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Your Ticket to Pittsville Area Community Theater News

Spring 2011

Meet our Director!

Introducing Sean Hanlin

First, I am thrilled to be given the chance to direct the summer show for PACT. I want to personally thank the board for their faith in me. I have been active in theatre in and around Central Wisconsin for the past 20 years. I was educated at UWSP, and have worked on many shows there and at the Wood. I could spend the whole of my allotted space talking about my history. I could tell you that I have worked on over 50 productions in every capacity a person can work on a show. I could tell you that I have directed *The Glass Menagerie*, *Waiting for Godot* and *12 Angry Men*. Every director, actor, tech and designer has such a list. But, I'd prefer to introduce myself by telling you what I stand for and what you can expect if you join us this summer.



Theatre truly belongs to the communities to which it serves; it lives and breathes within us all. We have all seen a great actor or a great performance and thought to ourselves, "God, how do they do that?" Well, let me tell you something, that spark is within us all, and all it takes to find it is to try. Yes, simply try. Go out, break out of your comfort zone and put yourself out there for the world to see. But it's not all about the actors, (despite what many of them would have you believe). If acting isn't your thing, we will have plenty of other work to do, from tech to costumes to lights. We can find a way to use your talents. We make two things on every show that I work on; first and foremost, we make our cast our family. Secondly, we work with that family to make great theatre! I will not lie to you and pretend that it will always be easy. We will work hard, because this community deserves greatness, and have no doubt, the greatness is there. Will we have fun? *You bet we will.* Will we learn from each other? *Yes we will!* Will we find greatness? *Yes, you can bet we will.* So, please join me in May for tryouts. Step forward, bring your experiences into our family, and let's touch greatness together.

AUDITION INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES:

Roles are available for nine men and six women.

AUDITIONS

Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19

6:30 p.m. at Pittsville Schools Auditorium

Actors will be asked to read from scripts.

REHEARSALS Begin Wednesday, June 1

Rehearsals will be held several evenings a week, depending on the size of the role.



PLAY PERFORMANCES

Thursday - Saturday, July 21-23

7:30 pm

Sunday, July 24

2:00 pm (matinee)

Cast of Characters

* Indicates major-sized role

The characters include:

***Tracy Lord** - (ages 18-29) A strikingly lovely socialite bride-to-be of 24, described by most as a "queen."

***CK Dexter Haven** - (ages 26-40) Tracy's first husband. He is very upper class, plays polo, and designs and races sailboats.

Dinah Lord - (ages 14-18) Tracy's sister, is fifteen and doesn't miss a trick. She prefers Dexter to George and makes no attempt to hide the fact.

George Kittredge - (ages 32-38) Tracy's fiancé. A self-made coal mining tycoon, he's new to the upper class set, and still a bit rough around the edges.

Elizabeth (Liz) Imbrie - (ages 25-34) A photographer who is in love with Connor, but doesn't want to get in his way just yet. She's not thrilled with her current assignment, but money is money.

***Macaulay (Mike) Connor** - (ages 25-34) A reporter who is, in Tracy's words, "an intellectual snob." He's got definite opinions about the upper class, and hates the fact that he has been reduced to writing exposés on the rich and famous.

Margaret Lord - (ages 45-55) The supportive wife and mother who loves unconditionally.

Seth Lord - (ages 52-62) Tracy's father and a well known philanderer, rumored to be having an affair with Tina Mara, the Broadway actress. He blames Tracy's aloofness and unforgiving ways for his indiscretions.

Uncle Willie - (ages 55-65) Uncle Willie is, in Tracy's words, a pincher. He's got an eye for anything in a skirt. He's not fond of Kittredge, but enjoys getting to play the part of Seth for awhile.

Alexander (Sandy) Lord - (ages 25-35) Tracy's older brother. A true family man, he is always one step ahead of the paparazzi. His schemes bring the reporters to the house for the wedding, which has such consequences.

Thomas - (ages 40-65)

Elsie - (ages 20-55)

Mac - (ages 20-50)

May - (ages 20-50)

Edward - (ages 20-50)

In addition to actors, volunteers are needed for backstage roles, including: set construction, properties, costumes, ticket sales, and hospitality - just to name a few! Please email info@pittsvilleact.org for more info or to volunteer.



Save the dates for these upcoming PACT events!

• AUDITIONS FOR "THE PHILADELPHIA STORY"
Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 & 19
6:30 pm • Pittsville Schools Auditorium

• PERFORMANCES OF "THE PHILADELPHIA STORY"
Thursday - Saturday, July 21-23 7:30 pm
Sunday, July 24 2:00 pm (matinee)

PACT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

1. **Volunteer** - To be a part of upcoming productions email PACT at info@pittsvilleact.org.

2. **Donate** - A donation of ANY amount will be greatly appreciated. Your gift is tax deductible. Just make out a check to PACT and mail it to PACT, P.O. Box 222, Pittsville, WI 54466. Funding for future performances depends on support from people like you.

YOUR NAME COULD BE IN OUR "SPOTLIGHT" AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:

Yes, I would like to support PACT at the following level:

- Stage Hand Up to \$15.00
- Extra \$16.00 to \$49.00
- Director \$50.00 to \$99.00
- Star \$100.00 to \$199.00
- Super Star \$200.00 or more

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Auditions for
"The Philadelphia Story"
May 18-19!

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P.O. Box 222
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2011 Summer Production - The Philadelphia Story

Who will be left standing at the altar in this hilarious romantic comedy?

The Philadelphia Story is a wonderfully funny, yet poignant tale about our search for companionship - Mr. or Mrs. Right. Tracy Lord, a part originated by Kathryn Hepburn, is part of the rich and famous Philadelphia elite. She is engaged to be married to a working class man, George. But all is not right. She is a strong willed independent woman, desperately searching for her place in a world that doesn't always accept independent women. To complicate her life, her father has been carrying on an affair with a famous actress. To bury this scandal Sandy Lord, her brother, bribes Tracy's uncle to pretend to be her father and makes a deal with a tabloid to allow them access to the wedding if they will stop the story of the affair. Enter brilliant but dissatisfied reporter, Mike Conner, who turns Tracy's world upside down. Mike of course, detests her right away, which only makes Tracy pay more attention to him. Following Mike is Liz, his smart as a whip photographer, who also secretly loves him. If that weren't enough, Dexter, Tracy's ex-husband with whom she may still be in love, shows up for the festivities. All this culminates in a spectacular wedding; however, just to whom becomes the question. Along for the ride are her mother and smart mouthed little sister. To top it all off, her father decides to show up uninvited. So come along for the ride, and share in the story, *The Philadelphia Story*.

Pittsville Area Community Theater requests the honor of your presence at:

The Philadelphia Story

A Romantic Comedy
by Philip Barry

Directed by Sean Hanlin

July 21-24, 2011
Pittsville Schools Auditorium

Admission: Adults - \$10 • Ages 6-12 - \$5 • Preschool - Free

Tickets on sale after July 1 at Baum's Mercantile, Pittsville; Mittens Furniture, Appliances & Electronics, Marshfield; the Arts Council, Wisconsin Rapids and at the door on show dates.

The *Philadelphia Story* is produced by arrangement with the Samuel French Publishing Company.

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