

The Cue Sheet

THE THEATRE GUILD OF WEBSTER GROVES

Providing Community Theater Since 1926

January and February
2010

Calendar:

January

- 8, 9 *Absurd Person Singular* 8pm
10 *Absurd Person Singular* 2pm
11 Board Meeting 6pm
12 Auditions for *Neighborhood Crime Watch* 7pm
14-16 *Absurd Person Singular* 8pm
17 *Absurd Person Singular* 2pm

February

- 8 Board Meeting 6pm

Theatre Guild of Webster Groves

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General Info. Email:
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Tickets:

Adults: \$15
Seniors/students: \$12

Rates may vary for
fundraiser productions.

Sorry, we don't take reservations.

Absurd Person Singular

Director's Notes

"Scratch any thoroughly decent person long enough and you'll find underneath the Absurd Person Singular."

-- tag-line from the first production of the play
at the Library Theatre in Scarborough, England 1972

"What's that about?" I have been asked this question many times over the past several months when talking about directing this show. The confusion is certainly understandable and for many reasons. Alan Ayckbourn would think of titles for his plays months before writing them. In the case of *Absurd Person Singular*, it was to be the title for a play which he never actually wrote. But he liked the title so he kept it and eventually gave it to the play you are about to see.

Each Act is a sort of "mini-play" of its own. Each one takes place in a different couples' kitchen with a year passing in between the time of each Act. Yet common themes run throughout the lives and events of all of these couples. Over the course of the play, we see how the balance of power can shift not only from one couple to another, but also within the relationships of the couples themselves.

This production would not have been possible without the help and dedication of several people to whom I would like to offer my thanks. To Betsy and Jenn - for all their hard work both in and out of rehearsals. To my wonderful husband Brent for making the set ideas come to life and for always helping to balance things out for me outside of the theatre. And a special thanks to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for the pump so we could have a working sink.

I hope you enjoy this production of *Absurd Person Singular*.
Thank you.

Karen Wood
Director



Geoffrey (Ryan Anderson, standing at right) re-enters a party that has gone dangerously and hilariously wrong. Also pictured from right to left Vince Wieck, Sarah Wieck, Sebban Frick, MaryAnn Newsham, and Larry Zerega. Photo by R. Stevens.

Audition Notice

What: **The Neighborhood Crime Watch**
By Craig Alpaugh

When: Tuesday, January 12, 2010
@ 7pm

Show Dates: March 5-7 & 11-14, 2010
(Possible Private shows March 18-21)

Roles: 5 males; 2 females

Director: Jill Kranzberg



Note: No appointment necessary. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

SYNOPSIS: Two burglars, Ronald and Donald, break into a house and, in the midst of a bungled getaway, find themselves in attendance at a neighborhood crime watch meeting. Complications follow when homeowner Lisa and her vigilante/spinster neighbor Mona greet the arriving guests: Myron, a neurotic psychiatrist; Father Bob, the local parish priest; and Officer Buddy, an off-duty policeman. This fast-paced play as all the ingredients of classic farce.

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Look for more upcoming audition information online at www.tgwg.info.

Other Upcoming Productions

Witness for the Prosecution

by Agatha Christie

Director:

Debbie Love

Show Dates:

April 30, May 1-2, 6-8, 2010
(Possible private performances
on May 13-16)

Auditions:

Tuesday, March 9
8 males/5 females

Synopsis:

Only Agatha Christie could have conceived such a suspenseful thriller and then capped it with an uncanny triple flip ending. A young married man spends many evenings with a rich old woman. When she is found murdered, the young man is the chief suspect. The testimony of his wife is expected to result in an acquittal, but will she supply it or does she have other plans?

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

“Absurd Person Singular”

BREWSTER-WRIGHTS * CHRISTMAS EVE * COMEDY * DANCING * DICK * ENGLAND *
HOPCROFTS * JACKSONS * KAREN WOOD * KITCHEN * LOTTIE * MARRIAGE * PARTY * RAIN

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Don't Miss...
**Absurd Person
Singular**
By Alan Ayckbourn
January 8-10 and 14-17,
2010

All Guild Members are invited to
attend the Opening Night Party
following the first performance
of *Absurd Person Singular*
on Friday, January 8th.
We hope to see you there!

The Theatre Guild of Webster Groves
Proudly Presents:

**ABSURD PERSON
SINGULAR**

A comedy
by **Alan Ayckbourn**
PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
WITH SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

**January 8-10,
14-17, 2010**

Thurs, Fri, Sat 8pm
Sundays 2pm
Tickets \$15
\$12 for Students/Seniors
Available at the door the night of
the performance
Directed by Karen Wood
Assisted by Betsy Gasoske

Featuring:
Ryan Anderson, Sebben Frick, MaryAnn Newsham,
Larry Zerega, and Sarah & Vince Wieck

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