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HIGHLANDS/CASHIERS PLAYERS 2019-2020 SEASON

OUR SILVER 25th SEASON *ON GOLDEN POND*

Written By: Ernest Thompson

Directed by: Lance Trudel

Thursday and Friday, October 17-18

NO PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Sunday, October 20

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 24-27

Our second HCP offering of the 25th season is *On Golden Pond* by Ernest Thompson. This beautiful play deals with the joys, love, and hardships encountered while summering in Golden Pond in Maine by aging parents and their offspring.

Directed by Lance Trudel and assisted by Elizabeth Gordon, the cast includes veterans David Spivey, Julie Benson, Betsy Miller, and Randy Lucas and newcomers Tim Henderson and Grey Martin. Even in rehearsal it is obvious each actor brings joy, laughter, competence, and a love of theater.

Opening night is Thursday, October 17, opening at 7:30 pm. With opening night, all are invited to join the cast and crew downstairs for delicious appetizers and pies catered by Kristy Lewis.

SCHEDULING NOTE: Thursday and Friday, October 17 and 18, performances are as usual (7:30). **THERE IS NO SHOW ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.** Instead there will be **TWO SHOWS** on Sunday, October 21, a matinee at 2:30 and an evening performance at 7:30. The following week will be back to normal – Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 24-26 ,at 7:30 and Sunday, October 27 matinee at 2:30.

Come and enjoy your time at the lake while falling in love with our couples and their children. We look forward to seeing you as we continue our 25th season of Good plays Well Done!

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

Editors: Paula Gordon and Donna Cochran

**Contributing Writers: Elizabeth Gordon Courtney
Scarborough, and Virginia Talbot**

This will be performed at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center Thursday and Friday, October 17 and 18, Sunday, October 20 and Thursday through Sunday, October 24-27. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, doors will open at 7:00 and the play begins at 7:30. On Sunday, October 20, there will be an evening performance offering at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, the doors will open at 2:00 and the play begins at 2:30. Beginning October 10, tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 828-526-8084 or online at highlandscashiersplayers.org.

GENERAL TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket price is \$32.00. All tickets include 6.75% North Carolina sales tax.

For reservations and information, call the HCP box office at 828-526-8084 or order on-line at highlandscashiersplayers.org.

HCP accepts VISA, MASTERCARD and AMERICAN EXPRESS. Reservations made by phone or online (**828-526-8084**) must be secured by credit card. **ALL TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

RESERVATIONS FOR SEASON SUBSCRIBERS

The box office opens for season subscribers **ONLY** on Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the Performing Arts Center (PAC), Highlands. Be sure to make your reservations during this time, by phone or in person, to be given preferred seating as a season subscriber.

The box office is open to season subscribers and general public beginning Saturday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m., continuing Monday, October 14 through Saturday, October 19 and Monday, October 21 through Saturday, October 26 opening at 10:00 a.m. The box office will be open Sunday, October 20 and 27, one hour prior to the play.

Remember Subscribers!
You must make reservations for each play! No seats are “saved” for you all season.

A Note From Courtney Scarborough, President

As we move into Fall and Thanksgiving nears, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you that continue to support the Highlands Cashiers Players. Your generosity and love of theatre is what allows us to continue doing “Good Plays Well Done.” The community, its residents, and the organizations on the plateau are vital to our all-volunteer organization, and not only through donations, volunteers are what keep us rolling! A special thank you to Mountain Findings and to Cullasaja Women’s Outreach for their generous donation as we head into the second play of our 25th season. I look forward to seeing you all at our next production, *On Golden Pond*.

October newsletter: wrap up

Highlands Cashiers Players began its 25th silver season with a fourth time revival of *Dearly Departed* by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones and directed by Dr. Ronnie Spilton. 665 folks saw the play which was dedicated to our inaugural past president Jean Morris. Interesting aspects included the use of a thrust stage and different scheduling which involved no show on the second Thursday and an additional matinee on the second Saturday. Many performances were sold out.

HCP/PAC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

On Thursday, December 12, the Highlands Cashiers Players, along with co-sponsor Highlands Performing Arts Center, will present their annual free Holiday Program as they have done for the past 24 years, beginning at 7:00 at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Coordinated and directed by Virginia Talbot, the entertainment includes actors/readers presenting short pieces and poetry of the season – some heartwarming, many humorous. An ensemble of 12 singers from the 60-voice Mountain Voices Chorus directed by Beverly Barnett will be singing several songs from their 2019 Christmas Concert in Franklin.

After the program, the audience is invited to join the cast downstairs for refreshments. Make plans to attend, no tickets are needed. The program is a Christmas gift to the community from Highlands Cashiers Players and Highlands Performing Arts Center.

The holiday program will also be presented at the Cashiers Library on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm with actors/readers from the Highlands program and singers from the Cashiers area presenting Christmas songs and music.

Information is also available on the HCP website: highlandscashiersplayers.org.

MORE TO COME IN OUR SILVER 25TH SEASON - 2019-2020

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**HCP’s and PAC’s Gift of Christmas
readings and music to the community
December 12, 2019**

This is a Holiday Reading co-sponsored by HCP and PAC at no charge and is HCP and PAC’s gift to the community.

DINNER THEATER

**Production to be announced
March 12-14, 19-21, 2020
NO SUNDAY MATINEES**

The dinner theater will be produced by Courtney Scarborough. It will consist of 4 one act plays interspersed with the courses of a delicious dinner. Performance dates are March 12-14 and March 19-21, 2020.

THE UNEXPECTED GUEST

**Directed by: Donna Cochran
May 21-24, 28-31, 2020**

To “finish off” the 25th season, HCP has scheduled Agatha Christie’s *The Unexpected Guest*, directed by Donna Cochran. It will be performed at PAC May 21-24 and May 28-31, 2020. One of the last plays Christie has written (1958), *The Unexpected Guest* keeps audiences guessing until the very last. There are parts for 4 men, 4 women, and a teenage boy. Auditions will be held early in 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS

Our 2019-2020 Board members elected to guide the organization through the next theater season are: President Courtney Scarborough, Vice President Lynleigh McLain, Secretary Jamie Thomas, Treasurer Paula Gordon, Donna Cochran, Craig Eister, Elizabeth Gordon, Faye Siegel, Ricky Siegel

If you are interested in helping behind the scenes for any HCP production, please contact Paula Gordon at 828-342-4378 to volunteer as a box office worker, or Lynleigh McLain at 843-812-9395 for any other volunteer position. Highlands-Cashiers Players is a volunteer organization and, as a volunteer organization, we need help in the box office and ushers as well. It can be a learning experience and lots of fun.

