

The OP Happening

January 2011

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!"

- Hamilton Wright Mabie

Happy New Year!

Every time I read this quote I immediately have visions of family and friends having fun, spending time together and laughing! It doesn't matter how cold it is outside or how much snow is falling we find time to be together. Holidays have a

I'll be honest though, for myself as soon as the holidays are over I am hit with the blues – I am so sad that the holidays have passed. I want that conspiracy of love to last for months on end. I have learned over the years that there are only two ways for me to chase away those blues – wait impatiently for spring (I am a red head – impatiently is an understatement) or dive into a show. Needless to say my family is ever so grateful when I find a show to work on in the winter months.

Whether its directing, acting, building sets or doing program, working on any aspect of a show is a sure fire way to chase away my blues. And I have to tell you much of that excitement, that determination to get to the rehearsal on days when we'd much rather hide under a thick blanket is because of you. I look forward to seeing each of you and working with each of you. I look forward to watching you teach someone how to texture a set, or how to track down appropriate props or reminding an actor to move stage left (no their other left) or demonstrate how to dutchman a flat. I have a passion for theater because of the people I work with, because of you.

Well here at Orange Players we have something up our sleeves to chase away your winter blues, Neil Simon's ***The Odd Couple*** (female version)! We are currently in the process of finalizing our director search and you will be able to meet our director at our **next General Membership** meeting on **January 19th**. We are also looking for producers, production staff and crew. Opps almost forgot – we are also looking for performers!! Keep checking our web site, www.OrangePlayers.net, for audition dates. **Show dates are April 29, 30 and May 6, 7.**

I hope I will see each and every one of you in some capacity working our production of ***The Odd Couple*** (female version) – on stage, back stage, in the audience, any time you can give of yourself is deeply appreciated. Please allow your enjoyment of theatre and passion for time with friends to perpetuate the "conspiracy of love"!

You are the reason that Orange Players exists and continues to exist. You are the reason that we are able to bring a smile to the faces of our audiences. You are the reason that so many friendships and families have begun with Orange Players. As we begin a new year and reflect on the past there is no time more fitting to say Thank You, and to wish you and your loved ones a New Year of health, happiness and prosperity.

All my best to you and yours today and in the days to come,

Datt Brotschul

President, Orange Players

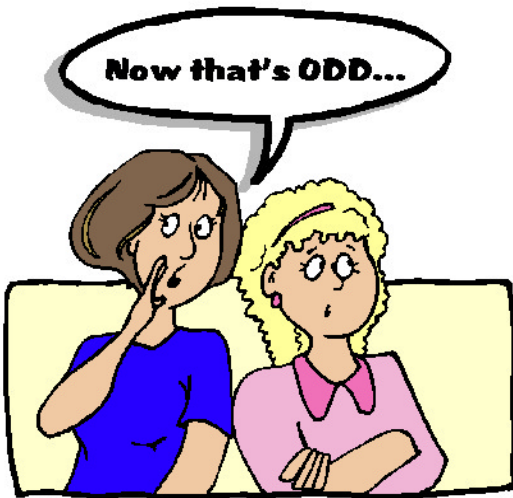
PS – you'll just have to come down to work on ***The Odd Couple*** if you want to learn what "dutchman" is. ;-)

Performance Committee Report

COMING SOON.....

Auditions for *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* – Check our website www.OrangePlayers.net early and often. Information about auditions for our spring production will be here before you know it!

Performances of *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* - April 29, 30 & May 6, 7



The Odd Couple is a 1965 Broadway play by Neil Simon, followed by a successful film and television series, as well as other derivative works and spin offs, many featuring one or more of the same actors. The plot concerns two mismatched roommates, one neat and uptight, the other more easygoing and slovenly. In 1985, Neil Simon revised *The Odd Couple* for a female cast. It was based on the same story line and same lead characters, now called Florence Ungar and Olive Madison. The poker game became *Trivial Pursuit* and the Pigeon sisters became the Costazuela brothers, Manolo and Jesus.

Performance dates for The Orange Players production of *The Odd Couple* (female version), are April 29, 30, and May 6, 7 2011 at High Plains Community Center in Orange, CT.

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.ORANGEPLAYERS.NET

Get cool information on OP; auditions; ticket order information and so much more!



THANK YOU!



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the cast, production staff & crew of The Orange Players "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change". You did an amazing job. The audiences were raving! This production was a tremendous way to kick off our 2010/11 season. I cannot adequately put into words how proud I am of each and everyone of you.

All my respect and love,

Patt Brotschul



SAVE THE DATE!

Winter General Membership Meeting – Wednesday January 19th

7:30 pm High Plains Community Center, Orange Center Road



Hello and Happy 2011 to all of you new and returning members of Orange Players. Now that you've paid your annual dues and are receiving the newsletter there are a few things to think about:

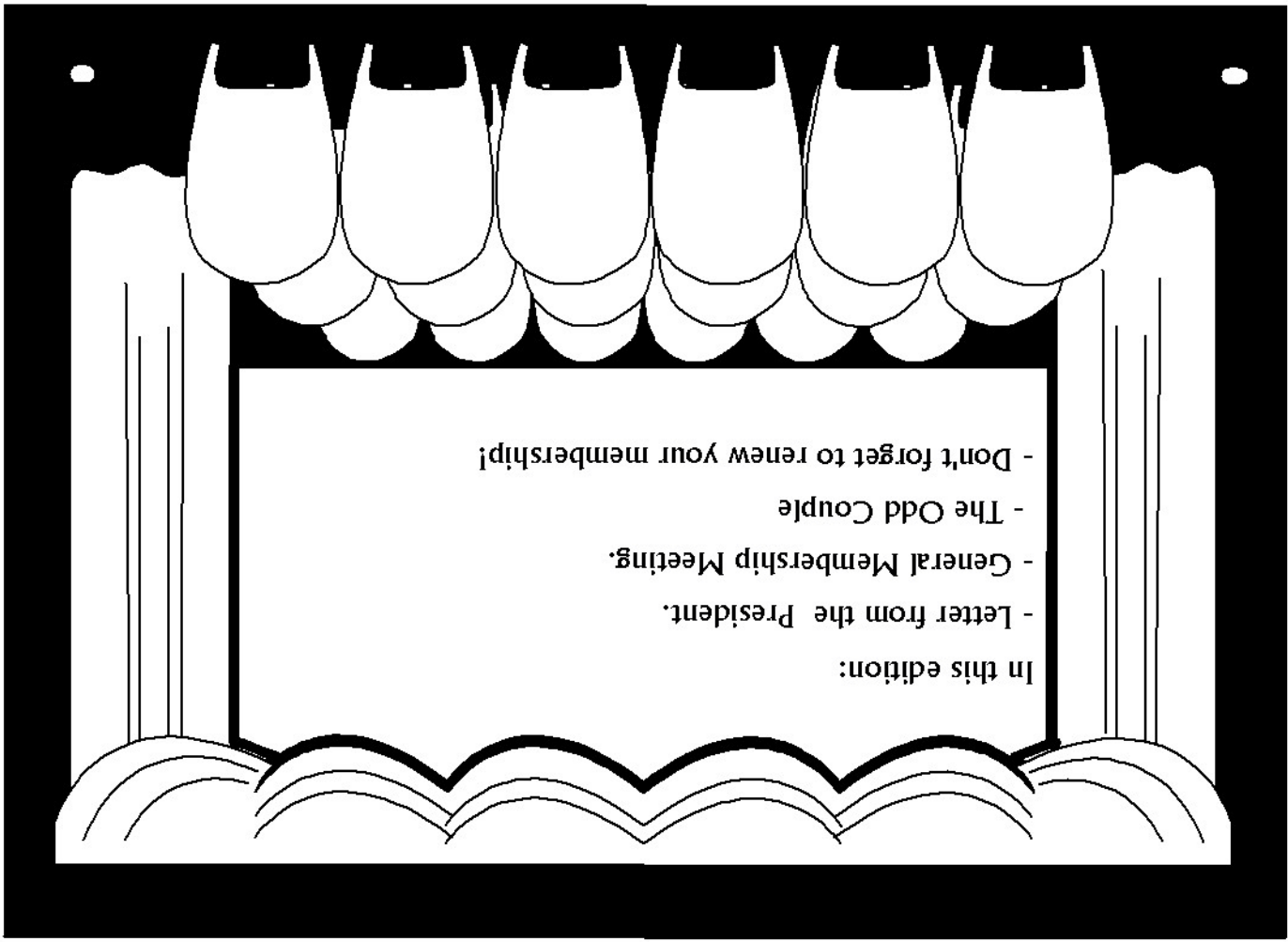
- *How about inviting a friend or two (or more!) to our membership meeting coming up on January 19th! (Membership forms will be available to sign them up!)*
- *Think about joining a committee (like Membership, Reading, Publicity or Program/Performance for example!)*
- *Ponder the possibility of offering to serve as President Elect... or Producer.... or....??*
- *Contemplate volunteering to help out in our next production, The Odd Couple (Female Version) in the Spring.*

See you at the membership meeting, if not before.

Bruce Spiewak, Membership Chair.

REMEMBER.....

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE NON-MEMBERS - IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN UP! CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.



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