

The Newsletter of the Barnstable Comedy Club

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BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO... MURDER MAY BE THE ONLY OPTION!

The BCC resumes its 95th Season with a great edge of your seat mystery/thriller, **Murder by Mis-adventure** by Edward Taylor. Directed by Marti Baker, this play explores the dysfunctional relationship of two TV thriller writers. Despite their success, American ex-patriot Harold Kent has become dissatisfied with Paul Riggs, his writing partner, and wants to dissolve their association. Riggs, however, knows that he would not survive as a writer without Harold and threatens to blackmail him if the partnership is ended. In order to escape this impasse, Harold conspires with his wife, Emma, to kill Riggs, using a plot from a projected script, Murder by Misadventure, as his inspiration. The plan goes smoothly...or does it? Complications ensue, not least when the persistent and perceptive Inspector Egan visits the Kent's, and the plotters are in for some nasty surprises...Laughs, thrills and mind-boggling twists abound in this ingenious thriller.

Murder by Misadventure features Mark Stone of Centerville as Harold Kent, Christy Morris of Centerville as Emma Kent, Dan Wehncke of South Yarmouth as Paul Riggs, and Marcus Liuzzi of Yarmouthport as Inspector Egan. The show opens on Thursday March 16 at 8:00 p.m. and continues Fridays and Saturdays, March 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, and April 1 at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays, March 19, 26, 22 00 general admission and \$20 00 students and seniors and may be reserved by calling the box office

and April 2 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 general admission and \$20.00 students and seniors and may be reserved by calling the box office at 508-362-6333.

THE BCC MOURNS THE LOSS OF LONG TIME ACTOR, DIRECTOR, AND FRIEND

Sadly, on Friday, February 17, John Watters passed away peacefully at the age of 64. A life-long resident of Barnstable Village, John Watters had directed and acted in countless productions at the BCC. John also served on the Board of Directors and as Club Historian. The Barnstable Comedy Club sends its heartfelt sympathy to John's family. He will be greatly missed.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Barnstable Comedy Club invites graduating high school seniors to apply for the Peter Eustice Memorial Scholarship. Students who plan to pursue any field of creative arts are encouraged to apply. To request an application, please email scholarship committee chair Sue Lindholm at <u>sue@jcl.cc.</u>

LOTS OF GREAT ROLES FOR THE LADIES! AUDITIONS COMING UP

Director Carol McManus will hold auditions for **Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean** by Ed Graczyk on Monday March 6, Tuesday March 7, and Thursday March 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE: auditions will not be held on Wednesday, March 8) Parts available for 8 women ages 16-50 and 1 man age 16-20. Actors will be asked to read from the script. Perusal scripts are available at both the Sturgis and Hyannis libraries.

In a small town dime store in West Texas, the 'Disciples of James Dean' gather for their twentieth reunion. Now middle-aged women, they were teenagers when Dean filmed 'Giant' two decades ago in nearby Marfa. One of them, an extra in the film, has a child whom she says was conceived with Dean during the shoot. The ladies' congenial reminiscences mingle with flash backs to their youth; then the arrival of a stunning but familiar stranger sets off a series of confrontations that smash their delusions and expose bitter disappointments.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Juanita (40s+) - Owner of the Five & Dime. A simple Texas woman who is guided by her religious convictions Mona (30s-50s) - Seemingly fragile; she prefers to live in a dream world rather than the real one. Has remained in this small town and changed very little in 20 years

Mona (THEN) (teens-30s) - Naïve, deeply romantic; imagines herself as different and better than the small town people she grew up around

Sissy (30s-50s) - Vivacious, outgoing with a quick, sarcastic wit. On the surface, she is only concerned about her attractiveness and having a good time, but she has unexpected depths

Sissy (THEN) (teens-30s) - A young woman with big plans to escape her humdrum life. Extremely aware of her sexuality, she has a "reputation" as the town tramp

Joe (teens-30s) - He does NOT fit into the small town and struggles to find his place in the world. Sensitive, confused, he's an outcast to everyone except Mona and Sissy

Joanne (30s-50s) - Mysterious visitor who comes to the reunion with a big secret. Sensual, escaped west Texas to live a very different kind of life

Stella Mae (30s-50s) - One of success stories of McCarthy, she has done well with her life – at least financially. She is loud and boisterous, but her obnoxious behavior covers some deep longings

Edna Louise (30s-40s) - Pregnant with her seventh child. Shy, awkward, but extremely sweet-natured

PRODUCTION DATES: May 18, 19, 20, 26, 27 and June 2 & 3 at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday matinee performances at 2:30 p.m. on May 21, 28 and June 4.