audition regardless of previous performing experience. Not all roles require singing, nor do all roles require dance ability. Those auditioning should plan to sing a short selection such as one verse of a song. The song choice is up to the auditionee, but a pop song or one from the show is recommended. You must sing to accompaniment, either CD or piano. If you do not wish to be considered for a singing role, you will not be required to sing. Auditionees will also be asked to read from the show and participate in some simple theatre games. Other than song preparation, no advance work is needed to audition.

Roles available include: **The JOCKS** - TROY BOLTON, captain of the basketball team, CHAD DANFORTH, Troy's best friend, **The NERDS** - JACK SCOTT, the PA announcer, a.k.a. the Velvet Fog of East High and KELSI NEILSON, the mousey composer of Juliet and Romeo, **The THESPIANS** - SHARPAY and RYAN EVANS, **The BRAINIACS** - GABRIELLA MONTEZ, TAYLOR MCKESSIE, president of the Science Club, and Martha Cox, who has a *(continued on page 4*

Everyone's Invited! June 23

Annual MHT Family Reunion & Election of MHT Board

WHO: YOU! And all casts, crews, MHT members and friends!

WHEN: MONDAY, June 23 at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: KEILER PARK!

WHAT: A PICNIC PARTY and Celebration of MHT's 44rd Anniversary Season!

WHY: FUN! And to thank you for your support and hard work throughout this season!

MHT will provide the BBQ, chicken and soft drinks. You bring a dish to pass (salad, side dish or dessert) and a lawn chair if you wish (we sometimes run out!) Your family is also invited to come and join in the good food and festive company. ***This is a Family Event!*** Enjoy the playground! Play some volleyball! Chat with friends and former cast members! After the tasty picnic, we will hold a brief membership meeting with the election of MHT's new board of directors.

THEN...the infamous and coveted **GOLDEN SCREW AWARDS** will be presented. These handsome trophies will commemorate selected blooper moments from this past season. Will the fickle finger of fate remember any faux-pas of yours? Come to the Family Reunion to find out! Don't forget to fill out the People's Choice nominations forms and make your vote count!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS!

Name of Victim, er, Actor _____

The Offending Moment: _____

Please let us know if you are coming (to help us with the food planning)! Please RSVP by June 20!
There's no cost to you!

MHT FAMILY REUNION!

YES, I/We will be able to attend!
Enclosed is NOTHING! NADA!
NO MOOLAH AT ALL!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please send to: Market House Theatre, 132 Market House Square, Paducah KY 42001
or call (270) 444-6828

High School Musical Auditions (continued from page 3)

secret passion for hip-hop. Other roles include Skater Dudes, Wildcat Cheerleaders, Jocks, Performance Kids, and many more. Adult roles include MS. DARBUS, the eccentric drama teacher and Troy's dad COACH BOLTON. It is anticipated that between 25 to 35 people will be cast in this musical comedy. Check our website (www.mhtplay.com) for a complete list of roles.

Disney's **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL** will be performed October 23-26 and October 30-November 2. Perusal scripts should be available after July 1. Make sure you "Bop to the Top" and get in on "The Start of Something New" as "We're All in This Together" with MHT's production of **Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!** Go Wildcats!



The Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, provides operational support funding for Market House Theatre with state tax dollars and federal funding from the

National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

MHT Board Member Nominations!

Officers - Nominated for a 1 year term

Renie Barger: President
Heather Dorr: Vice President
Scott Taylor: Treasurer
Wendy Kester: Secretary
Valerie Pollard: Past President

Re-nominated for two year terms ending in 2010

Bobbie Allen
Ann Counts

Nominated for three year term ending 2011

Sarah Bynum
Jennifer Hughes
Cindy Miller

Continuing on the board:

Chip Bohle (2010)

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Rising Stars Drama Camp (Preschool, ages 4 and 5)

Let the imagination soar in this fun Creative Drama class. Preschoolers will take a creative romp through familiar stories by playing characters, using movement, and ensemble building activities. While having fun, they will learn stage performance basics and strengthen skills in Language Arts.

June 16-20, 2008

1 – 1:45 p.m. Fee: \$25

(Min. 8/Max. 12) Instructor: Sylvia Steiner



Tales and Legends Drama Camp (Rising 1st graders)

In the land of make believe, children can become whatever they imagine. This story drama class has children playing out familiar stories with characters they know and love.

At the same time, they will learn basic improvisation and performance skills through character development and portrayal.

June 16-20, 2008

2 – 3 p.m. Fee: \$30

(Min. 8/Max. 16) Instructor: Sylvia Steiner

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE CAMP - “Disney’s CINDERELLA Kids!” (gr: 2-8):

Do you like to act, sing and dance? Then this is the workshop for you! Young actors will have loads of fun working on Disney’s **CINDERELLA!**

The timeless fairy tale meets the magic of Disney in this adaptation of the treasured animated film. Poor Cinderella is endlessly mistreated by her wicked stepmother and stepsisters, and denied a chance to go to the Royal Ball. With a little help from her mice friends, and a lot of help from her Fairy Godmother, Cinderella goes to the ball and meets the Prince! With a magical score including “A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes” and the classic “Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo,” this musical will charm its way into your heart, and remind you that dreams really can come true! In addition to improving skills as a performer - members will also be introduced to other aspects of show production - including stage makeup, scenery and props! Zany, fast-paced theatre games will add to the fun!

Classes and rehearsals are held in MHT’s Studio Theatre classroom, 120 Market House Square downtown Paducah. On Friday, June 27 class will be held at Clark Elementary School located at 3401 Buckner Lane. The Public Performance of Disney’s **CINDERELLA** will be Friday, June 27 at 5:00 on the Clark Elementary School stage!

June 16 - 27, 2008 (two weeks)

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fee: \$95

(Min. 18/Max. 40) Instructor: April Cochran



All classes are held in MHT’s Studio Theatre classroom, 120 Market House Square downtown. Payment in full is due one week before class starts. **To register, call (270) 444-6828.** Registration forms can also be downloaded from our website (www.mhtplay.com)! Class sizes are limited - call today! **Please note the registration deadline of June 11!**



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MHT'S 44TH SEASON WRAPUP!

We take our statement of purpose very seriously... ***"We don't just entertain... We change lives!"***

We produced over 25 shows this season - ranging from pre-school Lunch Box participatory theatre, to **JUST LIKE I WANTED** in cooperation with Zack'S Hope suicide prevention. We worked with Clark Elementary, Concord Elementary, Lone Oak Elementary and McNabb Elementary in the production of curriculum-based plays and musicals. We spent 2 weeks at Carlisle County Headstart. We are in our region's schools on a daily basis, either with a touring show or presenting drama sessions in the classroom. Our

show's topics range from light-hearted comedy to dealing with ALS and childhood cancer. Our community ties include assisting Paducah's Charity League with their Follies benefit performance. For a theatre of any size to produce over 25 productions in a year is a staggering total. Meanwhile, our costs increase by 7-10% while at the same time our fundraising events and annual fund drive have seen a small, but significant decrease in total contributions.

As we look forward to our 45th season we are excited about the shows we have selected and challenged to meet our budget without large increases in ticket prices or educational fees. Additionally, the Kentucky Arts Council notified groups that they would be cutting back on grant funding by about 16%.

To help us better manage expenses, we are looking to transition from print newsletters to electronic format. Each newsletter mailing currently costs us about \$1,500. Beginning in July we will switch over to a monthly e-newsletter and only print and mail newsletters on a quarterly basis starting in Sept. If you would like to receive the monthly email newsletter contact Alexis Davis at info@mhtplay.com. We intend to keep fulfilling our purpose in a fiscally responsible manner.

MHT Board nominations (cont. from pg. 4)

Randy Davis (2009)
 Mary Jean Grief (2009)

Rotating off the Board

Ginny Elmore
 Rebecca Alcott-Haus
 Roy Hensel

Our heartfelt thanks go to our retiring board members!