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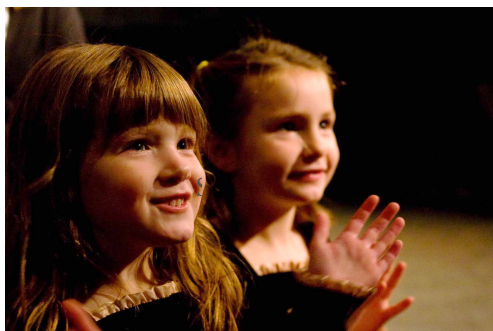


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Sara Wheeler and Lainy Turner
Photo: Shawn Henry

A Letter from The Artistic Director

Dear Friends,

We expect to make an official announcement about our 2011 season early in the New Year. Here is how things are shaping up.

In 2011, we will be trying something new: a chamber concert staging of a large-scale musical, Frank Loesser's *The Most Happy Fella*. This rarely-produced work features foot-tapping tunes such as "Standing on the Corner" and "Big D" as well as such beautiful ballads as "My Heart is so Full of You" and "How Beautiful the Days." You won't want to miss it!

During our enormously popular production of *Table Manners*, we asked audiences whether a second helping of Alan Ayckbourn's "Norman Conquests" trilogy was in order. The answer was a resounding "yes!" Lindsay Crouse and the entire cast will return to recreate their roles in *Living Together* in which Ayckbourn gives us a glimpse of the antics in the family parlor—adjacent to and simultaneous with the action of *Table Manners*.

Many of you noted the absence of an Israel Horovitz production during our 2010 season. Fear not! We are on schedule to present a work by our founding Artistic Director. Israel and I are in the process of selecting a play from his ever-increasing and versatile canon of work.

We were overwhelmed by audiences' and critics' response to our production of *Trying*, the moving story of Judge Francis Biddle and his tenacious young secretary. The production ran only 11 performances, receiving 11 standing ovations and rave reviews. Because many of you were unable to attend the play during its short run, we will be remounting *Trying*, featuring the same cast, for a limited run this summer. Remounting a production can be risky for us. Reviewers don't usually return or reprint their reviews. So, your spreading the word will be the key component to a successful revisiting of this beautiful play.

One or two additional plays will round out our season and we do plan on continuing our New Play Reading Series in July and August.

Whether you're enjoying the season's activities, flying south, or hunkering down for a long winter's nap, I hope you'll keep GSC in mind. We need your support all year long to maintain our facility, pay our staff and plan next summer's season of great theater.

With warm wishes and deepest gratitude,
Eric Engel

Notes from Andrew Burgreen, General Manager/Managing Director

RAFFLE WINNERS!

The winners of the 2010 GSC Raffle were:

Sally Jackson
Theodore and Judith Bidwell
Sue Gordon
Judith Lee Rose
Harry and Judith Hoglander
Nancy Dee Baker
John and Mary McCormick
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John North, who served as interim Development and Marketing Director through this past summer, has extended his stay in that position thanks to additional funding given anonymously. His many contributions will continue to help GSC achieve its financial goals.

GSC Continues to Rent its Facility, The Gorton Theater

The Gorton Theatre is available to individuals and performing arts companies interested in using the space for various kinds of presentations or special events. In addition to the Cape Ann Shakespeare Theatre (11/18-11/21) and The Cape Ann Theater Collaboration (3/22-3/27 & 3/31-4/3) -- who have already booked space -- local performers, video-makers and charitable institutions looking for a special place to host a fundraiser, have contacted GSC about rental availability. There are still dates open if you are planning an event and need a great space in which to have it. To enquire, call 978-281-4099.

From the President's Desk

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What a remarkable summer of theater! The 2010 Season proved to be a highly successful one with a roster of diverse shows that entertained us and note-worthy performances that touched upon many of our emotions. Our Artistic Director, Eric Engel, should be commended for his selection of thought-provoking and riveting plays.

I would also like to thank our Managing Director, Andrew Burgreen, the GSC Board of Directors and Advisory Board, Capital Campaign contributors, Play Sponsors, our Volunteers, the entire GSC staff, and the many friends of GSC for their dedication and financial support in making this summer so special. I am truly appreciative for all of the assistance with presenting the theater in a better "physical light." Vast and much needed improvements were made to our performing arts venue that included a clean up of the front of the house and dressing rooms, purchasing updated office equipment, re-carpeting and painting the office area, and a host of other "TLC" projects.

Of course, work is never-ending in our theater home and so is the need for more improvements. My "Wish List" for GSC that will make your experiences, as well as those of our employees, even more enjoyable at the theater includes the renovation and expansion of the restrooms, a new outdoor-lighted sign, a new energy-efficient

refrigerator for our Concession area, a new Costume Shop... and the list goes on. I firmly believe that these improvements can be accomplished with continued financial support.

The future of GSC is shining more brightly than ever before and I thank you, our patrons, for helping to make that happen. We recognize we cannot do it alone and we are eternally grateful to those who have given their time, energy and money to our company. As we plan for the 2011 Season, our mission of presenting high quality, professional theater to the Cape Ann community continues unabated.

See you at "The Stage" for our 32nd Season!

Warmly,
Bea Waring

Now Accepting Students for 2011

Gloucester Stage

Youth Acting Workshop

Ninety five students aged six to eighteen from eleven different New England communities took part in the 2010 Gloucester Stage Youth Acting Workshops. Students were given opportunities to work with Gloucester Stage artists including professional playwrights, actors and directors.

The GSC Youth Acting Workshops are designed to provide young people who possess a variety of abilities and levels of interest an outlet to nurture their creative potential through developing self-confidence, and communication and teamwork skills to use in their daily lives as well as introducing them to the skills necessary for professional theatre. The workshops include an introduction to theatre basis such as theatre games, improvisation, movement, vocal and physical expression, character preparation, scene study, storytelling, writing and public speaking training.

Registration is open for the Winter 2011 Session which begins on Saturday, February 5 and runs for six Saturdays. All classes are held at Gloucester Stage Company, 267 East Main Street, Gloucester. Class size is limited and registration is on a first come basis. **TO REGISTER, CALL 978-283-6688**



Heidi Dallin, Director of YAW, conducting a youth acting class on stage.
Photo: Shawn Henry

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