

ENCOURAGE

Village Playhouse Of Wauwatosa NEWSLETTER

JANUARY '88

GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS!

Welcome to 1988. I hope you all had a peacefilled holiday season.

AUDITIONS!

Auditions for our spring musical LITTLE ME are scheduled for Jan. 18,19 at the plush Plank Road school auditorium 9508 W. Watertown Plank Road from 6:30-10:00 PM. (Is that a run-on?) ***Individuals auditioning should bring sheet music for a number they believe will best showcase their talents***. An accompanist will be provided(piano). You will also be given the chance to read scenes from LITTLE ME and learn simple dance steps. Some roles may be cast after open auditions Jan.19 based on the strength of individual auditions. For other roles, call-backs will be held Jan.21. Fifteen men and fifteen women ranging in age from 18 to death will be cast. The broad range of good roles in the show means that-

NON-SINGERS AND NON-DANCERS HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE CAST IN FEATURED ROLES!

The VPW has assembled an excellent production team for LITTLE ME headed by Director DICK KATSCHKE. Musical Direction will be provided by CARL CHADEK. RAY BRADFORD steps into the Choreographer role. MARIANNE KOLAR takes her familiar part as Producer. The technical staff will be directed by JUDY SCHOENFELD. The biographies of this production team reads like an anthology of the Milwaukee community Theatre scene. Chicago also appears quite frequently on their resumes.

A bit about the show. The NEIL SIMON comedy LITTLE ME is the musical memoirs of Belle Poitrine. We follow Belle and her assorted husbands and various lovers through WWI, vaudeville, Hollywood, stardom, a murder trial, and the sinking of the Titanic. (Perhaps we'll see what really was in that safe?) Cy Coleman and Carolyn Leigh composed the music which includes numbers like "I've Got Your Number" and "Real Live Girl".

THIS SOUNDS LIKE FUN

an exciting show, experienced and creative production team(several VPW newcomers) and lots of delightful roles for everyone. So let's see you at auditions for LITTLE ME Jan. 18,19. If you want more info call Dick Katschke at 529-5786.

4th Annual Wisconsin Playwrights Original Play Festival was a HUGE success. The VPW again takes a lead in offering an outlet for the creative efforts of state residents. Scripts, directors, and actors all joined in creating an interesting and entertaining festival. Many many thanks are due all involved. With a special thank you to Judy Schoenfeld who managed absolutely everything as our producer. THANKS JUDY!

REMEMBER: The computer is only a tool. There will always be room for unbridled avarice.

Watch your newsletters for more info about our spring production Come Back To The Five And Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean. (If you have a simple and clear way to abbreviate that title let me know)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

If you have info about coming community Theatre events for this column send it to 'What's Happening' c/o VPW PO Box address below.

Waukesha Civic opens The Odd Couple Jan 29 for weekend runs through Feb 14. Betsy Folsom directs the original male version.

Watch for Amadeus coming soon to Bay View.

Mary Hubbard will be directing The Foreigner in Mukwonago.

Heather Meisenheimer will be assistant to the director for the First Stage Milwaukee productions of Huck Finn, and, Macbeth at the PAC.

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