

# The OP Happening

May 2010



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy Spring!

Well, depending upon which day you receive this, it will either be a balmy summer's day or a blustery late-winter's day, such being the fickle weather of spring in New England. In either case, I hope your spring has been a happy and healthy one.

As Co-President, one of my duties is to keep you informed about what is happening both on stage and behind the scenes at the Orange Players and, with this in mind, I offer you the proverbial "I have some good news and bad news" scenario. First, the bad news: our production of *Picnic*, which was rescheduled from the fall, once again ran up against some insurmountable obstacles and needed to be tabled. While many of the needed elements were in place, we fell victim to competing productions and schedules and were unable to complete the casting within the time constraints placed upon the production team. That being said, we were thrilled to meet many new thespians at our auditions, and didn't want to miss an opportunity to expand our theatrical horizons. This brings us to our good news: on June 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th, the Orange Players will present a staged reading of the comedy *CSI: Neverland* by Wade Bradford. A spoof in which fairy forensics officers scour Neverland to gather clues to solve the murder of Peter's shadow, it should prove to be a hilarious and fun evening for theatergoers. The cast features some new faces along with seasoned OP performers and is directed by Patt Broschul with technical design by John Miller.

I'm also happy to report that OP has initiated the **First Annual Young Playwrights of Orange Competition** which encourages budding playwrights in the town of Orange to write and submit original one-act plays. Winners of the competition will have their plays produced by OP as staged readings in the fall using local talent. As of this writing, flyers announcing the event have been distributed to all the school children in the town of Orange inviting them to participate. Many thanks to committee members Patt Broschul, Shelby Zold and Donna Wesolowski for all their hard work researching, creating and distributing all the needed documents for the competition. (See our website for additional information.) Look for updates regarding the status of the competition in future issues.

In other news, planning for our fall musical, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* is moving forward and a search committee is being formed to begin the selection process for our production team. If you or someone you know is interested in submitting a resume for consideration for Director, Musical Director or Choreographer positions, please contact either Marianne Miller or myself.

Finally, we hope to once again to try to gather some OP'ers for social events. While our last attempt at a karaoke night fell victim to poor timing, I have had enough positive feedback from members to make another attempt in the near future. So keep your eyes open for another webblast and keep practicing those old Motown hits!

That's all for now. As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and even your gripes. Contact me at: [singingscientist@comcast.net](mailto:singingscientist@comcast.net) or 203-520-1805.

Warmly,

Suzanne Powers, Co-President



## Performance Committee Report

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### ORANGE PLAYERS TO PERFORM "CSI: NEVERLAND"

The Orange Players will present a staged reading of the comedy, "CSI: Neverland" by Wade Bradford on June 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center on Orange Center Road in Orange, CT. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling the Orange Players Box Office at 203-824-1335 or by mail (the ticket order form can be found in this edition of the newsletter as well as online at [www.orangeplayers.net](http://www.orangeplayers.net)). Seating will be cabaret style and patrons are encouraged to bring their own food and beverages. Doors will open at 7:15 for pre-theatre entertaining.

A hilarious spoof on today's popular crime scene investigation dramas, the play follows the antics of fairy forensic officer Lt. Tinkerbelle and her partner as they investigate the murder of Peter Panaloon's shadow and narrow down the suspects from the zany cast of characters of Neverland. The play will be presented as a full-length staged reading with props and costume pieces added to enhance the experience.

The cast features local actors Leslie Bacon (Meriden), Kaylie Bucaro (Weston), David Gregory, Jonathan Walsh and Jennifer Ju (Milford), Lisa Hansen (Orange), Brenda Jacobson (New Haven) and Dean Waters (West Haven). The production is directed and produced by Patt Brotschul with John Miller, Shelby Zold, Bruce Spiewak, Robin Lewis, Bob Rich, Suzanne Powers, Mike Brotschul, Pat Miller, Kristie Conte, Marianne Miller and Ken Lenz rounding out the production team.



### REMINDER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

It's never too late. We have gained 3 new members this month. If you haven't remitted your annual dues and **would like to continue to receiving the OP Happening**; or know of a potential new member - please contact Bruce Spiewak; OP Membership Chairperson; 945 Red Fox Road, Orange, CT 06477 - \$15 Regular/\$25 Sponsor/\$50 Angel - Thanks! - Bruce

### READING COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Board has voted and unanimously selected "Scenes from American Life" by A.R. Gurney, Jr. as the Orange Players fall 2011 production. Thanks to the everyone on the reading committee.

- Ken Lenz

### SHOUT-OUTS!

Marissa Smoker recently filmed the role of Young Dorothy in the feature film *Witches of Oz*, alongside Christopher Lloyd as the Wizard. The movie is scheduled to be released in late 2010 or early 2011.

Marissa is also appearing in the Goodspeed Opera House's production of *Annie Get Your Gun* in the role of Nellie. The show opens on April 16 and runs through July 3.

**Let us know what YOU are doing** - send your shout outs to Susan Kulp at [thekulps4@aol.com](mailto:thekulps4@aol.com) by July 1st to be included in the next newsletter.

# Calling All Directors, Musical Directors & Choreographers!

Orange Players is extending an open call to all Directors, Musical Directors, and Choreographers for their autumn production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change".

A musical comedy with book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro and music by Jimmy Roberts. It is the second-longest running Off Broadway musical and was nominated for the Outer Critics Circle Award as Outstanding Off-Broadway musical in 1997.

Orange Players is planning to mount the production during the first two weeks of November 2010. Anyone wishing to apply for a position on the directorial staff must provide copies of their current resume and references (including contact information) to Orange Players no later than June 1, 2010.

Submissions can be mailed to: Orange Players; Attn: Marianne Miller; P.O. Box 1162; Orange, CT 06477 or via e-mail to [Marianne\\_Miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Marianne_Miller@sbcglobal.net)

We are also soliciting Producers for this production. If you have an interest in Producing please contact Marianne Miller at [Marianne\\_Miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Marianne_Miller@sbcglobal.net)

## **SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS** **Come join the fun!**



Greetings everyone,

Although our season is almost over we must always be planning and looking ahead to ensure that Orange Players is a vital part of our community and holds a treasured place in our hearts.

Key to those efforts is our Board of Orange Players. These individuals do a great deal to keep the organization moving in a positive direction with the support and encouragement of the general membership. I would like to extend an offer to each and every one of you to consider joining us on the Board for the upcoming season. My hope is that members new to the organization as well as members in long standing would work together on the upcoming Board bringing both experience and diverse perspectives.

If you have an interest in joining us on the Board or perhaps have questions about our efforts and responsibilities, please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-506-8227. I would be more than happy to discuss your interests and any questions you may have.

Allow me to express my thanks for your consideration and my best wishes for the continued success of Orange Players and the 2009/2010 Board.

Best Regards,  
*Patt Bratzke*  
President Elect

**CSI: NEVERLAND - AD FORM**  
**Performances June 11, 12, 18, 19 2010**  
**High Plains Community Center, Orange, CT**

**Program Book Ad Order Form**

**!! DEADLINE: Friday June 4, 2010 !!**

The program will be 8 1/2 x 11 format for each page.

**Please sign me up for the following ad:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1/10 Page (Business Card) @ \$20 (black & white)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 Page @ \$50 (black & white)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 Page @ \$75 (black & white)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page @ \$100 (black & white)\*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page inside back cover (color) @ \$150\*\* (first come - first served)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page back cover (color) @ \$200\*\* (first come - first served)
- \* includes 1 free ticket      \*\* includes 2 free tickets

**Please attach "camera ready" ad (or e-mail separately to:**

**[bjs-ai@juno.com](mailto:bjs-ai@juno.com)**)

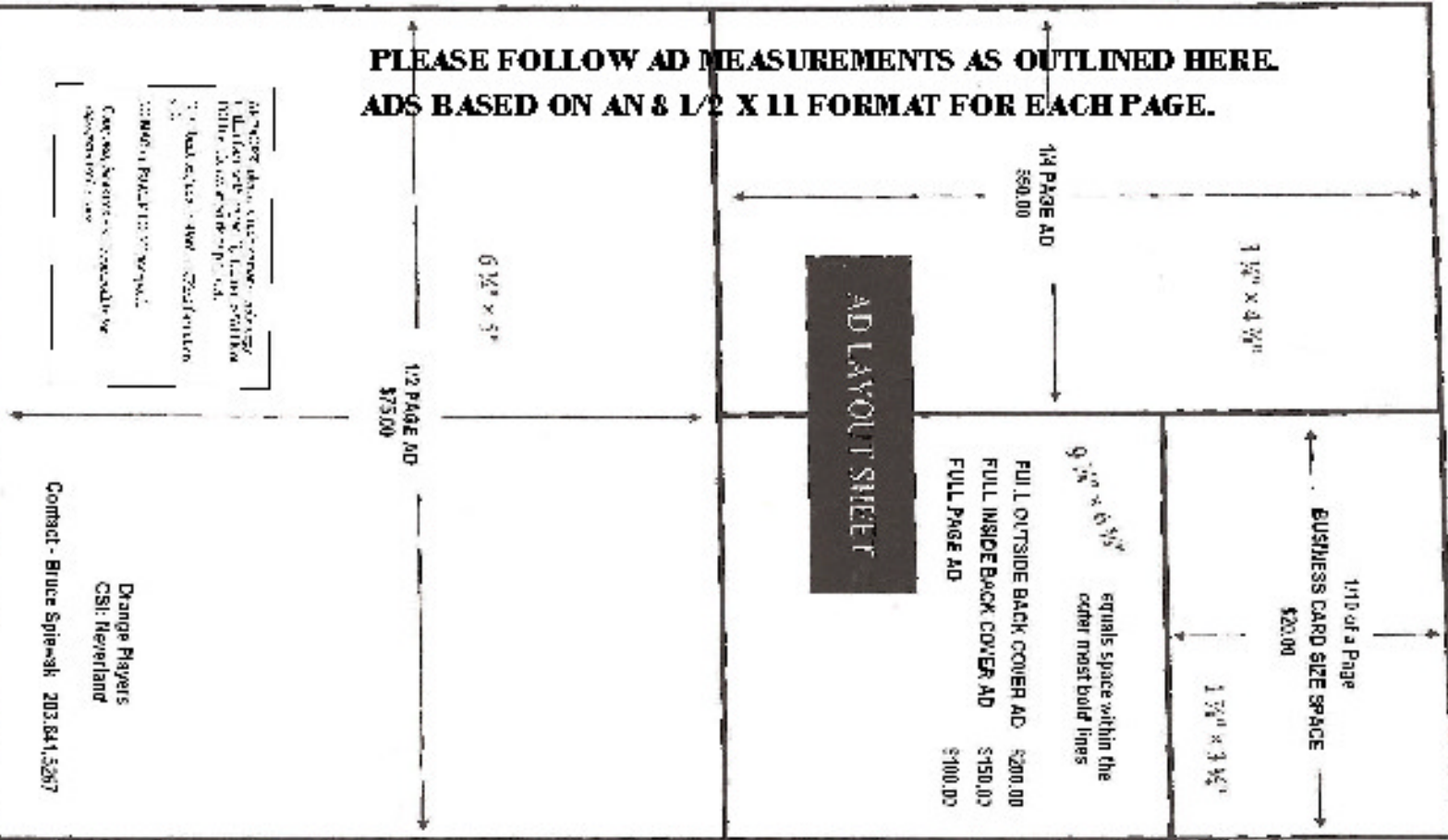
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Please make check out to: "Orange Players" and mail this form with "camera ready" ad to:

Bruce Spiewak, Advertising Coordinator  
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 Orange, CT 06477

Questions? E-mail Bruce at [bjs-ai@juno.com](mailto:bjs-ai@juno.com)

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Orange Players presents

## CSI: NEVERLAND

### TICKET ORDER FORM

#### PERFORMANCE DATES PERFORMANCE TIMES

Friday, June 11th & 18th, 2010 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 12th & 19th, 2010 8:00 p.m.

All performances at High Plains Community Center, Orange Center Rd. Orange, CT 06477

I would like to purchase the following tickets for CSI: Neverland

June 11th \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Tickets @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

June 12th \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Tickets @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

June 18th \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Tickets @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

June 19th \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Tickets @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED = \_\_\_\_\_

*All Seats Reserved – No Refunds*

Method of payment: Check or Cash

***Please make your check payable to: Orange Players***

#### **Please Check One**

I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Mail the tickets to me.

Hold the tickets for me. I will pick them up at the performance.

Mail with payment to:

Orange Players c/o Robin Lewis 195 Meadows End Road Milford, CT 06460

Questions? Send an email to: [orangeplayers@snet.net](mailto:orangeplayers@snet.net) or call the OP Box Office 203.824.1335

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION BELOW

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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