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**The
Williamsburg
Players**
Community theatre
at its best

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

THE ODD COUPLE

BY NEIL SIMON

Nov. 1 - Nov. 17, 2012



The Odd Couple – a classic Neil Simon comedy that according to some has been done to death. But think back. When was the last time you saw this play, if ever?

Personally I've only seen the play once – probably 25 years ago,

with Tom Poston and Tim Conway playing the leading roles. What an incredible treat! Sure I've seen the movie and the old television show – but the play, only once. And in the 56 year history of the Williamsburg Players, it's never been done. So when the Board of Directors decided to consider doing this show, I was very excited. And when they asked me if I'd be willing to direct it, even more so.

This is the wonderful story of two divorced men, Felix Ungar who is fastidious, tense and depressed, and Oscar Madison, a slob. After Felix is kicked out by his wife of 12 years, he moves in with Oscar, an old friend with whom he plays poker every week. Almost immediately, their opposing lifestyles become the source of tension and humor.

Taking the reins as Oscar is a newcomer to our stage, Doug Stewart, who has performed previously with the Courthouse Players in Gloucester. As Felix, we welcome back to the Players Alan Noblin, who appeared in

numerous productions between 2000 and 2006. Rounding out the male portion of our cast are Caleb Myers as Speed, most recently seen on our stage in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and newcomers Steve Pasco playing Murray the cop, Terry Nienhuis, a recent transplant from North Carolina, playing Roy, and Timothy Meyer, Jr. playing Vinnie. The roles of the Pigeon sisters are played by Stephani Siberski and Kat Drummond, both also new to our stage.

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm with Saturday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets, \$18.00, can be purchased online on our website, www.williamsburgplayers.org, where you can choose your exact seat, pay by credit card and print your ticket at home, thus bypassing the box office when you arrive at the theater. Tickets can also be purchased by leaving your name and phone number by calling the box office at (757) 229-0431.

Debbie Noonan, Director

THE REST OF THE SEASON

I NEVER SANG FOR MY FATHER
JAN 17 - FEB 2

STEEL MAGNOLIAS
APR 4 - APR 20

CHICAGO
JUNE 6 - JUNE 22

Children's Theatre

Ages Grades K - 5

THE LADY OF BULLYBURG

Presented by Bright Star Touring Theatre

All Seats \$7.00

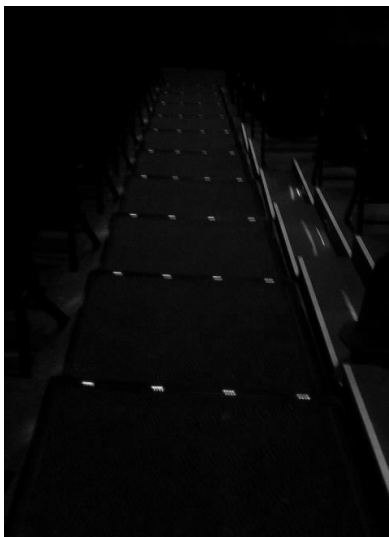
Saturday Nov. 3, 2012 11:00 am

Celebrating its ninth season on the road, this anti-bullying fairy tale is credited with educating young people on bullying. Join Lady Kindness as she saves her town from a visiting bully. With help from the audience and a friendly merchant, she discovers the strength to stand up to the bully, learning a variety of empowering tools along the way.



Purchase tickets online at www.williamsburgplayers.org or by calling the box office at (757) 229-0431

STEP LIGHTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE AISLE'S



The latest upgrade to the new theater has recently been completed.

Lights have been added to each step.

Illuminated in a soft red glow, the edge of each step is clearly visible in the darkened theater.



THE PLAYERS' PEOPLE Volunteer Spotlight

Lori Okay was a season ticket holder at the Williamsburg Players for several years when she noticed an ad in the playbill seeking someone to help publish the newsletter. Peter Natale quickly recognized her experience and asked her to instead be responsible for editing the playbill. Lori's first experience with graphic arts was helping her Dad with a printing business in the basement of their Johnstown, Pennsylvania home. Lori's natural artistic abilities became evident at an early age to her family and friends leaving no doubt about her future professional aspirations. At an early age Lori took lessons in dance, and in high school she pursued a vocational curriculum majoring in Commercial Art. After a family move to New Mexico in 1979 Lori attended Eastern New Mexico University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Graphic Design. During her junior year at Eastern New Mexico University, she had the opportunity to spend a semester in Bristol, England as an art exchange student. She presently works as a graphic designer for the government.



THANK YOU TO OUR SET STRIKE VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday, September 23rd, *Jesus Christ Superstar* was put to bed, making way for our next show, the Neil Simon comedy *The Odd Couple*.



The following people were instrumental in helping strike and clean the theater: Bob Campbell, Jeff Corriveau, Dave Cunningham, Brenda Epling, Pam Gerth, Tristan Gerth, Neil Hollands, George Lahti, Caleb Myers, Peter Natale, Bob Noonan, Steve Olson, Jack Schaeffer, Bob Shea, Amy Stallings, David Stallings and Jordan Wentland.

Adopt a Chair

As you sit in the new auditorium, look down at the arms of your seat. If there's a nameplate there, then the purchase of that chair was made by one of our generous donors. If there's no nameplate, that chair still needs someone to adopt it. Please think about purchasing a chair and nameplate with a \$300 donation. Every chair deserves an owner.



AUDITIONS

Would you or someone you know like to audition for one of our productions? As a first time performer or a seasoned actor, all levels of talent are welcomed.

I NEVER SANG FOR MY FATHER

Sun & Mon Nov. 11 & 12 - 7:00 pm

Must be able to portray the following age ranges
2M (20-40) 2W (30-40) 4M / 2W (60-70)

Readings will be taken from the script

For more information visit www.williamsburgplayers.org

INVEST IN THE WILLIMASBURG PLAYERS

Monetary gifts of any size can help make the James-York Playhouse a better place for your continued community theatre enjoyment.



Gifts can be designated for a specific purpose (buy a chair, buy a light, Scholarship Fund, pay the electric bill, etc) or it can be made part of the general fund for our Board of Directors to use in various ways.

Pledges, a long term gift, a recurring contribution, a check given one or more times per year, a stock certificate, a bank certificate of deposit, or a legacy gift as part of a will or endowment can assist the Williamsburg Players in so many ways. Gifts can also be made in honor of a friend or family member or in memory of a friend or loved one.

When examining your financial portfolio, if you see the possibly of a monetary gift, call us at (757) 229-1679 or mail your donation to PO Box 91, Williamsburg, VA 23187. As an IRS 501 (C)-3 organization, your financial gifts are tax deductible. We thank you for your continued support.

COMMENT CORNER

If you have a comment, a suggestion or an idea that you would like to share with us, you can contact us via regular mail at P.O. Box 91 Williamsburg, Virginia, 23187, email at webmaster@williamsburgplayers.org or leave a message on (757) 229-1679.

Please do not leave feedback on the ticket reservation line. Thank you!

Coming to WP for One Performance Only

WORLD RENOWNED BOOGIE-WOOGIE AND RAGTIME PIANIST

Bob Milne

SUN. NOV. 11, 2012
2:00 PM

LIMITED SEATING
TICKETS \$25.00



Bob Milne is considered to be the best ragtime / boogie-woogie pianist in the world! Playing in concert halls since 1991, Mr. Milne plays worldwide, touring over 250 days every year. A comment often heard following one of his performances is, "unbelievable." Come be a part of this two hour ragtime / boogie-woogie piano concert! From American standards to a patriotic red, white & blue tribute, this Veteran's Day concert will be ragtime piano playing at its best! When not on tour, Bob teaches music and music history at Florida's Atlantic University.

After the performance join us for a catered reception in the theater lobby to greet and meet with Bob Milne.

\$5.00 of each admission ticket will be donated to the Veteran's assist group, THE FISHER HOUSE. A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available.

Tickets for this one-performance only show are available online at www.williamsburgplayers.org or by calling the box office at (757) 229-0431. Seating is limited to the first 300 people, so make sure you purchase your tickets today!



Would you like to be a part of the exciting world of community theatre? We have a place for anyone who would like to be a part of our theatre family.

Production opportunities exist for building sets, painting, hanging lights, running the light board, working backstage or collecting props. Non-production help, such as working in the box office, selling concessions, ushering and general maintenance, are some of the other wonderful opportunities available! Become part of the WP family of volunteers today!

Call Carol Moff at (757) 565-2826 for more information.



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Audition Announcement
*I Never Sang For
My Father*

Upcoming Events

**New Additions
to the Theater**

Player's Spotlight



President's Message from D. Hugh Siggins

We are always in need of volunteers. Even though we have added many volunteers for concessions and ushering, we can still use more. When we build out sets, we need people to help, both with building and painting. When the show has completed its run, we strike that set and get prepared for the new one, needing people for that as well. If these are some of the things you would like to do contact Carol Moff, who heads up our volunteers. The article at the bottom of page three also lists other volunteer opportunities. In addition, we are also in need of a grants writer. The responsibility of this person is to gather the necessary information to fill out and submit grant forms to the cities and counties offering grants for the arts. Please contact me at (757) 508-2750 if this job is of interest to you.

Tickets are available now for *The Odd Couple*, as well as all of our scheduled shows and special events. Visit our website, www.williamsburgplayers.org for information regarding seat selection and pricing or call our box office at (757) 229-0431. Also remember all tickets can be exchanged for a different date of the same show and can be done online or on the phone as well. Other performances coming up are our second children's program of the season, *The Lady of Bullyburg*, which is designed for children K to 5th grade. It's at 11:00 am on Saturday November 3. In addition, world renowned boogie woogie and ragtime pianist Bob Milne will perform at 2:00 pm Sunday November 11, followed by a catered meet and greet session with Mr. Milne. Tickets are only \$25.00 for this event. Tickets are available online or through our box office for these shows.

Some people have come up to me and suggested shows that they would like to see us do in future years, so I am opening this up to your suggestions. We have a couple of guidelines: if it is a show we have done in the past, then it should be over 10 years since we presented it, and if another community theatre has done it, it should be more than 5 years since that production. Shows will be considered based on these and other director, monetary and presentability guidelines.

We welcome and look forward to your ideas. See our comment corner at the bottom of page three.