



The Newsletter of the Barnstable Comedy Club

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WHO DO YOU TRUST? YOUR NEIGHBORS OR THE GOVERNMENT?

The Barnstable Comedy Club is pleased to present Hugh Whitmore's gripping moral drama, **Pack of Lies**. The play is directed by James F. Ring of Barnstable Village and is being presented as part of the Club's celebration of its Hundred-Year Anniversary Season.

Based upon real-world events that unfolded in suburban London during the notorious "Portland Spy Ring" case at the height of the Cold War, the play tells the story of a middle-class English family, the Jacksons, who get caught up in a high-stakes counterintelligence operation involving their cherished friends and neighbors from across the street. Are their neighbors, Helen and Peter Kroger, simply a somewhat crass and unconventional but deeply warm-hearted Canadian couple, as the Jacksons have come to know them over the years? Or are they, as British intelligence agents come to suspect, a pair of highly-effective American-born Soviet spies who have been stealing atomic secrets and eluding capture for decades? Who should the Jacksons trust, and who should they betray: their longtime friends and neighbors, or the increasingly manipulative government agents who insinuate themselves into the Jackson family's lives?

As was noted by New York Times critic Frank Rich when the prize-winning play was first performed in New York in 1985: "*What Mr. Whitmore does is allow some terrific actors the opportunity to shine in the sweat generated by their characters' many betrayals.*" Not surprisingly then, many of Cape Cod's finest actors found themselves drawn to this production. Bob and Barbara Jackson are played, respectively, by Rick Martin of Mashpee and Miranda Danilo Mancusi of Barnstable Village. Their daughter Julie is played by Alessandra Scibelli, also of Barnstable Village. Helen and Peter Kroger are played by Janet Geist Moore of Sandwich and Stuard M. Derrick of Provincetown. The British Intelligence Officer (Inspector Stewart) is played by Bob Shire of Orleans, his assistant Thelma is played by Kelly Kean of Cummaquid, and their colleague Sally is played by Missy Potash of West Barnstable.

Pack of Lies opens Thursday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and continues through March 20 on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$25, seniors 65 and older and student tickets are \$23. Reserve tickets by calling the box office at 508-362-6333. Proof of vaccination is required and facial masks must worn during the performance. For more information, please visit

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AUDITIONS COMING UP FOR A FUN FARCE!

Director Marti Baker will hold open auditions for **Sandy Toes and Salty Kisses**, and American farce by Michael and Susan Parker. Auditions will be held at the BCC on March 7, 8, and 9th at 7:00 p.m. Roles available for three males and four females ages 25-55. Actors will be asked to read from the script. Perusal scripts are available at both the Sturgis Library and the Hyannis Public Library. Everyone who auditions must show proof of being fully vaccinated. The production runs May 5 – 22. Visit our website at www.barnstablecomedy.org for character descriptions. For more information, please call 508-362-6333.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: STILL TIME TO APPLY FOR OUR ARTS SCHOLARSHIP!

The Barnstable Comedy Club is still accepting applications for The Peter Eustace Scholarship. Interested seniors who plan to major in any of the creative arts may visit our website at www.barnstablecomedyclub.org to download an application form. Forms should be mailed to Scholarship Chair Sue Lindholm at 9 Bobolink Lane, Harwich, MA. 02645. Forms must be received by April 15, 2022.

VETERAN ACTORS AND FINE DIRECTOR CREATE A WORK OF *ART*

The BCC's production of **Art** by Yasmina Reza captivated audiences and critics alike in January. Barbara Clark of the Barnstable Patriot praised the actors: "all three stage veterans bring a wealth of acting experience to this production." "Each cast member embodies his own unique character with aplomb." Sue Mellen of the Cape Cod Times was also impressed by the acting and direction: "Under Lance Norris' direction, one thing that's far from minimalist is the interaction of the three leads. From discussions about the interaction of festering grievances, to a lengthy analysis of laughter, the show's richness lies in the interplay between the bons amis (good friends.)" Congratulations are in order to Director Lance Norris, cast members Frank Hughes, Jr, Patrick Preston, and Todd Gosselin, and entire production crew.

FULL BOARD MEETING: MARCH 8, AT 7:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: APRIL 15, AT 7:00 P.M.