

Broadview Heights
SPOTLIGHTS
 Community Theater

2009 SEASON

MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS

February 20-March 7
"BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE"
 (a comedy)

by Leonard Gershe

Annual Coffee House Production

Young Don Baker, hero of his mother's children's book series, "Donny Dark" has been blind since birth, his overprotective mother following his every move. Don finally decides to take his own apartment in Manhattan to pursue his songwriting ambitions. While visiting her son, Mrs. Baker meets his kooky, sexy neighbor, actress named Jill. Her motherly, controlling instincts go into overdrive with hilariously touching results. (Baby Boomers may remember the 1972 film starring Goldie Hawn.)

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May 8-26
"VERONICA'S ROOM"
 (a thriller)
 by Ira Levin

This chilling mystery thriller by the author of *Rosemary's Baby* explores the thin line between fantasy and reality, madness and murder. Students Susan and Larry find themselves as guests enticed to the Brabissant mansion by its dissolute caretakers, the lonely Mackeys. Struck by Susan's strong resemblance to Veronica Brabissant, long-dead daughter of the family for whom they work, the older couple gradually induces her to impersonate Veronica briefly to solace the only living Brabissant, her addled sister who believes Veronica is alive.

September 11-October 3
"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS"
 (a comedic thriller musical)

by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken

A down-and-out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite, finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination! This is an affectionate spoof of the 1950s sci-fi movies.

October 17 & 18
THE ENCHANTED HOLLOW

A theatrical event held along a meandering nature trail. Guests are treated to several skits featuring familiar fantasy characters, a hay maze, pumpkin patch, cozy campfire, free punch & donuts, and hayride shuttle.

November and December
COSTUMED CAROLERS

Resplendent in their Dickens-era costumes, our carolers' harmonious voices will serenade at your office party, business, or home party for a donation to our theater.

EDUCATION & YOUTH THEATER

Stay tuned for information about our youth classes beginning in January 2009, each culminating with a production showcasing what was learned in the classes.

March

"CHILDREN OF EDEN"

(Our premiere education program musical)

From Stephen Schwartz ("Godspell", "Wicked", and "Pippin") and John Caird of "Les Misérables" comes a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith... not to mention centuries of unresolved family business! Freely based on the story of Genesis, "Children Of Eden" is a frank, heartfelt and often humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children. Adam, Eve, Noah and the "Father" who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet but inspiring message: that "the hardest part of love... is letting go."

July 16-26

"INTO THE WOODS, JR."

(Annual summer youth musical)

The Brothers Grimm "Go Broadway" in this musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. All of your favorite characters—Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (of beanstalk fame) and a Witch—meet and interact on their journeys in this cockeyed retelling of traditional fairytale favorites.

August 3-7

THEATER CAMP

Theater Camp is an opportunity for grade-school children to participate in all aspects of theater. Sponsored by the Broadview Heights Recreation Department, the camp is coordinated by the Broadview Heights Spotlights. It is taught by experienced teachers with the aid of volunteers, and culminates with a production on Friday evening.

