



Market House Theatre

June 2011 Off Stage Noises

We don't just entertain... We change lives!

Closing out the 47th season of Market House Theatre is the Tony Award winning musical **Annie** with such popular songs as "It's A Hard Knock Life," "Tomorrow," and "Little Girls." Based on the comic strip *Little Orphan Annie* created by Harold Gray, the musical version with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charmin, and book by Thomas Meehan opened originally in 1977 and has continued to be presented across the country. MHT is proud to present its own version three weekends, June 2-5, 9-12, and 16-19, 2011.

Set in 1933, the musical opens at a Brooklyn Orphanage where we meet a group of orphans under the care of villainess Miss Hannigan (**Kelly Anne Rathhunde**). The orphan girls do their best to make Miss Hannigan's life less than pleasurable. Leading the group is none other than the musical's namesake, Annie (**Chanyng Floyd**). She is "assisted" by Pepper (**Emma Johnson**), July (**Elizabeth Katz**), Duffy (**Leiren Jackson**), Tessie (**Amanda Handegan**), Molly (**Addie Beth Franklin**), and Kate (**Belle Salchli**). Rounding out the group of orphans are **Emma Kate Schaaf**, **Allyn Perdue**, and **Mary Baker**.



Annie (Chanyng Floyd) and Daddy Warbucks (Tom Dolan)

Annie

June 2-5, 9-12, 16-19, 2011

joining the cast are Cecille (**Shannon Eckelkamp**), Ickes (**Chip Bohle**), Drake (**Landon Baker**), Mrs. Pugh (**Heather Tomko**), Mrs. Greer (**Adrienne Gleeson**) and Annette (**Maggie Malone**).

Blending voices and acting talents in the chorus are **Denise Bohle**, **Diane Byrd**, **Aubrianna Rathunde**, **Lisa Wilkins**, **Bryan Creason**, **Zach Sizemore**, and **Luke Wilkins**.

The staff for this production of *Annie* is **Michael Cochran**, Director; **Analiese Jones**, Assistant Director; **Katy Miller**, Choreographer; **Douglas Arnold**, Music Director; **Denise Bristol**, Stage Manager; and costumes by **Creatures of Habit**.

The play runs at **7:30 p.m.** Thurs. through Sat. nights and at **2:30 p.m.** Sun. afternoons **June 2-5, 9-12, and 16-19**. Regular ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$16 for students (21 and under). *There will be Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m. on June 11 & 18, with all tickets being \$16. The special Curtain Call performance will be June 18th at 7:30 p.m. (Article p. 2).* Contact the MHT box office (270-444-6828) from noon to 5:00 p.m. Tues. through Fri. to purchase tickets or go online to www.mhtplay.com. Tickets are selling quickly; do not hesitate and risk being disappointed!

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Joining Miss Hannigan in a get-rich-quick scheme is her brother Rooster (**Scott Salchli**) and the floozy Lily St. Regis (**Mary Dorr**). Radio show host Bert Healy (**Roy Hensel**) provides a venue for finding Annie's parents. Providing musical accompaniment on the radio show are the soon to be discovered Boylan Sisters (**Kyllan Cunningham**, **Emily Hensel**, and **Katy Miller**). Billionaire Oliver Warbucks (**Tom Dolan**) has Grace (**Amy Perdue**) as his personal secretary also working to find Annie's parents. Even intervention by President FDR (**Chuck Wilkins**) never hurt in finding lost parents. Also

Auditions

Auditions for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* will be held Monday and Tuesday, **July 11 & 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Main Theatre. With music and lyrics by William Finn and book by Rachel Sheinkin, this hilarious hit musical tale chronicles the experiences of six quirky adolescents vying for the spelling championship, which is run by 3 equally quirky adults.

All roles will be played by adults ages 18 and up. Performances will be **September 1-4, 8-11, & 15-18, 2011.** Michael Cochran will direct.

The Students:

Marcy Park (Mezzo): speaks 6 languages, good at everything
Leaf Coneybear (Tenor): 2nd runner up in the school bee, he shouldn't even be here. He thinks he's "not that smart." Comedic Role.

William Barfee (Baritone): spells with his foot, chronically congested.

Olive Ostrovsky (Soprano): her best friend is her dictionary.

Chip Tolentino (Tenor): arrogant until an unfortunate mishap results in his early elimination.

Logainne Schwartzandgrubennierre (Mezzo): has a lisp and 2 stage fathers.

The Adults:

Mitch Mahoney (Baritone-Tenor): ex-con serving community service hours as a "comfort counselor" for the kids who are eliminated.

Rona Lisa Peretti (Soprano): one time winner of the bee, now officiating it. Comedic improvisation.

Douglas Panch (non-singing): Vice Principal. Infatuated with Rona. Comedic improvisation.



Who: All MHT volunteers, donors, and fans
What: Annual meeting/potluck
When: Monday, June 20, 2011, 5: 30 p.m.
Where: The air-conditioned theatre!

Yes, MHT is a hot ticket, but the last few annual picnics have left us melting faster than the Wicked Witch of the West. The move indoors last year was a winner, so we'll take out the chairs, bring in some tables, and transform the theatre into a perfect venue for **food, fellowship, and fun.** After voting on the 2011-2012 Board of Directors, we come to the highlight of the evening: the highly-anticipated **Golden Screw Awards**, where we laud and applaud the best "uh oh" moments in the past year of live theatre. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share;** the theatre will provide the meat and drinks.



Curtain Call 2011

One night and one night only!

7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011

Join your Market House Theatre friends as they attend a special one-night Curtain Call performance of the Broadway musical *Annie* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18.



Laura Duff as the cheese merchant

Continuing a recent Market House tradition, this performance features local citizens/celebrities who had the winning bids on cameo roles in our Curtain Call Auction held earlier this year. Singing "Tomorrow" as Annie will be WPSD's **David Jernigan**, with Past MHT Board Presidents **Renie Barger** and **Dick Holland** as Sandy the dog and the dog catcher respectively.

Attorney **Glenn Denton** will take on the role of President FDR, with local magician **Todd Duff** of Innovations Branding House appropriately playing Wacky, the ventriloquist dummy. MHT's Education Director **April Cochran** will share her theatrical talents as the villainess Miss Hannigan, while Executive Director **Michael Cochran** will put his director's hat aside for this one performance to portray Daddy Warbucks. **Several other guests will make surprise appearances as well.** These talented performers, along with many of the regular actors and actresses from the current run of *Annie*, will keep you entertained throughout the evening. This show is suitable for all ages.

Tickets for this special fundraiser performance may be purchased from the Market House Theatre box office (444-6828) during regular business hours. The seating is general admission in two ticket categories: the first six rows are \$35, with all other seats \$25.



Fowler Black (Prince) dancing with Richard Abraham (Fairy Godmother)



Spotlight on...

MHT Seniors

Market House Theatre is extremely proud of its graduating high school seniors. **Caitlyn Gallip**, **Jamie Hagood**, **Katy Miller** and **Emily Yocum** are taking everything they've learned through Market House with them to college this fall.

Paducah Tilghman graduate **Caitlyn Gallip** will attend University of Missouri – Columbia, majoring in magazine journalism and film studies. “MHT has continued to instill confidence and communication skills in a professional, yet fun environment,” says Caitlyn. “They have exposed me to a diverse and cultured environment, as well as sparking the creativity needed to succeed.”

PTHS grad **Jamie Hagood** will attend Transylvania University, and while his major is undecided, he knows his college career will incorporate theatre, singing, group projects and leadership activities.

“I cannot think of any subject where MHT will not help me,” says Jamie. “My confidence has gone through the roof! My grandmother [Barbara Allen] took me to the theatre when I was young. Her encouragement, paired with Michael and April Cochran’s direction, has allowed me to share my passion for performing with the community.”

Lone Oak High School grad **Katy Miller** will attend Northern Kentucky University where she will major in musical theatre on full scholarship.

“I will always remember the professional values of our theatre,” she says. “You come to rehearsal early, you meet deadlines, and you are always on-task and in-character for a show.”

Katy credits her involvement in various musicals and main stage shows with teaching her how to lead, as well as how to work as a team. “But most importantly,” she adds, “the theatre gave me the confidence to refuse to be anything except myself, however strange or artistic that self may be.”

Emily Yocum, soon-to-be freshman at the University of Louisville, will major in music education, with the hope of becoming a choir director.



From left: Jamie Hagood, Emily Yocum, Caitlyn Gallip, and Katy Miller.

“My involvement with Market House shows prepared me to speak comfortably in front of people and conduct a class,” says Emily. “Market House gave me the skills to get into the Musical Theater discipline of GSA and because of GSA, I am going to college free.”

All students share an endless supply of gratitude for Michael, April, and all those who support the Theatre.

To Michael and April, Caitlyn says, “You are more appreciated than anyone can express. The adrenaline rush, nervousness, and simple joy that comes from making people laugh or cry...for that feeling and hope, I thank you. “

“There is no other activity that compares to doing a show at Market House,” says Emily. “You become a family when you're in a show. Working with Michael and April has been so rewarding and I will continue to use the skills I've learned while a part of MHT.”

As well as thanking the Cochrans and Bonnie Daniels, Katy commends MHT supporters. “You would not believe the impact that you have on someone's life. Kids that get involved in MHT become comfortable in their own skin so quickly, and that is a gift that you should be proud of giving.”

Market House would like to congratulate our graduating seniors! Best wishes as you all pursue your dreams. May your future be brilliant!”





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It's Fund Run time!!

Lace up the shoes and grease the stroller wheels for **The Fred Paxton Fund Run for Charities** on **Saturday, July 16th at Noble Park**. Join the Market House Theatre team for the 5K run/walk beginning at 8:00 a.m., followed by the 1-mile Youth Run at 9:00 a.m. Registration is from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Shelter 10, with the 5K entry fee \$30 and the Youth Run \$10. Advance registration is \$20 if received by July 13th.

Not much for competition? *Participate by making a donation to the Community Foundation of West Kentucky, designating MHT as the recipient. If MHT has \$2500 in donations, we will receive MATCHING FUNDS, up to \$10,000!* Thanks to the vision of Fred Paxton, all matching funds will go to our endowment, helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the theatre. **Forms are available at the MHT Box Office and at www.cfwestky.org.** *In order to qualify for matching funds, donations should be received in the Community Foundation office by 5:00 p.m. July 8th.*

Community Foundation of West Kentucky
 Fred Paxton Fund Run for Charities
 P.O. Box 7901 Paducah, KY 42002

Lunch Box Theatre



July 26-29, Tues.-Fri. at Noon

MHT fires up the grill and the stage with a summer treat for young audiences. The Story Theatre troupe presents the audience participation musical comedy ***THE THREE LITTLE PIGS!***

The Three Little Pigs (scatterbrained Hazel, vain valleypig Mahogany, and sensible Madge) decide it's time they left home. After meeting up with a rather odd Merchant, they build their houses out of the infamous materials and meet up with the hungry wolf. There's more here than what meets the eye, however...this Wolf is a vegetarian! He does, however, have a bad temper - and one by one he blows their houses down, with a little help from the audience! All's well that ends well - and with a dash of common sense and a liberal dose of forgiveness - everyone learns you "gotta be a friend to have a friend." Tickets are \$12 and includes a tasty meal catered by Neil's (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks and Ice Cream!) along with a pre-show craft for the kids. Seating is reserved by table. Contact the box office at 270-444-6828 or toll free at 1-888-MHT-PLAY to order tickets. Advance reservations are required.