

Local playwrights featured for fall shows

Original plays by local playwrights will be featured in the Seventh Annual Cincinnati Theater Festival the first two weekends of September at the Thompson Shelterhouse Theater in Eden Park.

Ten theater companies will present plays Sept. 5-7 and Sept. 11-14. There will also be a Children's Theater Festival Sept. 6-7 and Sept. 13-14.

Tom Sparough of North College Hill is a juggler who performs with Fountain Square Pools, a professional company organized through the Episcopal diocese. His brother, the Rev. J. Michael Sparough, is artistic director of the group, whose mission he describes as portable theater, proclaiming "good news." The troupe's festival entry is a combination of drama, mime, music and juggling designed to look at various images of God.

A MEMBER of the group, Ed Outfriend of the Winton Place area, composed much of the music for the performance.



Fountain Square Pools will take part in the Seventh Annual Cincinnati Theater Festival the first two weekends in September. The troupe will perform "The Holy Gospel of the Not-So-Holy Pools."

Another Winton Place area resident, Claire Griffin, is a co-founder of Intuition Theater Company. The professional, non-profit touring company is composed of three people who

often visit area schools, presenting movement theater to its young audience. The troupe's festival entry, "A Bit O'Blarney," brings to life such fantastic creatures as leprechauns and the Broom-woggy.

All festival performances are sponsored by the Cincinnati Commission on the Arts. Children's theater productions begin at 2 p.m. Curtain for all other plays is at 8 p.m.

SERIES I, Sept. 5-7, includes:

• Sept. 5, "The Appointment," by Cincinnati playwright Joe Ballou, performed by the Arts Consortium Studio Theater; and "Grandma Duck is Dead," by Larry Shue, performed by Beechmont Players.

• Sept. 6, "Clear Liquor and Coal Black Nights," by Cincinnati playwright Thomas M. Atkinson, performed by Stable Players.

• Sept. 7, "Fools gold and Rainbows (or, Show's Not Over 'til the Fat Lady Sings)," by Cincinnati lyricist/composer

Scott MacLarty and playwright Linda Lange, performed by PJ Productions.

SERIES II, Sept. 11-14, includes:

• Sept. 11, "When Morning Comes Slowly," by Cincinnati playwrights Debbie Clark and Sean Stumpf, performed by Riverton Players, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; and "After Magritte," by Tom Stoppard, performed by Mariemont Players.

• Sept. 12, "Tripartite," a Vaudeville revue including magic, comedy and juggling performed by My Nose Turns Red Theater Company.

• Sept. 13, "My Bomb's Bigger Than Your Bomb," a cooperatively-written play presented and performed by the Women's Theater of Cincinnati.

• Sept. 14, "The Holy Gospel of the Not-So-Holy Pools," by Cincinnati playwright J. Michael Sparough, performed by The Fountain Square Pools; and "The Reader's Digest Bible," by Cincinnati playwright Tom

S. Long, performed by The Friends of the Groom.

CHILDREN'S theater productions include:

• Sept. 6, "Kings, Knights and Nonsense," by Cincinnati natives Jerry Handorf and Beth Kattelman, performed by Madcap Productions.

• Sept. 7, Thomas Reese, a mime from Columbus, will perform; and "Tales of Beatrix Potter," performed by Lexington Children's Theater Co., Lexington, Ky.

• Sept. 13, "A Bit O'Blarney," by Cincinnati playwrights Bob Hopkins and Claire Griffin, performed by their Intuition Theater Company.

• Sept. 14, "On Balance," by the commedia dell'arte troupe, My Nose Turns Red Theater Company.

Tickets are available from the

Cincinnati Commission on the Arts, 1225 Elm St. Series I costs \$20. Tickets for individual performances cost \$6. Children's Theater Festival admission costs \$2.50. All seats are reserved.

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Briefly



Marigold merit

Just how green is your thumb? Judges for the Forest Park Marigold Contest will be out in force Sept. 13-14, checking city gardens to see if residents' orange flowers and green thumbs merit the annual Marigold Award. A flag will be placed in qualifying flower beds. For more information and an application, contact the city.

Grand opening

A new St. Vincent DePaul store will open Sept. 4 at 7508 Hamilton Ave., Mt. Healthy. The clothing and household item store will be open six days a week, with proceeds from sales to fund the charity work of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Helping hand

The North College Hill Gailley Social Club recently presented the Clovenook Home and School for the Blind with a \$500 donation. Dr. Gerald W. Mundy, Clovenook executive director, said the gift will be used to purchase items for residents.

Summer scholar

Deon Lamar Brooks, Martin Street, Mt. Healthy, was one of 47 junior high school students attending a week-long summer engineering workshop at Purdue University. Students attended classes on computers and math problem-solving, and they tested their own engineering skills designing projects such as an unbreakable egg carton. The program, designed to familiarize students with a university environment and provide career choice information, also included a trip to the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.

Referee retires

Frank VonHagen, Forest Park, recently resigned as the

Volunteer Juvenile Court referee. During his 22 years in that post, VonHagen received the Outstanding Service to Children award by Juvenile Court judges David Grossmann and John O'Connor. VonHagen will be replaced by Ron Lipetz.

Good Samaritan

The late Mary E. Hand, College Hill, is being honored posthumously by Good

Samaritan Hospital for her work in the community. A memorial fund for the advancement of education and research in emergency medicine is being established by the hospital.

Back to school

North College Hill Adult Education registration will be Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m., in the high school cafeteria. For information, call 931-0669.

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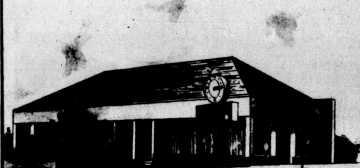
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