

Thalian Offers Varied Lineup For New Season

Three musicals, the popular Agatha Christie mystery "The Mousetrap," and Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird" make up the 1988-89 season of the Thalian Association, a community theater group based in Wilmington.

With Thalian Hall still undergoing restoration, this season's offerings will be presented at either Jake's of Jacob's Run or The Community Arts Center in Wilmington, with five-day runs scheduled.

The season opens with the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," which depicts an average day in the life of this popular cartoon figure and his friends. The show plays Oct. 5-9 at Jake's of Jacob's Run.

A holiday musical, "Hans Christian Andersen," will run Dec. 7-11 at The Community Arts Center and is based on the classic film which starred Danny Kaye. Famous fairy tales are mingled with Andersen's own life.

"To Kill A Mockingbird," the third show of the season, is based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel. Set in a small Southern town in the Depression era, the play explores right and wrong as seen through the eyes of children spending an eventful summer. It will be presented Feb. 15-19 at The Community Arts Center.

The longest-running mystery in the history of modern theater, "The Mousetrap" concerns a group of strangers stranded in a snow storm,

one of whom is a murderer. A switch finish keeps the audience in suspense. The play is slated March 29-April 2 at Jake's.

Wrapping up the season on May 10-14 at The Community Arts Center will be "The Pajama Game," in its first presentation before a Wilmington audience. The musical takes a light look at the eternal battle between management and labor, man and woman.

Thalian Association is offering season tickets for the same rates as last year. Student memberships are \$30; other individuals, \$40. Regular members receive tickets with six-day advance reservation privileges and also receive "Spotlight."

Special members—patrons, donors, sponsors and angels—also are invited to five "meet the cast" receptions.

Individual patron's tickets are \$75 for the season. For \$125 patrons receive two tickets. Donors receive four tickets for their \$200 contribution, while sponsors get six tickets for their \$400 contribution. An "angel" receives eight tickets for a \$600 contribution.

Membership orders should be mailed to The Thalian Association, P.O. Box 1111, Wilmington, NC 28402, with payment by check, VISA or Mastercard. For more information, call the Thalian Anniversary Office, 1-251-1788.

Players Schedule Auditions For 'Rehearsal For Murder'

The Brunswick Players will hold auditions Sept. 11 and 12 for "Rehearsal For Murder," a whodunit with a surprise ending.

Spokesman Erinn Fitzgerald said auditions will be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, and again from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the N.C. Fourth of July Building in Southport, adjacent to the county library.

Needed are nine men and six women of varying ages. Volunteers interested in helping with directing, lighting, scenery, sound effects or other aspects of the production are also asked to sign up during auditions, she said.

In the D.D. Brooke play, the

playright turns up the stagelights and participants in his latest production take the stage. But beneath their light, theatrical talk, tensions mount. All were involved in the playright's most recent production as well, when the playright's fiancée was killed on opening night.

The play was also presented on the CBS Golden Showcase, with Robert Preston and Lynn Redgrave in the lead roles. The Players' production "Rehearsal For Murder" will be presented in November, before Thanksgiving, at a location to be announced.

For more information, contact either Fitzgerald, at 1-457-5010, or Glenda Kotchish, 754-5568.

Silk Painting Workshop Set

The Associated Artists of Southport will hold a one-day silk painting workshop on Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Franklin Square Gallery.

Audrey Johnston of Gastonia will be the instructor. Students will work on several pieces of material that

will be provided, to learn different silk painting techniques.

Cost for the workshop is \$35, which includes all necessary materials. A reservation may be made with a \$20 deposit.

For more information, call Franklin Square Gallery at 457-5450.

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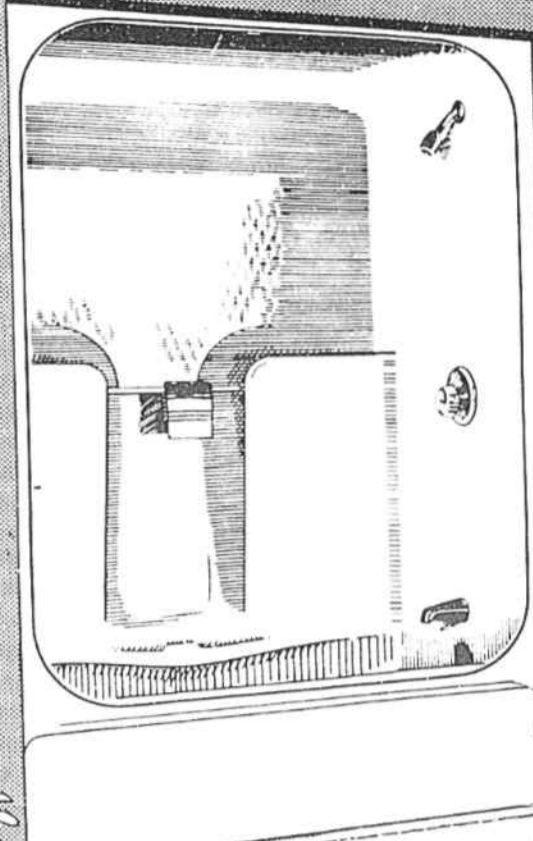


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