



Mariemont Players Limelight Review July, 2020

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COVID-19 & Season Update

As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, we are taking all government and public health official recommendations into consideration. Based on the current status and projections for the coming months, the MPI Board of Directors has decided to postpone our September production of *The Outsider* and our November production of *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*. Although it saddens us to delay the opening of these two shows, both productions will be moved to our 2021-2022 season and we are so excited to bring these shows to life the way they deserve to be!

It has been so difficult to continue putting live theater on hold the last 5 months, but we remain committed to keeping everyone who enters our theater safe and well so that, when it is safe to return, we can do so stronger than ever.

Regarding season ticket subscriptions:

Because of the uncertainty surrounding when live theater will be safe to resume, the Board of Directors has decided not to sell season ticket subscriptions for the 2020-2021 season. Instead, we will sell tickets on a show-by-show basis, giving priority/pre-sale opportunities to last season's subscribers. Depending on when we are able to produce shows again, we may also sell a reduced subscription package, which will be based on the number of shows our 2020-2021 season produces.

The Board of Directors will decide, two months before a show's scheduled opening, whether or not the show will be produced, and make announcements accordingly.

Please check our website, www.mariemontplayers.com, or our Facebook page (Mariemont Players Inc.) for the most current information and updates.

Thank you for being part of our community. We miss you, and we look forward to seeing you at MPI as soon as it is safe to do so.

2020-2021 Board of Directors

THE MPI MEMBERSHIP HAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE SLATE FOR THE 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS MADE UP OF: KAREN ZAUGG (CHAIR), MARIS RYAN, AND BECKY COLLINS.

THE MARIEMONT PLAYERS INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020-2021 WILL BE COMPRISED OF:

PRESIDENT – PATRICK KRAMER

TREASURER – STEVE WINSLOW

SECRETARY – DAN MALONEY

SR. PRODUCTION VP – VICKI RAFFERTY

JR. PRODUCTION VP – LINDA CALLAHAN

SR. BUSINESS VP – ART KIBBY

JR. BUSINESS VP – DEE ANNE BRYLL

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – MARIS RYAN, KAREN ZAUGG, JACKIE MIESLE, ARNY STOLLER,
NANCY ANN STOREY

2019-2020 ACT Awards!

MARIEMONT PLAYERS HAD AN OUTSTANDING SHOWING AT THE 2019-2020 ACT VIRTUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION. CONGRATULATIONS TO MPI MEMBERS ON THE FOLLOWING:

ART ROUSE AWARD – TOM AND NANCY ANN STOREY

ROGER GROOMS AWARD – JERRY WIESENHAHN

OCTA SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY THEATER – JOEL LIND

RISING STAR – BECKY COLLINS

GREASE (32 NOMINATIONS, 7 AWARDS)

EXCELLENCE IN MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE – ADRIANNA BORIS

EXCELLENCE IN MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE – DEVOHN JACKSON

EXCELLENCE IN CHOREOGRAPHY – JACKIE MIESLE

EXCELLENCE IN SET DESIGN – DAN DERMODY

EXCELLENCE IN HAIR/WIGS – MANNY FRIAS

EXCELLENCE IN COSTUMES – KATHERINE JANE

EXCELLENCE IN VOCAL DIRECTION – ZACHERY RIGGINS

IS HE DEAD? (48 NOMINATIONS, 13 AWARDS)

EXCELLENCE IN ENSEMBLE – THE CAST

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – PATRICK KRAMER

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – DANNY DAVIES

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – RYAN BOWRON

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – CAT COOK

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – DARREN LEE

EXCELLENCE IN SET DESIGN – DAN DERMODY

EXCELLENCE IN SET DECOR – VICKI RAFFERTY, DAN DERMODY

EXCELLENCE IN SET CONSTRUCTION – BILL PAULY & CREW

EXCELLENCE IN COSTUMES – ELIZABETH MOLLOY

EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCING – JACKIE MIESLE, VICKI RAFFERTY, AIMEE WARD

EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM – TERESA JOHNS

EXCELLENCE IN PROPERTIES – VICKI RAFFERTY, PATRICIA MULLINS

BROADWAY BOUND (35 NOMINATIONS, 10 AWARDS)

EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL PERFORMANCE QUALITY – JERRY WIESENHAHN & CAST

EXCELLENCE IN ENSEMBLE – JERRY WIESENHAHN & CAST

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – LINDA CALLAHAN

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – JAKE HART

EXCELLENCE IN COSTUMES – SHARON ANN SHELTON

EXCELLENCE IN DIRECTING – JERRY WIESENHAHN

EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCING – KRISTEN VINCENTY

EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM ART – TERESA JOHNS

EXCELLENCE IN SET DECOR – VICKI RAFFERTY

EXCELLENCE IN SET DESIGN – BILL PAULY, RYAN OELKER

EVELYN IN PURGATORY (40 NOMINATIONS, 14 AWARDS)

EXCELLENCE IN ENSEMBLE – JENNIFER KEITH & CAST

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – HEATHER ABBOTT

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – CATHY ROSS

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – CHESSIE VIGRAN

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – EVAN BLANTON

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – CHUCK INGRAM

EXCELLENCE IN ACTING – AIMEE WARD

EXCELLENCE IN COSTUMES – DENNIS MURPHY

EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCING – BETSY BOSSART, PATRICK KRAMER

EXCELLENCE IN SET DESIGN – RYAN OELKER

EXCELLENCE IN SET DECOR – VICKI RAFFERTY

EXCELLENCE IN DIRECTION – JENNIFER KEITH

EXCELLENCE IN LIGHT DESIGN – JEF BROWN

EXCELLENCE IN STAGE MANAGEMENT – BECKY COLLINS

A Note Regarding Membership:

MPI Membership = check!

This is the time of year that we would normally be asking members to re-up their membership, as the 2020-2021 membership year began July 1st, in order to continue receiving The Limelight Review, party invitations, and other news.

However, with times being what they are, the Mariemont Players Board of Directors has decided to extend/continue all current memberships for the 2020-2021 membership year. No action is needed – your membership will automatically roll over to the upcoming year and you will continue to receive communications as usual. We are so grateful for the support of our members, and we look forward to the day that we can all be together again and celebrate our wonderful theater!

We're Hiring!

Mariemont Players is looking to hire a new Box Office Manager!

Although we are on an ongoing/indefinite intermission, we are still accepting applicants for our open Box Office Manager position. If you (or someone you know) would like to be involved with one of Cincinnati's longest running community theaters, we'd love to talk to you. This is a paid position, with a pending start date.

Please send a resume and cover letter to **Pat Kramer** at prkramer@gmail.com

[Review the full job description here!](#)



All Around Town

- Chessie Vigran** will play Sophia (virtually) in Equality Productions' *The Golden Girls* episodes – late July/August.
- Laura Berkemeier** will play Molly (virtually) in the Footlighters Inc. Virtual Radio Show, *Fibber McGee and Molly Making Fudge!* Performances will be available online July 25-26, 2020.
- Peggy Allen** and **Patricia Mullins** will perform in The Drama Workshop's production of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]*, directed by **Becky Collins**, assistant directed by **Betsy Bossart**. August 7-23.
- We look forward to seeing our members involved around town when things get (safely) back up and running! If you have any upcoming performances (virtual, perhaps?), please email Jackie at jmiesle@gmail.com to be featured in the "All Around Town" section!**

MPI Culture - Who We Are

We believe that stating our shared values and who we are as a community strengthens and fosters our organization and our members. The Mariemont Players Culture Statement and Code of Conduct are both summarized on the back/second page of our Membership Form (enclosed, at the end of the newsletter). If you haven't read it recently, take a minute to review it and read about who we strive to be every day!

Follow Us!



Let's be social!
Like/Follow **Mariemont Players Inc.**
on Facebook for updates, pictures, and more.



Mariemont Players Membership Application

Participation in any capacity with Mariemont Players requires membership. Membership entitles you to voting privileges (18 & older), the Limelight Review newsletter, and participation in all member social activities. Membership dues expire at the end of the fiscal year (June 30th). Membership dues paid for the July show will be extended through the next fiscal year.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – Please include contact information and email address, so that you may receive our newsletter, "The Limelight Review".

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Please sign below, acknowledging that you have read the Culture of Mariemont Players and Code of Conduct Summary on the back of this form:

Acknowledgement Signature: _____ Date _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Please check appropriate membership box:

\$15 - Individual membership \$25 - Family membership
Family Members: _____

Associate member (*free*) available only for crew and crafts persons: *List job served:* _____

Associate member may not appear on stage in an acting role, vote, hold office, produce, or direct.

\$5 - Junior membership (*under 18*) Parent Signature: _____

MPI Donors Play a Part

We strive continuously to improve our facility to provide a more enjoyable theater experience for everyone. Recent improvements include an auditorium renovation with new theater seats, upgraded lighting control system, and a new modern audio mixer. These were made possible by the generosity of MPI Donors. Donations are tax-deductible and are acknowledged in the show program. Your donation can be included with your membership application. Select one of the following levels and add the tax-deductible contribution amount to your membership dues payment below.

\$100+ Director \$75-99 Producer \$50-74 Angel \$25-49 Quarter Club \$15-24 Patron

How would you like your name(s) to appear on the program donation page?

Names for Program: _____

Membership Dues: \$ _____

Tax Deductible Contribution: \$ _____

Total Payment Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Mariemont Players.

Send completed application with payment to:

Mariemont Players Membership Chair

4101 Walton Creek Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Culture of Mariemont Players

We are DEDICATED TO ETHICAL AND ARTISTIC STANDARDS

We are responsible for our commitments and hold ourselves accountable to deadlines and obligations. We respect others' opinions and ideas, promptly communicate schedules, and attend to conflict in a constructive manner.

We are FAMILY

We accept our colleagues for who they are. We laugh together, support each other through good and bad times, and celebrate group and personal accomplishments. We treat our facilities like home and our colleagues with respect.

We embrace CONVERSATION

We communicate honestly. We understand that mistakes happen, and when they do, we apologize, and we acknowledge them and learn from them.

We are PASSIONATE

We are dedicated to our art form. Our creative work gives us satisfaction and fulfillment. We learn from our colleagues as we seek to be pioneers in the world of community theater. We reward our mental and physical labor by creating a congenial place where we can safely communicate our passion, where everyone belongs to our family.

Code of Conduct Summary for Mariemont Players

Mariemont Players strives to maintain a safe and creative work environment where everyone is treated in a professional manner and with respect.

Mariemont Players does not tolerate discrimination, harassment, or retaliation against our volunteers, contractors, or audience members.

Mariemont Players does not tolerate harassment based on gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, political affiliation, or ancestry.

Mariemont Players does not tolerate verbal abuse or bullying.

Inappropriate conduct with any minor is prohibited and must be reported in accordance with the Mariemont Players' Guidance for the Protection of Minors policy.

Incidents can be reported to the President, the Senior VP of Production, or the Senior VP of Business. Mariemont Players takes reports seriously.

An individual who is found to have engaged in conduct prohibited by Mariemont Players policy will be subject to discipline, up to revocation of membership in Mariemont Players. Remedial action will be taken to remedy the effects of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation that is found to have occurred.