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SUMMER 2013

OUR UPCOMING SHOW

Crimes of the Heart
By Beth Henley

Playcrafters' Fall production takes us to the cozy town of Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Beth Henley's 1981 Pulitzer Prize-winning serio-comedy offers a lively visit with the three MaGrath sisters, as they cope with what one of them calls "a real bad day." Each sister is forced to face the consequences of the "crimes of the heart" she has committed.

Backed by Playcrafters veterans, the show is directed by Flo Federman, produced by Annette Maillard, and stage managed by Vicki Fleming. Auditions are Monday, August 12 and Tuesday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club, 471 Atlantic Ave, Bellport, NY. Southern accents mandatory.

LENNY MAGRATH – Eldest sister. Round figure and face. Unwillingly turning into an old maid. Lenny loves her sisters but is also jealous of them, especially Meg, whom she feels always received preferential treatment.

MEG MAGRATH – Middle sister. Carefree and brazen, with sad, magic eyes. She quickly outgrew her hometown, but is back after a failed singing career on the West Coast.

BABE BOTRELLE – Youngest sister. Defiant, passionate, and naïve. Sheltered from life by her family and her husband, she is now suffering the consequences of her actions – shooting her husband.

CHICK BOYLE – The sisters' starchy, insufferable first cousin. Embarrassed by her ties to the "low class" Magrath sisters.

DOC PORTER – Meg's old boyfriend. An attractively worn man with a slight limp that adds to his seductive quality.

BARNETTE LLOYD – Babe's awkward lawyer. Working to keep her out of jail while trying not to fall in love with her.

OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year at Bellport High School's Senior Awards Night, four very deserving seniors were awarded Playcrafters' Margaret W. Smith Memorial Scholarship. Des Burke and Kathy Loizides presented the awards to the following students:
Julia Bellante, who will major in music education at the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.

Sara Dis will attend Liberty University in Virginia as a pre-med major. Emily Hoff plans to continue her studies as a dance major at the University of California at Irvine. Dominic Mondì has been accepted to the SUNY Oswego School of Communication, Media and the Arts as a broadcasting and mass communications major with a minor in theater.

We congratulate these very talented young people and wish them much success.

THEATER FOLK

Three of our Playcrafters are in the current production, *A Delicate Balance*, at Clare Rose. Please join us in supporting them, July 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28.

Dear Members,

Most of you already know that our recent fundraiser to finance improvements to our new theater space was an enormous success. We are extremely grateful that many of you contributed generously so that we can continue to produce quality shows in the future. Over the summer, improvements will continue and we plan on presenting our first full scale production in the fall - "Crimes Of The Heart".

While we feel blessed for all the monetary support we've recently received, we must sadly report that the show attendance at our last production "Gilbert & Sullivan - A Celebration" was quite frankly a huge disappointment. To those who did attend, I'm sure you'll agree it was a delightful show worth seeing.

While members from groups like BAFFA and Christ Church were well represented, very few members of Playcrafters came to see the show. It was an observation that just has to be mentioned to the rest of our membership.

Again, we are very grateful for all the moral and financial support but we still need bodies in the seats.

Please make it a point to support us with your presence for future shows and bring friends and family while you're at it. After all, they do call it "community theater" for a reason.

Thank you and have a great summer.

-Des Burke
President, Playcrafters