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The Women By Clare Booth Luce

The Women, directed by Telli Luneack and set/staged in the 1930's, follows the lives of a handful of wealthy Manhattan women, focusing in particular on Mary Haines, the cheerful, contented wife of Stephen and mother of Little Mary. After a bit of gossip flies around the salon these wealthy women visit, Mary's friend and cousin Sylvia Fowler learns from a manicurist, Olga, that Mary's husband has been having an affair with a predatory perfume counter girl named Crystal Allen. A notorious gossip, Sylvia delights in sharing the news with Mary's other friends, and sets up Mary with an appointment with Olga so that she hears the same rumor about Stephen's infidelity. The tension and comedy escalate from this point!

Women will appreciate the antics and subterfuge, men will find it a very insightful look into the minds of women! The cast features nearly thirty roles and there is not a man in it!

The Cast, in Alphabetical Order



Angie Ballard, Countess De Lage; Allie Crimin, Pedicurist/2nd Sales Girl/ 2nd Cutie Girl; Annie Bourbonaise, Fitter/Cigarettes, Carolyn Peacock, Mrs. Morehead; Colleen Crimin, Jane the maid; Tincy Goggin, 2nd Saleswoman/2nd Society Woman; Daisy Becket, Miss Fordyce; Dawn Landis, Miss Watts; Iduna Bever, Crystal Allen; Jane Keon, Lucy/Olga; Jenna Thayer, Little Mary; Kari Filipiak, Model (Miss Myrtle)/Girl in Distress; Kelly Rule, Sylvia Fowler; Laurie Harrison, Sadie; Lori Apple, Princess Tamara/ 1st Society Woman; Lynne Peacock, Mary Haines; Melissa Strait, Nancy Blake; Michelle Lucchesi, 1st Hairstylist/Instructress/Nurse; Molly Sheets, Little Mary; Pepper McConnell, 2nd Hairstylist/Miss Trimmerback/Dowager/1st Sales Woman; Rachael Thayer, Maggie the cook; Samantha Smith, 2nd Model (corset)/ 1st Cutie Girl; Sarah McConnell, Euphie/1st Sales Girl/ Debutante; Stephanie Leppien, Peggy Day; Tara Roberts, Miriam Aarons; Taylor Sawyer, Edith Potter.

Show dates are February 19, 20, 27, 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and February 21 and 29, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling the box office at 989 463-2593 or on our WEB site, www.gratiotcountyplayers.com. The box office is open Monday thru Thursday the week prior to each weekend performance, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Marquee Roof Repaired

Thanks to the efforts of Wayne Wieferich, working with Lott Construction, our Marquee roof has been repaired. Julie Frick, GCP board member, accepted an award from the Alma Action Committee for our efforts in improving our building.

We have raised around \$1500 toward the \$5000 cost of the repairs through your generous donations at our dollar raffle, held at all our shows this season. With two more shows to go we will have six more chances to send a lucky patron home with some extra money as well as add some more funds to deter our cost of the roof repair. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Bring those extra bills with you for a chance to win. Winners are drawn and prize money given the same night.

2010-1011 Ticket Prices

After careful consideration by the GCP Board of Directors, we find that we must make a small upward adjustment of our ticket prices for the upcoming season. Our theatre has experienced the same cost increases as everyone else when it comes to gas, electricity and phone bills. In order to continue to bring you quality productions we find it necessary to raise ticket prices to keep up with the rising cost of bills. For example, the electric bill for one month costs us over \$1000.

As of the opening of this season ticket prices will be adjusted as follows:

Adults \$12.00 Senior Citizens \$10 Students will remain at \$6.00

We have also found it necessary to redefine students as persons 18 years of age and under.

IMPORTANT! CHANGE IN SHOW TIMES FOR THE 2009-2010 SEASON

The Gratiot County Players Board of Directors have elected to change the start time for our Friday and Saturday performance for our upcoming season. This was done to make show attendance and participation more convenient for both patrons and actors alike.

Friday and Saturday performances will start at 7:00 p.m. while our Sunday matinees will remain at 3:00 p.m. Please make note of this time change!

Ceiling Fans Installed

With thanks again to Wayne Wieferich, our ceiling fans have been installed in the auditorium and have been driving that precious heat down to the floor since mid-December 2009. The fans, although somewhat noisy, have made a difference in the comfort level this Winter. They will be turned off during our performances so as to not interfere with patrons' enjoyment of the show, and reactivated at the conclusion of the performance.

"The Women" Production Team

No show would ever run without a great production team. Our thanks to the following persons who have made "The Women" come to life on our stage:

Telli Luneack	Director
Roger Allman	Lighting
Dan Alonzi	Sound
Kevin Fitzgibbon	Producer
Joanne Allman	Costumes
Al Bartholomew	Set Design/Construction
Mike Duda	Set Design/Construction
Greg Johnston	Stage Manager
Tom Brackbill	Set Crew
Pam Brackbill	Set Crew

1776 Opening April 30, 2010

The historical musical, 1776, will open on the Gratiot County Players stage on April 30th.



This stunning production portrays the final days prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Told in song and powerful drama this show is appropriate for all ages and a wonderful educational experience for the young.

Summer Youth Workshop 2010

The Summer Youth Workshop is an opportunity for youth ages 6-18 * to learn about the theater, and participate in a performance for their friends and family to enjoy. The youth participate in a seven-week workshop that culminates in a performance that is open to the public. Due to the growing number of children who have participated in the last few productions, this year's workshop will be slightly different in that there will be two separate productions. The first show will involve the younger and less experienced children. The children who have participated in several Summer Youth Workshops will mentor this group, followed by rehearsal for their own production.

The Gratiot County Players' Summer Youth Workshop registration will be in early June (watch the website) at the theater. Rehearsals will start on June 14th, and will run Monday through Wednesday. The performances will be 7/30/10, 7/31/10, and 8/1/10.

* Children aged 6-9 must have a responsible adult at the theater during rehearsals

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BOX OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that our box office is open the week prior to each weekend performance. You can purchase and exchange tickets Monday through Thursday from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

When you purchase your tickets ahead of time you can save a wait in line and go directly to your seat. This is especially helpful for our senior citizens and those requiring special seating arrangements.

If you are a Season Ticket Holder you may exchange your tickets at this time also. If you are unable to attend a show, save your ticket, it is worth cash! You can exchange tickets from one show for another, thus retaining the value of your Season Ticket purchase.

Reservations can be made on our WEB site: www.gratiotcountyplayers.com or by calling the theatre at 463-2593. When phoning in a reservation please be sure to speak clearly and spell your last name for us!

We look forward to welcoming all of you back to our next production!

PLEASE NOTE: ANY RESERVED TICKET(S) NOT PICKED UP BY 15 MINUTES TO CURTAIN WILL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.