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**FERNDALE
REPERTORY
THEATRE**

January 18 - February 11, 2007

Lettice & Lovage

The Ferndale Repertory Theatre opens the New Year with *Lettice and Lovage*, a comedy by Tony Award winning playwright, Peter Shaffer, what *The New York Post* called, "An evening of enchantment and delight." Shaffer's play is his sense of how modern society can leave some of its most creative citizens in the dust, and how "people of spunk [are] condemned to death at the hands of the mere." It is the playwright's personal valentine to the theater, and a reminder that the arts—whether in the form of exalted language, beautiful buildings or history-infused cities—must triumph over profit and expedience.

Meet Lettice Duffet, an eccentric guide at the most boring historic house in England, who learns to use her imagination to enliven her tours, to the delight of her audiences and to the dismay of her employer, Lotte Schoen. Lotte fires Lettice, but the two women begin an unlikely friendship based on their refusal to accept the mediocrity of modern life.

Director Renee Grinnell has chosen an experienced cast: Marilyn Foote takes on the role of the eccentric Lettice and Marilyn McCormick recreates her role as Lotte from the 1994 Rep production. Supporting cast members are Jim Buschmann as solicitor, Mr. Bardolph, and Wanda Stapp as Lotte's secretary, Miss Framer. Design credits go Daniel L. Lawrence (Set & Light Design), Vikki Young (Costume Design), Daniel L. Lawrence & Renee Grinnell (Sound Design), Dan Tubbs (Poster Design, PR and Cast Photography), and Shannan Dailey (Stage Manager).

Our thanks go to Spencer Engineering for their sponsorship of this production.

ART FROM THE HART GALLERY

Featuring the photography of
Starleene Hope
through the month of February
featuring photos of local coastal scenes including
Trinidad Beach, Crescent City, and others.
Her specialty is greeting cards which will be on
display for sale at the gallery

We're 35 & We're Having a Party!
Save this Date!

Saturday, March 31

Join Us as we celebrate the Rep's
Extraordinary 35-Year History!

Watch for Information as the date draws near!

ANGEL OF THE MONTH
Spencer Engineering

FROM THE PRESIDENT

(Standing in for Carolyn Jones is Vikki Young)

The conversation goes something like this:

Me: Carolyn is in Timbuktu.

They: No, really, where did she and Tom go this year?

Me: Timbuktu. They went to Timbuktu.

They: Ah c'mon. You can tell us. Where'd they go?

Me: I tell you, they're in Timbuktu.

They: Well, if that's they way you want it...

Me: Ok, they're in Dublin.

They: That's more like it. Why didn't you say that in the first place?

Well, Carolyn and Tom really went to Timbuktu, although they had a layover in Dublin. Many people don't know that Timbuktu is not just that storybook place that you visit when you're mentally visiting Pluto. It is a city in Mali, Africa. You can look it up...

EDitorial

From the Desk of Marilyn McCormick

Our thoughts are with Marilyn and her family following the death of her mother. Her column will return next issue.

INTRODUCING BOARD MEMBER DOROTHY SWENDEMAN

The newest member of the Rep's Board of Directors is Dorothy Swendeman, artist and arts patron. Dorothy remembers: "In the small (125 student) high school I attended, Drama was not an ongoing class but when an English teacher had a spare space and the inclination, it was offered and I took it. Usually, I did make up and costumes but sometimes there was a character role I could fill.

Many years and several careers later, we moved to Eureka to run a bed and breakfast, and discovered the Rep. We stopped going to Ashland for our live theatre fix. I have twice been a "character" in the holiday children's productions (*Little Red Riding Hood* and *The House that Jack Built*) and thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

Dorothy has served on the boards of two weaving guilds and is currently on the North Redwood Book Arts Guild board, so she is no stranger to the process. She adds, "The demands of the Rep's board will be a great challenge but I am looking forward to it."

Welcome, Dorothy, to the Rep family.

LOOK! A NEW LOOK!

You may have noticed the new look on the front page of REPartee. The Rep is sporting a new logo, new slogan and a whole new image as we celebrate our 35 years on the North Coast.

As the Board of Directors discussed the revitalization of the Mission and Vision Statements, they listed many of the attributes that make the Rep special. Choosing three key words to describe what the theatre means to our patrons, participants, staff and Board was no easy task. But the final decision was unanimous:

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summed up everyone's feelings about what the Rep does and what it means to the community.

The Rep is truly
ENTERTAINMENT WORTH EXPERIENCING

We hope you join us often throughout our 35th year as we continue to do what we do best: present the finest live entertainment and special programs and events for all ages.

It may have been 35 years,
but it's only the beginning!

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WAIT! WAIT! MARCH 31 Is Just around the Corner!

Our fabulous Anniversary Celebration on March 31 will feature many surprises. And to help us make it all happen, we are looking for volunteers, including:

- Celebrity Waiters—those special individuals who enjoy contact with the public in a dinner setting.(or perhaps you have a nominee for a celebrity waiter).
- Ticket Sellers who have lots of friends to persuade to attend
- Members of local organizations (perhaps you can sell tickets to the event at your meetings?)
- Tour Guides to lead historical walking tours of Ferndale on the morning of March 31 (approx. 1-2 hours).
- Doodlers or graphic artists to design the invitation for the Celebration. Or is Poster Design your cup of tea? Your artwork will appear throughout the county!
- Help with setup on March 30 and clean up on the morning of April 1.
- An experienced auctioneer—or can you assist with record keeping during the event?
- Don't know how you can help, but can't let this extraordinary event go by without getting involved? Please call Sarah Turner at 733-5383 or email her at jamrt@aol.com to be a part of it all!

DOWNWIND OF UPSTAGE

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Assorted Rep Rap

PAINT IT! Our very special thanks to Troy Land of Valley Lumber in Ferndale for the donation of two full pallets of paint. That's more than 150 gallon cans in a myriad of colors--enough to paint every set for the next five years. Our tech staff was overwhelmed by this generous gift. So are we all!

ELECTRIFIED! Our gratitude goes to Bob Shephard of Shephard Electric who donated his labor for the installation of strip outlets in the production office. For 35 years we have been working with one outlet on the right side of the room and one outlet on the left. Try plugging in three computers, two telephones, three printers, a clock, microwave oven, calculator, fax machine, and radio with only two outlets. Needless to say, we are happy!

TIPPLE MOVIES RETURN! The Ferndale Museum will bring back the popular "Tipple Movies" to the Rep on February 15. These fascinating home movies chronicle Ferndale's history from the 20s through the mid-60s. Presented as a fund-raiser for the Ferndale Museum, tickets and information may be obtained by calling 786-4466.

Happy Birthday, Rep!

REP FEST 35

Saturday, March 31, 2007

All Day Activities Including:

Historic Tours of the Theatre & Downtown Ferndale
The Hunt on Main Street • Rep Reunion

Celebrity Auction & Dinner

Silent & Live Auctions • Raffles & Door Prizes
Celebrity Guest Waiters • Entertainment
Dinner • No Host Bar

COMING 35 ATTRACTIONS

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*Let*ice & Lovage

See page one for details

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Feb. 15

Tipple Movies

Fundraiser fro the Ferndale Museum

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WHAT'S INSIDE?



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Lettice & Lovage

by Peter Shaffer

- Art from the Hart Gallery •

Playing Around
Since 1972...
And still in the Act!

- Assorted Rep Rap •

- **COMING ATTRACTIONS** •

REP FEST 35

Celebrating 35 Years!
Dinner & Celebrity Auction
MARCH 31, 2007
At Firemen's Pavilion in Ferndale