

MCT Milam Community Theater

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Ending MCT's 10th year on a high note

Milam Community Theater will end its 10th season with a bawdy, vaudevillian-style comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Set in Ancient Rome, this show promises, "Something for Everyone" in its opening number. Young Hero (Mike Watkins Jr.) wants to marry Philia (Cathrin J. Winsor) but she has been sold to a military leader as his wife. With Miles Gloriousus (Buddy Shuffield) due to retrieve his bride, Hero promises his slave, Pseudolus (Richard Stone), his freedom if he can rescue Philia from her fate. Pseudolus' schemes all seem to backfire until, finally, "lovers divided get coincided." Though it warrants a PG or PG-13 rating with its dancing courtesans and bawdy humor, it also has some of the best comedic song lyrics anywhere.

The cast also includes Joe Fino as Hysterium, Dwight Jekel as Senex, Amy Wade as Domina, David Basonic as Lycus, Jack Terhune as Erronious, Jubilee Doss, Apolline Doss, Lindsey, Tia Rae Stone, Gabriele Boriach and Caitlin Mathews as courtesans and Michael Watkins Sr. and Phillip Nickerson as two of the Proteans. *We still need 2-3 men (young or old) to fill the parts of Proteans!*

We are excited about the number of talented junior high and high school students who enthusiastically responded to our call for musicians. Trumpeters Alonso Ellison and Josh Pratt were the first on board. When this newsletter was written, *we are still in desperate need people (students or adults) to play the clarinet, flute and a drums.*

Our director for this show is Parker Willson of Waco. Kathy Turner is directing the music and Kay Lagrone is making costumes. *If you think you could help us with set building, props, make-up, hair or in anyway backstage, we'd love to have you!*

If you can help by being a Protean, playing one of the instruments or helping behind the scenes, please call Martha Lee at 254-697-2471 and she'll sign you up and keep in contact with you.

The show will be on stage Aug. 14-15 & 21-22 with Saturday's shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday's at 2 p.m.

THE GALA

About 40 MCT members gathered for the annual Gala and Membership Meeting May 8. Though we missed those of you who couldn't make it and we apologize for the date change, those who were able to come had a great time!

Our thanks to Kathy Turner for accompanying our performers who sang excerpts from 9 of the 13 musicals in our past and to performers Janisue Arnold, Nan Lorton, David Angell, Melanie Reed, Jack Terhune, Tia Rae Stone, Buddy Shuffield, Dwight Jekel, Richard Stone and Jerry Lorton.

We also need to thank all the artists who contributed all the beautiful paintings, photographs, sculptures and floral arrangements. They include Estelle Roberts, Jack Terhune, Anne Roberts, the Pimplers at Endangered Species Studio, Mike Peck, Jeremy Weber, Lollypop Farms, Doris Hanel, Lamerle Zajicek, and Kelly Angell. Waco Civic Theatre and Temple Civic Theatre also donated items for our silent auction.

Thanks to our generous bidders, we raised just over \$1,000 to help us meet expenses for the remainder of the year!

SCHOLARSHIP

This year's winner of the \$500 MCT Harrison M. Lanham Scholarship was Yoe High School graduate Chris Hornung.

The son of David and Lynn Hornung has participated in high school theater for



Joe Fino, Richard Stone and Dwight Jekel rehearse *Everybody Ought to have a Maid* for the summer musical.

several years and was a worthy recipient. His roles include Judge Charlie Cool in the 2004 one-act play "The Grass Harp," the Sorcerer in the Fall 2003 production of "The Snow Queen," Samuel in the 2003 one-act play "The Curious Savage," Claude Herdman in the fall 2002 production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and Ed Carmichael in the 2002 one-act play "You Can't Take It With You."

He plans to attend Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas and major in theater.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Thank you for your past support of your community theater! We hope you will renew and continue to ...

- Receive admission to one performance of each of the three MCT shows (a \$45 value);
- Have the option of purchasing unlimited tickets for each show at a discounted price (\$12.50 for adults and \$7.50 for students);
- Be admitted free-of-charge to an MCT-sponsored showing of area schools' One-Act Plays;

