



Market House Theatre

September 2010 Off Stage Noises

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

Having run for over 5000 performances Off Broadway and performed literally around the world, the musical comedy *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* opens Market House Theatre's 47th season. From the first date, to the first fight, to the wedding, to kids, and the funeral, the show is packed with humorous (but true) tidbits, along with several touching moments (as is true in any relationship).

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, with book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro and music by Jimmy Roberts, premiered at New Jersey's American Stage Company in 1995. In the middle of an early performance, a woman blurted out, "This is my life!" "Everything you have ever secretly thought about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws, but were afraid to admit," according to the play's tagline. Enjoy relationship songs such as *Single Man Drought*, *Always a Bridesmaid*, *On the Highway of Love*, and *Marriage Tango*.

A veteran cast of Market House performers returns for this opening production. Sharing their multiple talents in this first production of the 2010/2011 season are:

Convention and Visitors Bureau's **Fowler Black** (*Cinderella*, *Smoke on the Mountain*), LATA's **Audra Hall** (*Beauty and the Beast*, *Annie Get Your Gun*), Retired Senior Volunteer Program director **Al Knudsen** (*God's Favorite*, *Smokey Joe's Café*) Lourdes Hospital sur-



**September
2-5, 9-12, 16-19, 2010**

gical nurse **Melanie Koch** (*Smoke on the Mountain trilogy*), **Victoria Parrish** of USave Auto (*My Way, Beehive*), **Scott Salchli** of Dippin' Dots (*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *Over the River and Through the Woods*), Wacker Chemical's **Chris Schnarr** (*The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*), and Ceglinski Animal Clinic's **Scytha Towneley Williams** (*Proof*). **Patt Lynch** returns as the music director. **Denise Bristol** is behind the scenes as Assistant Director/Stage Manager. **Michael Cochran** shares his many talents as director and scenic/lighting designer of this production.

Tickets are \$20 Adults and \$16 Students (21 and under). The play runs Thursday through Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoons September 2-5, 9-12, and 16-19. There will be one Saturday matinee on September 11, with all seats \$16. Tickets are available at the box office (444-6828) at 132 Market House Square Tues.

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AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held **September 20-21** in the main theatre at 7:00 p.m. for ***Bloody Murder*** and ***The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged***. Individuals may audition for one or both shows. Perusal scripts for both plays are available in the box office for a refundable deposit of \$10 each. Call 444-6828 for more information.

Bloody Murder (November 11-14 and 18-21, 2010), a comic mystery by Ed Sala, is a classic “who-dunnit” that takes an unexpected twist when all the guests realize they are characters in a murder mystery and refuse to kill each other off. Needed are 4 men and 3 women. Phil Counts will direct.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare – Abridged (January 13-16 and 20-23, 2011), developed by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, is a high-speed comedy in which three actors present all 37 of Shakespeare’s plays in less than two hours. The parodies include the 5-minute *Hamlet*, hip-hop *Othello*, and Shakespeare’s tragedies as a cooking show. Needed are three men. Ross Daniels will direct.

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Victoria Parrish and Al Knudsen in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*



This show is for ages 15+ for adult situations that are not appropriate for children. Parental discretion is advised.

FUND RUN UPDATE

A huge thank-you to all our participants and donors in this year’s Fred Paxton Fund Run for Charities. Market House Theatre raised over \$4300, all of which will be matched! Over \$8600 will be added to our endowment fund, bringing its total to almost \$90,000. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Community Foundation and the Fred and Peggy Paxton Endowment Fund.



Jade Cochran, running for MHT, wins Best Overall Girls in the Paxton Youth Fund Run.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (continued)

through Fri. from noon to 5:00 p.m., or online at www.mhtplay.com.

Paducah Bank sponsors the Main Stage Season, as well as Innovations Brandinghouse, the City of Paducah, and the Kentucky Arts Council.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change. Love! Comedy! Relationships! The play makes for a combination which is hard to beat! Invite your friends, family, and anyone else you can find, and run, or drive to Market House Theatre for the season opening engagement.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

DENISE BRISTOL

Denise Bristol's mother suggested she attend auditions for *I Hate Hamlet* in January 1994. "My mother thought I would enjoy working on the show," said Denise.

Apparently she did, as Denise has been involved with the Market House family ever since in various volunteer roles, including stage managing and assistant directing dozens of shows. "I really like being backstage," she said. "I like knowing the actors, and how I can best help them in between scenes."

As assistant director of a show, she can be found at the theatre during every rehearsal, writing down the director's instructions to the actors and prompting them with their lines.

"As we evolve the staging during rehearsal," said MHT Executive Director Michael Cochran, "I often have to turn to Denise and say, 'What did I have them do here?' She keeps the best notes."

In addition to main stage shows, Denise frequently supports studio shows and fundraisers like the Curtain Call Auction. She joined the Market House Board of Directors in June 2009, but has served on the play selection committee for 12 years. She has read about 200 scripts. The committee will read, discuss and rate the plays before selecting a season's worth of shows to submit to the Board of Directors for review.

Denise credits those involved with Market House as being special influences on her. "It's all about the people, and the talent they share. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of something that gives so much back to the community."



Denise Bristol in the rose garden of Warwick Castle, Warwickshire, England in June of 2007.

Market House recognized Denise's endless contributions to the theatre at the Annual Family Reunion Picnic in June 2010 when she was named Volunteer of the Year.

"Denise has made a lasting impression on our hearts," said MHT Executive Director Michael Cochran. "I value her commitment and am grateful for her friendship."

As for when we'll see Denise on stage, it will be only when there is a part she couldn't live without doing. Otherwise, catch her backstage during the show, keeping the actors where they need to be and calling light and sound cues.

Market House is proud to applaud Denise Bristol, the 2010 Market House Volunteer of the Year.





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MHT's youth acting troupes, FOOTLIGHTS, starts a new trimester of classes beginning **August 28!** Early elementary (gr. 1-3) meets at 8 a.m., Upper elementary (gr. 4 & 5) at 9 a.m., Middle (gr. 6, 7 & 8) at 10 a.m. and High School at 11:00 a.m. No previous experience is needed.

All troupes meet in MHT's Studio Theatre classroom on Saturday mornings. Class fee is \$50 per trimester. For further info check out MHT's website at www.mhtplay.com. Call the box office at **270-444-6828**, Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. to register for this high energy, creative group! **All troupes are led by MHT's Education Director April Cochran.**



Season tickets are available for our 47th season: see all five shows for \$85 regular/\$75 seniors (60 & above) and students (21 & under). Enjoy the lowest price per show, guaranteed seat, no charge for ticket exchange for another performance, discount on additional tickets purchased, and restaurant discount cards!

- I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* (musical comedy)
- Bloody Murder* (comic thriller)
- The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* (comedy)
- The Dixie Swim Club* (drama)
- Annie* (musical)

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