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MAD 2011 Fall Show: Tickets Available for "Show Boat"

Tickets for MAD's 2011 Fall show, the Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II classic, "Show Boat", go on sale Friday, September 16. The show will run the weekends between October 21 and November 19. To buy tickets, visit www.madtheater.org or call the MAD Ticket Line at 240-475-8800. Be sure to get your tickets early to secure the best seats!

MAD 2011 Holiday Chorus Volunteers Needed!

Even though summer hasn't even officially ended yet, it's time to start planning for the MAD Holiday Chorus. We are looking for a producer, chorus director, and, of course, singers. It's a fun way to help bring cheer to the holidays. If you would like to participate as producer or director, please email me at cakronser@gmail.com. And if you would like to bring your voice to the festivities, please look out for the announcement of rehearsal dates.

October Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 5:30 PM. The location for the meeting will be Building 3/Room 200.

Call for MAD Board Officers for 2012

The board of directors are looking for candidates to fill board positions for 2012. The requirements for serving on the board are as follows: You may serve on the Executive Committee (voting positions) as long as you are a civil servant or badged contractor working on-site at Goddard. To serve on any Advisory Committee or Functional Manager position, you simply need to be a Non-Voting Member (NVM). It is important to the future of MAD that we

have people step forward to take a leadership role on the board. If you have any questions, or you would like to be considered for the board, you may call/email Kevin Buter, volleypop1@verizon.net or 240-678-8092, or Courtney Ritz, Courtney.l.ritz@nasa.gov or 301-286-7946. We encourage you to consider being part of a great organization.

MAD About Town

Malca Giblin is pleased to be co-producing Arthur Miller's fine play, "A View from the Bridge," for Rockville Little Theatre. **Kevin O'Connell**, husband of MAD member **Jill Goodrich**, is directing a strong cast. There are two weekends of performances, from September 16 through September 25. For more information, go to <http://www.rlt-online.org>.

Catherine Asaro will be appearing as the Guest of Honor at Windycon, a science fiction convention in Chicago over the weekend of Nov 11-13. She will be doing interviews, autographings, panels, and also a concert with her accompanist, Greg Adam.

The Friday Morning Music Club is celebrating its 125th anniversary this season, and the first commemorative event, to be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 8th and H Sts. NW (one block from the Chinatown arch and Gallery Place Metro) on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m., is a Festival of Hope concert featuring a high school honors chorus, the Collegium Musicum small vocal group, coordinated by **Chris Wells** (pianist **Daniel Lu** is also a member), the Calvary Baptist Chamber Singers, and the FMMC chamber orchestra, presenting a program of sacred choral music. The concert is free, will run about 90 minutes, and will be followed by a reception for all. Music from Renaissance to modern will be performed *a cappella*, accompanied by piano (Chris is the pianist--come lend your support!), and, accompanied by orchestra, about 30 minutes of music from the oratorio *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn.

Greenbelt Arts Center's "Same Time, Next Year" opens Fri Sept. 23 and runs until October 15th. Written by Bernard Slade. Directed by **Stephen C. Yednock Jr.** (who has directed a number of one-acts at MAD Spring Shows in the past) and Produced by **Jeff Lesniak** and **Stephen P. Yednock** (who has appeared in numerous MAD shows including, most recently, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead"). It also features the work of a few names MAD members will know including: **Den Giblin** (Lighting Design), **Erica Drezek** (Set Design), **Dory Cunningham** (Costumes), **Denise Levine** (Make-up) and **Eliot Malumuth** (Running Crew/Dresser). The famous romantic comedy that gives us a window into the lives of two married people who have a yearly affair. As their relationship grows, they become more than lovers, they become friends. Sunday matinee performances on October 2nd and 9th at 2:30 PM. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$14 for students, seniors and military [corrected price]. Purchase online with Visa or Mastercard at www.greenbeltartscenter.org or by phone at 301-441-8770 x2. Unpaid reservations are still being accepted. Unpaid reservations are held until 15 minutes prior to performance and are payable with cash or check only. The box office does not currently accept credit cards.

MAD Update

Barbara and Ted Ying are pleased to announce the most recent MAD members, Dexter Alvin Ren-Hao Ying and Spencer Mitchell Ren-Jie Ying. Dexter was born at 12:05 AM on September 5, weighing 5 lbs, 13.5 oz and 19" in length. Less than one minute later (also 12:05 AM), Spencer was born weighing 6 lbs, 0.5 oz and 18.75" in length. The whole family is healthy and happy, although the boys were born somewhat prematurely and are still being monitored at the delivery hospital until they are closer to their original delivery date.

Natalie Daelemans won 3rd prize in the Greenbelt Labor Day Celebration photo contest, in the "landscape" category and **Cathy Barth** won 1st prize in the "abstract" category.

Becky Silverstein, former vocal director of 5 MAD shows, and her husband Mark, Goddard retiree after 37 years, proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Evelyn to her college sweetheart, Eric Gaertner, on September 4 in Boston, MA. The couple met as freshmen at Northeastern University in Boston. After graduating in May of 2010, they moved to Santa Clara, CA, when Eric accepted a position as Hardware Design Engineer for Apple. They are currently honeymooning on a Mediterranean cruise.

Pianist **Suzanne Hubbard**, longtime MAD orchestra pit pianist, suffered a nasty fall at work a couple of weeks ago, and has been unable to play because of swelling and some nerve problem. Nothing broken, fortunately, and we hope to have her back in the next couple of weeks. All the "Show Boat" cast and crew send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery--we miss you!