



Piney Woods Players

The Prompter

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FIRST PLAY FOR THE 2008 SEASON IS IN REHEARSALS

Piney Woods Players' 2008 season gets started with "WHERE LOVE IS", a play set down on the Texas Gulf Coast. Hank Ryder, a seminary student living in Ohio, has come back to Texas



Bill Powell and Shannon Lee rehearse for upcoming production. Photo by Andra Harlow.

to visit his Aunt Bett. Hank is going through an identity crisis and is looking for information about his mother, who passed away when Hank was very young. Through divine provenance (or sheer exhaustion), Hank suddenly finds himself back in 1915, in the same house with his mother who was then a teenager, and his aunt, who is now 36 years younger. Directed by Lester Harlow, the play is a mixture of humor and drama by playwright, Margaret Symmank. This is the third script PWP has performed by Mrs. Symmank and it's a show that Lester was fortunate to produce when it premiered in 1990.

Hank Ryder is played by PWP veteran, Bill Powell. Bill was last seen doing a few roles in The Howard Kuscher Playwright Festival, as well as his memorable portrayal of Mr. Wilson in "HARVEY". Hank's Aunt Bett is played by a newcomer to the PWP stage, Shannon Lee. Mrs. Lee teaches Theatre Arts at Onalaska Junior High and High Schools and brings not only her onstage experience to the production but also has a technical theatre class and has offered to help build any needed set pieces. Another actor new to our stage is Kelsey Neukham. Kelsey plays Hank's mother, Edith. She currently attends Livingston High School

where she has appeared on stage numerous times. Rounding out the cast is another familiar face, Andra Harlow. Andra was last seen in The Howard Kuscher Playwright Festival and as Myrtle Mae in "HARVEY". She is currently a student at Sam Houston State University and is a past recipient of a Piney Woods Players theatre scholarship. She plays Annie Trahan, a boarder in Aunt Bett's home.

Mary Blair, a familiar name to those who've attended past PWP productions, is the Assistant Director/Stage Manager.

WHERE LOVE IS (by Margaret Symmank)

June 13-14, 7:00 PM

June 15, 2:00 PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Proceeds are used for college scholarships

When asked why he chose this particular script, Director Lester Harlow said, "The questions it asks are timeless. Hank not only wants to know about his past, but is also trying to reconcile his studies in science and religion". He goes on to say, "What I really like are the characters. As is typical of Mrs. Symmank's writing, the people you meet in this play are as real as those in your own family."

"WHERE LOVE IS" performs at the Livingston High School Auditorium June 13th and 14th at 7:00 PM and June 15th at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$9.00 for non-members and \$7.00 for PWP members. Season tickets are still available to members for \$15.00 and include 1 ticket for each of our 3 plays this year. For more information, please contact Lester Harlow at (936) 563-5076 or (281) 460-0180.

THE NEXT SCENE:

Jun 1: Board Meeting, MMC/L, at 1PM

June 1: General Meeting, MMC/L, at 2PM

Jun 9-20: Summer Theater Camp

Jun 13-15: Play, *Where Love Is*

Jun 22: Auditions, *The Boys Next Door*, MMC/L, at 2PM

July 14: Board Meeting at 7PM-location TBA

Aug 11: Board Meeting at 7PM-location TBA

Aug 15-17: Play, *The Boys Next Door*

Nov 14-16: Play, *A Wind Between the Houses*

TBA: Dinner Theater Variety Show

TBA: Auditions, *A Wind Between the Houses*

THE PREZ SEZ:

Well, at this time we are in rehearsals for "Where Love Is" and rehearsals are coming along just fine. We had to delay the DINNER THEATRE due to the fact we have no one to set it up and get it running. Maybe next year. We look forward to our first year of a "Season" with three plays. As always we here on the Board thank you, BIG TIME for your support, and your help in producing funds for the scholarship program.

See ya.

RICHARD 'DICK' LYNE



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO KAMERON GUERRERO AND JANE PARMELLY

The Piney Woods Players Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the award of scholarships in the amount of \$1500 each to two Polk County high school seniors. Scholarships were approved for Kameron Guerrero and Jane Parmelly. Piney Woods Players President, Dick Lyne, presented the scholarships at award ceremonies held at the high schools attended by the two recipients. Scholarships are funded by membership fees, proceeds of performances and donations. This is the third year that the Piney Woods Players has been able to award two scholarships.

To be approved for the Piney Woods Players scholarships, students must have a demonstrated interest in and intend to pursue further education in the performing arts.

Kameron Guerrero is graduating from Onalaska Junior/Senior High School. She plans to pursue a theater major at either the University of North Texas or Texas A & M in Corpus Christi. While she has not yet settled on the precise career she will follow, she has had extensive involvement with theater while in high school, and finds that it leaves her "feeling extremely pleased as well as accomplished".

Jane Parmelly is graduating from Livingston High School. She plans to attend Steven F. Austin University where she will pursue a double major in both Theater and Modern Language with a minor in English. She is planning to pursue a career in the theater.

CHILDREN'S THEATER CAMP - "SPOTLIGHT"

The Piney Woods Players Summer Theater Camp, "SPOTLIGHT", has been scheduled as follows:

M -F June 9 - 20 (two weeks)
8:00 AM - 12 Noon
Livingston High School auditorium
Ages: 6 - 15 years
Fee: \$36.00

Under the continuing leadership of George Pichardo, the theater camp offers role playing and theatrical games to help the students utilize their talents, thinking abilities and imagination and to develop the poise and self-confidence to

perform in front of an audience. There will be a program for family and friends at the end of the camp.

The "Spotlight" Theater Camp is part of the City of Livingston Parks and Recreation Department summer program for children. Starting on May 22 and continuing until the class has been filled enrollments in the program will be taken from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday at the Parks and Recreation office in the front of Pedigo Park.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING AND

Quarterly meetings provide an opportunity for the entire membership to come together to become acquainted and to learn about upcoming Piney Woods Players events. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, at 2 PM in the dining room of the Memorial Medical Center.

Board of Directors meetings are working meetings to plan and organize Piney Woods Players activities. These meetings are held monthly, and are open to any interested member. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on June 1 at 1 PM (before the quarterly meeting) at the Memorial Medical Center. You can call Richard Lyne at 646-3622 for locations of future meetings.

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