

The Newsletter of the Barnstable Comedy Club

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SECRETS ARE REVEALED. SINS ARE CONFESSED. THE SOCIAL ORDER IS CHALLENGED. AN INSPECTOR CALLS OPENS MARCH 2.

The Barnstable Comedy Club is pleased to present a masterpiece of twentieth-century British drama: *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestly. Structured as a classic thriller, the play focuses on an upper-class English family that is torn apart during the course of an inquest into a young working-class woman's descent into prostitution.

The play is directed by James F. Ring and features some of the finest actors currently working on Cape Cod, including Rob Minshall as Inspector Goole, Miranda Daniloff Mancusi as Sybil Birling, Kelly Kean as Sheila Birling, Larry Lickteig as Arthur Birling, John Hanright as Eric Birling, Dan Svirsky as Gerald Croft and Erika Slater and Cissy George who share the role of Edna. Mr. Ring directed the highly acclaimed *Pack Of Lies* last season.

The show opens on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 PM and continues through March 19 with performances on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 PM; Sunday matinees at 2:30 PM.

General admission tickets are \$25. Tickets for seniors (65+) and students are \$23. They may be purchased online at our website at www.barnstablecomedyclub.org, or reserved by calling the box office at 508-362-6333.

As has been noted in reviews of recent productions of this classic work:

"J.B. Priestley's cataclysmic dramatic masterpiece ... is often described as a 'thriller', but it is so much more than that." (Gill Randon, Theatre SouthEast, Feb. 29, 2020.

"[The play] comes with newly resonant echoes. It feels as if Priestley ... anticipated the march toward political extremes, the rise of smug complacency and the fall of personal moral obligation." (Chris Jones, Chicago Tribune, Feb. 21, 2019)

"In some ways the play is more American than English. It's about a family tearing itself apart, and huge, deep, true emotions are unleashed as they do so." (Stephan Daldrey, as quoted in the New York Times on April 24, 1994)

CALLING POTENTIAL DIRECTORS!

If you have an interest to direct at the Barnstable Comedy Club, now is your opportunity! We are currently accepting applications for directing along with show submissions. Applicants should have theater production experience such as directing or assistant directing We provide opportunities to any community member interested in obtaining production experience during the current season. If you would like to gain production experience, please let us know if you would be interested in participating in one of our upcoming shows.

If you wish to direct this season or in the future, please download the form at our website and email it to us at barnstablecomedyclub@gmail.com. Your application and play or musical selection will be passed along to the Play Reading Committee for review. The deadline for application submission is April 15, 2023. Please note that the BCC is an all-volunteer organization.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: ARTS SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The BCC is pleased to offer our \$500 Peter Eustice Arts Scholarship to any high school senior who is planning to pursue higher education in the creative arts. Those interested should download the form at our website and mail to Scholarship chair Sue Lindholm at 9 Bobolink Lane, Harwich, MA. 02645. Please note the deadline to apply is 4/15/23.

ACTORS: THE SPIRIT IS CALLING YOU TO AUDITION FOR AN INTRIGUING MURDER MYSTERY!

Director Linda Stevens will hold auditions for **Murder on the Rerun** by Fred Carmichael, March 6, 7, and 8 at 6:30 p.m. Casting is available for five women and two men. The play takes a different approach to mystery as a ghost tries to find out who murdered her in a witty, sophisticated, yet suspenseful look at the upper crust of Hollywood. The curtain rises to find Jane, Oscar winning screenwriter, dead at the bottom of the stairs in a Vermont ski lodge. Her four friends and husband are saying she fell. "I was pushed!" she says as her ghost rises. Aided by Kitty, a rather wanton adviser from "up there," Jane is brought ahead to the present, three years after the murder, where the same group is gathered.

Character descriptions and more information can be viewed at our website, www.barnstablecomedyclub.org. Perusal scripts are available at the Hyannis and Sturgis

libraries. If anyone is interested but not available at the above audition dates, please contact director Linda Stevens at 508-790-7882 to set up an alternative audition time.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF ROCK OF AGES!

Our fall musical **Rock of Ages** was a smash hit! During all 10 performances the talented cast had the crowds singing, dancing and on their feet at curtain call! Kudos to director Sonia Schonning, music director Kevin Quill, choreographers Elena Novero and Meg Morris, costumer Amy Canady, lighting designer Geof Newton, sound designer Paul Eason, stage manager Kaleigh Mason and all the other production team members for their dedication and expertise to the production! The talented, high-energy cast, Zane Bender, Sara Bleything, Max Dexter, Morgan Dexter, Robert Grady, Beau Jackett, Zack Johnson, Kevin Kenneally, Rachael Kenneally, Sean MacIsaac, Rob Minshall, Meg Morris, Wil Moser, Hope O'Conor, Kayla Pigott, Rebecca Riley, Tala Schonning and Abi Wilfong knew how to party! The kick-ass band lead by Kevin Quill on keyboard #1, Brent Alger on drums, Shane Fitzgerald on guitar, Jim Sanborn, Jr. on bass and Rick Schonning on keyboard #2 played close to 30 hits from the 1980's in the true spirit of a rock concert! ROCK ON!

EXECUTIVE MEETING: FEBRUARY 14,7:00 P.M.

FULL BOARD MEETING: MARCH 14, 7:00 P.M.