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In the Wings

The Newsletter of The Concord Players

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COME HEAR THE MUSIC PLAY, COME TO CABARET!



Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome!

to the decadent world of 1930s Berlin, which comes to life in *CABARET*, the Tony Award-winning musical masterpiece going up in February at Concord Players. "Leave your troubles outside" bids the Emcee, as you step inside the deliciously decadent world of 51 Walden's own Kit Kat Klub. From the authentic 1930s Berlin club setting to its unforgettable music and song, *CABARET* is divinely decadent entertainment at its best.

Production dates: evenings at 8:00 p.m., February 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28, 2009; matinees at 2:00 p.m., February 15 & 22.

For tickets, go to <http://www.concordplayers.org/tickets.html> or email tickets@concordplayers.org or call 978-369-2990.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

A bid for installing 3 extra rigging pipes was received from the contractor who installed the original pipes and is familiar with the problems that would be encountered. The extra pipes could cut the cost of construction on each production significantly, and would allow greater flexibility with scenery and special lighting, as well as making installation of lighting and scenery safer and easier. The project could only be done during the summer months, as the stage area would be out of commission for 4–6 weeks. This is an expensive undertaking, so it would require a fund raiser. The matter is still under discussion by the Board.

The heater in the workshop will need to be replaced by next winter. The cost would be approximately \$1,000 for both heater and installation.

Linda McConchie, Jay Newlon and Jill Henderson together will be planning the opening night receptions for both *CABARET* and *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*.

The Board is pleased to announce that Board member Lisa Astbury has agreed to manage Special Events.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!

Remember to mark your calendar for The Concord Players Annual Meeting, March 22, 2009, at 7 p.m. A separate flyer with the agenda will be sent by both email and U.S. mail a few weeks before the meeting. We hope to see you all there. It is a time to meet everyone, hear about the state of our organization, vote in the Board of Directors, and enjoy entertainment planned and coordinated by Lisa Astbury.

CORINNE KINSMAN REJOINS BOARD

The Board is pleased to announce that Corinne Kinsman has agreed to join the Board of Directors, starting immediately. She will replace Lida McGirr, and assume the role of head of the Membership committee. A past member of the Board, Corinne has played many roles with the Players. She was Ticket/Subscription Manager from 1992 to 2006, and has produced ten Concord Players productions over the years, in addition to set painting or wall papering or as part of a running crew. She is currently co-producing *CABARET* with Sally Bull and Marlene Mandel. Corinne is happy to be back on the Players' Board and thanks everyone for their vote of confidence.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain claims to be the oldest community theater in America. But since they date from 1877, the claim may only be to operating under the same name. The Concord Players trace their history to 1856 and the Concord Dramatic Union, which Louisa May Alcott helped to found. In 1872, the Union became the Concord Dramatic Club, and in 1919, The Concord Players.

In 1921, the Players added the stage with fly space, scene dock, storage facilities, and green room to the town-owned building at 51 Walden Street, then used also as an armory. In 1972, the Players joined with the Concord Orchestra and the Concord Band to form the Friends of the Performing Arts in Concord (FOPAC), and the town of Concord agreed to allow this organization to refurbish 51 Walden as a performing arts center, which includes a music stage for the band and orchestra and a ballet studio.

Visit the website at www.concordplayers.org for more detailed information.

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