

Theatre in the Park

2009 Season



May 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 2009 Little Women (drama)

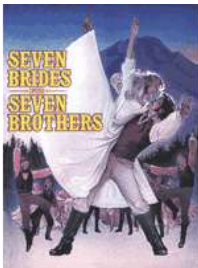
by Louisa May Alcott
Directed by Kelly Bassett

The story of LITTLE WOMEN, Louisa M.

Alcott's famous novel, is so well known and so well loved that it is hardly surprising that many attempts have been made to portray its characters upon the stage. None has yet been so successful, however, as this brilliant dramatization by Peter Clapham. The structure of the play faithfully covers that of the novel, interweaving the lives of the March girls, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, and Laurie, the boy next door, as they grow up happily together, yet the action is contained neatly in one set. All the overtones of gaiety and the undertones of sadness are here, bringing the story completely to life in a way which is both accurate and dramatically satisfying.



June 5, 6, Songwriters Circle
with Jaigh and Josie Lowder and Paul Ingle



June 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 2009 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

John Woodruff
Millie is a young bride living in the 1850s Oregon wilderness whose plan to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her

own marriage backfires when the brothers, in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a neighboring town to be their brides. A large cast of characters gives many actors a chance to shine, making the show a perfect choice for schools or community groups. New songs by Al Kasha and Joel Hirschhorn have been added to a melody-drenched classic film score by Johnny Mercer and Gene de Paul that includes wistful ballads, charming comic turns and rousing showstopping dances.

June 26, 27 Historical Monologues
Pam Brown as Mary Todd Lincoln
Linda Schneider as Julia Taft Bayne
Don Russell as A Friend Who Knew Lincoln

Show titles, dates, and directors are subject to change!

FOREVER

July 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, Forever This Land by Kermit Hunter

THIS LAND

Directed by Don Bailey
The life and times of Abraham

Lincoln in New Salem, this musical play was commissioned by Gov. Adlai Stevenson in 1950 to Kermit Hunter. It was performed at New Salem in 1950 and 1951.

July 17, 18, 19, Heritage

The women who influenced Abraham Lincoln's life address the audience. Mary Todd Lincoln. Ann Rutledge, Abe's grandmother and mother to name a few.



July 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, August 1, 2009 Mother Hicks by Suzan Zeder

Directed by Valerie Parga

Set in southern Illinois, during the great Depression, this play is about three outsiders - -

a founding girl known only as Girl; a deaf boy, eloquent in the language of his silence; and an eccentric recluse, Mother Hicks, who is suspected of being a witch. The tale, told with poetry and sign language, chronicles the journeys of these three to find themselves, and each other, in a troubled time.

August 7, 8 Camp Sunshine by Ken Bradbury and Roger Wainwright. A group of misfits learn about who they are and where they are going in life at church camp.



August 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2009 Abe, the Musical

by Lee Goldsmith and Roger Anderson
Directed by Elizabeth Buttell
NEW MUSICAL. The play covers the life of Abraham Lincoln from his earliest attempts at self-

improvement through his election to the presidency of an already fracturing United States.



August 27, 28, 29, Shakespeare Shorts

Over the Moon Productions with Kevin Purcell and Aasne Vigesaa prepare a series of scenes from Shakespeare's ingenious plays!