

REPartee

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Playing August 4 - September 3

Seussical

the musical

Imagine a world where anything is possible—an elephant in a tree, a person too tiny to see, a heroic child, and dreams running wild! Just think of a magical, musical world where helping a friend, never giving up, and keeping a promise come alive.

SEUSSICAL presents the witty, wild and whimsical world of Dr. Seuss as it has never been seen before. When chaos erupts in the Jungle of Nool, it will take the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, and a gaggle of Dr. Seuss characters to bring harmony back to their world.

Director Elisa Woodruff, Musical Director Justin Ross, and Choreographer Loene Gossett are the creative team that bring it to life on our stage with the following cast: Breyon Earl as the Cat in the Hat; Evan Needham as Horton the Elephant and Rachel Fales as JoJo. The rest of the ensemble, who play multiple roles that include Seuss favorites Gertrude McFuzz, The Grinch, Yertle the Turtle among others, is: Shaelan Salas, Claire Olmstead, Lauren Tipple, Darcy Daughtry, Brittany Gonzales, Joel Tipple, and Bob Biedeman.

The talented production team is Lori Tipple (assistant director/production manager), Nanette Voss (vocal coach), Daniel L. Lawrence (set/light design), Desmond Mosley (costume design), Gabriel Groom (sound design), Willi Welton (properties), and Jennifer Stannard and Emily Martinez (stage managers). The band is under the direction of conductor/keyboardist, Justin Ross. Poster design is by Holly Burton and cast, publicity, and archive photography is by Matt Knowles of *Aesthetic Design*.

SEUSSICAL is a contemporary re-imagining of Dr. Seuss, which weaves together many of his most famous stories and characters in unexpected ways. The Tony Award-winning team of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (*Ragtime & Once on This Island*) has created a score that includes pop, gospel, blues and R & B.

This is a captivating family show that shouldn't be missed. For tickets and information, please call (707) 786-5483.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Looking for a Few Good Men & Women

The Ferndale Repertory Theatre is the most vibrant arts organization on the North Coast, with youth and senior programs, an art gallery celebrating the fine arts in all their forms, concerts, special events, the only Fourth of July show of its kind, a film festival and more. The theatre is artistically innovative and financially strong.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a great way to give back to your community and satisfy your need to be involved in an exciting and progressive activity. Our Board terms, which begin in October, are for two years, and we are currently looking for people who are energetic, have great senses of humor, and want to be associated with a winner. No experience required.

Contact the theatre at 786-5483 or stop in and learn what all the excitement is about!

Introducing the Rep's Intern Holly Burton

Through HSU's Work Experience program, we were extremely fortunate to have Holly Burton join our staff for the summer. She came to Humboldt from the Bay Area, where she spent many years studying ceramics, drawing, sculpture, painting, and yearbook design/layout. She is a senior at HSU studying studio art with a double emphasis in graphic design and art education. Her design talent has given us our season brochure, posters for *Seussical* and all shows through the end of the year.

Holly states, "My aspirations for this summer are to enhance my knowledge in graphics software, further my ability to work amongst a group of individuals, and gain the experience I need to enter the workforce after I graduate in the spring of 2006. I look forward to meeting all of you and hope your summer brings you to the Rep."

Thank you, Holly!

ANGELS OF THE MONTH
Gilmer & Stephen Reinhardt

EDitorial

From the Diary of the Executive Director

I was browsing through a theatre magazine recently and an ad caught my eye. It was a striking and familiar photograph of Martha Graham, caught in her amazing, gravity defying dance pose that evokes emotion and movement and awe in her body's incredible grace and strength...truly a great photograph of this wonderful dancer and choreographer. The ad reads, "There's not enough art in our schools. No wonder people think that Martha Graham is a snack cracker." At the bottom of the page is the catch phrase, "ART. ASK FOR MORE. THE LESS ART KIDS GET, THE MORE IT SHOWS." Maybe you've seen the ad, too.

There is a new national, public campaign created to bring awareness of the lack of arts education in our schools. The arts are, after all, much more than just fun "extra" activities for kids. Did you know: The arts teach kids to be more tolerant and open? The arts allow kids to express themselves creatively? The arts promote individuality, bolster self-confidence, and improve overall academic performance? The arts can help troubled youth, providing an alternative to delinquent behavior and truancy while providing an improved attitude towards school?

Participation in the arts opens up children's worlds and minds, offers them skills they need for a bright future. Ask any parent and they'll say that arts education is very important to their child's well-being. Ask a student who's arts program has been cut from his or her curriculum and you'll receive the same answer. Chances are, your child or grandchild is not getting enough art in school.

Well, you can help! It is our responsibility to make sure that arts education flourishes throughout the country. And you have more power than you know to create opportunities for kids to experience the arts. You can visit the web site www.americansforthearts.org or call 202.371.2830 to discover the facts about the benefits of the arts and to find out how you can get involved.

I am, of course, an activist. One of the main missions of the Rep is to bring the arts to our youth and back into the schools. With the variety of opportunities and programs offered by the Rep to Humboldt County young people, I feel we are doing a good job reaching out to children and teens and helping to bridge the artistic gap that's missing in our schools.

Marilyn McCormick

Showing at Art from the Hart Gallery

Featured Artist

Suzanne Simpson

Arcata mixed media artist, Suzanne Simpson, will be the featured artist at the Art From the Hart Gallery during the performance run of *Seussical*, August 5 - September 4, 2005. A wine and hors d'oeuvre reception for the artist will be held from 6:30 P.M. until curtain time at 8 P.M. on Friday, August 5, in the gallery,

Ms. Simpson will show paintings from a recent series. She says about her work, "I paint to explore energy, life force and movement and to understand more fully that all matter is intertwined, and that many worlds and levels of creation exist. I am intuitively led to experiment with organic shapes, space, textures and intense colors, with always a dash of whimsy added to the mix."

In addition, the gallery features pottery by Lois Keller and jewelry by Nancy Keleher.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 12:00pm to 5:00pm and on all show dates.

Pictures of Suzanne Simpson's work are on our web site on the Home Page at www.ferndale-rep.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AT THE REP

- Annual Scholarship Award •
- Free School Tours of the Rep Facility •
- Young Actors' Workshop •
- Holiday Matinees Shows for Schools •
- Annual All-Teen Production •
- Technical Training for High School Students •
- Acting Opportunities for all Ages •
- Community Service Hours • *And More!*

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DOWNWIND OF UPSTAGE Assorted Rep Rap

DONATIONS GALORE!

SUNSHINE BOYS RAFFLE BASKET: Donated by Carolyn Jones. Additional basket goodies donated by Ferndale Books and Golden Bee Candleworks. Congratulations to Michael Bailey who was the lucky winner of Carolyn's fabulous hand-woven afghan!

COSTUME DONATIONS: Winter coats from Alice Shinnick & Linda Johnson; A multitude of clothing pieces from Gene Cole & Ellie Givins, and from Pat & Carol Bivens. Theatrical costumes from Patty Steed

DOT MATRIX TICKET PRINTER: Dr. Joseph Young

FAX MACHINE: Open Door Community Health Centers

YOUNG ACTORS' WORKSHOP PARTY CAKE: Fortuna Safeway

VINTAGE 30s/40s SUITCASES: Mike Massey

BY-LAWS, BY GUM! The By-laws Committee was joined by long-time local arts supporter, Byrd Lochtie, who lent her considerable knowledge of non-profit group organization for the updating of Rep by-laws. Thank you, Bryd, for your time. Watch for notice of pending by-laws changes that will be voted on at the October Membership Meeting.

BACK TO THE BACK: The backside of the theatre now sports a new, designer shade—the mixture of many assorted colors of oil-based enamel donated to the Rep by PalCo. Gordon Hunt delighted in playing the alchemist, as he happily poured, stirred, and applied the concoction, using his artistic restraint and omitting several cans of bright orange that were on the shelf. The resulting color is a very relaxing and eye-friendly Sea Foam Green. We like it a lot!

ANGELS OF THE MONTH Gilmer & Stephen Reinhardt

In the summer of 1997, Gilmer and Stephen Reinhardt came to the Rep to produce the blockbuster production, *Godspell*. Gilmer directed and Stephen was the Musical Director—not surprising, since Gilmer had starred in the original New York production for which Stephen was the Musical Director. There they met, fell in love, and have been together ever since. Gilmer went on to recreate her role in the Hollywood movie, and Stephen went on to becoming an Emmy Award-winning musical director for television.

In January 2003, Gilmer and Stephen joined Gilmer's sister, Marilyn McCormick, Robert Foxworth, and Bo Foxworth on our stage in *Ancestral Voices*—a very special theatrical presentation.

And throughout it all, the Reinhardts have been supporters of the Rep. Their donations this month were the printing of the 2005-06 Season Brochure and additional technical support.

Needless to say, Marilyn and the Rep staff and Board are extremely grateful to our favorite out-of-towners who make the Rep a recipient of their generosity and love of the arts.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

August 4 - Sept. 4

Seussical (the musical)

See page one for details.

Thru Sept 3

Art from the Hart Gallery

Featured Artist

Suzanne Simpson

AUDITIONS The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

Director Desmond Mosley is seeking lots of boys and girls of all ages for this charming holiday story.

Call the theatre at 786-5483 for audition times and place.

Production dates:

Nov. 25 - Dec. 18

Sold Out!

September 9
Lost Coast Live

September 17 at 8p
September 18 at 1pm

René Auberjonois
Marilyn McCormick
starring in

Love Letters

*A visit with the actors will follow
each performance*

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~ *The Cat in the Hat*