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Isn't She Lovely? *Leading Ladies* opens June 19!

Take two third-rate Shakespearean actors, throw in a get rich quick scheme, have those two actors pose as women, then throw in the fact one of them is falling in love with a woman who is supposedly their cousin, and you have the wildly chaotic and hilarious *Leading Ladies*, opening on June 19 and continuing through June 28.

The story starts out simply enough: Leo Clark and Jack Gable are struggling actors performing *Scenes from Shakespeare* on the Moose Lodge circuit in 1952. They learn of an elderly woman who is in desperate search for her two long lost English nephews, who are slated to inherit her fortune. Leo and Jack think their ship has come in. After all, they are actors, right? Surely they can pull this off. But a surprise awaits them when they arrive.

Those long lost relations aren't nephews at all, but nieces. So once Leo and Jack become "Maxine"

and "Stephanie", the fun really begins. Adding to complications is Meg, the woman's legitimate niece who is engaged to the local minister and quickly befriends "Maxine", who is rapidly falling in love with her.

The "Leading Ladies" of the PIPs production are veteran PIPs performer Jonathan Manning as Leo, and PIPs newcomer Ben Jenkins as Jack. Jonathan has been seen on our stage many times, in such productions as *Greetings! Rumors*, and most recently, *I Ought to be in Pictures*. Although new to the PIPs stage, Ben was most recently seen in *On Golden Pond* and *Born Yesterday* with PCT.

Several other PIPs veterans are featured in the cast as well. Holly Johnson, seen in our productions of *Move Over, Mrs. Markham*, *Taking Leave*, and most recently *Blithe Spirit* is featured as Meg, and Lydia Mugler, also seen in *Blithe Spirit* and *Move Over, Mrs. Markham*, among many others, plays Florence. Carsten Berndt, who

was featured in our productions of *The Mousetrap* and *Hello, Dolly!* portrays Duncan, Meg's fiancé and local minister, and Mike White, seen in our production of *The Crucible*, among many others, portrays Doc. We are excited to welcome PIPs newcomers Kevin Chigos-White, seen as Butch, Doc's son, and Katrina Murphy as Audrey.

The production is directed by Linda Marley Smith, who brings a wealth of directing and performing experience to our stage. The production is Stage Managed by Sheri Beyrau and produced by Kimberly Vernall.

Leading Ladies opens Friday, June 19 at 8:00 PM. Additional performances will be held June 20, 26 and 27 at 8:00 PM and June 21 and 28 at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 General Admission, \$13.00 for Students and Seniors, \$10.00 for Active Duty Military with ID. A group rate for groups of 10 or more is also available. Reservations may be made by calling the PIPs box office, (757) 881-9797.

Important News about Parking!

*****Please Note*****

Parking is no longer permitted on Poplar Street, the street that runs along the side of Poquoson Middle School.

Parking is still available in front of the school and in the back parking lot behind the gym. When parking in that lot, please use the doors next to the gym. You will be entering through the cafeteria. Come through the cafeteria and come down the hall to the auditorium.

Auditions!

Auditions for our season opener, the comedy *Never Too Late*, will be held on **July 26 and 27 at 7:00 PM in the PIPs rehearsal Building, 962 Poquoson Avenue, Poquoson.**

Cast Requirements:

Harry Lambert : 50's – used to having things his way at home

Edith Lambert : 40's – the model wife of the 1950's

Grace Kimbrough:– 40's – Edith's best friend and a feminist

Dr. James Kimbrough:– 40's -50's – Grace's husband, family friend and doctor to the Lamberts

Charlie: son-in-law to the Lamberts. Late 20's-early 30's. Hasn't found himself yet

Kate: The Lambert's daughter. Immature, spoiled, still a good daughter

Mr. Foley: Contractor. 30's + - practical man of few words

Mayor Crane : 40's + - loves being mayor, can be officious.

Policeman: 20's + - just trying to do his job

For more information, contact director Eileen Engel at 726-0166.

Announcing our 25th Anniversary Season

It's hard to believe, but September will kick off our 25th Anniversary Season! We're very excited about the three shows we have lined up, in addition to some special events to help us commemorate the past 25 years.

Kicking off our season is the comedy, *Never Too Late*. This Broadway hit tells the story of a man in his fifties, whose life is suddenly turned upside down by the news his wife is pregnant. Their only child, a 24 year old daughter and her husband live with them, so he considers the prospect of another child unthinkable. Not only that, but Edith, his previously meek wife, begins to lay down the law. With some striking similarities to the classic television hit *All In the Family*, you will definitely want to catch this show, opening September 18 and continuing through September 27.

Opening January 29 and continuing through February 7 is *Over The River And Through The Woods*, a delightful comedy about Nick, a young man with strong attachments to his four grandparents, and the difficulty he faces when he is offered a fantastic job in Seattle and must leave them. The grandparents then decide to do all they can to keep Nick with them....even if it means finding him a girlfriend. If you have grandparents, or if you are a grandparent, you won't want to miss this one!

We finish our season with a classic; Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*. With songs like *I Get A Kick Out of You*, *All Through the Night*, *Friendship*, *You're the Top*, *It's Develvely*, and of course, the title song, *Anything Goes* is a musical classic the whole family can enjoy. *Anything Goes* opens June 11 and continues through June 20.

In addition, we will also be hosting a special 25th Anniversary Celebration event on April 17. If you have enjoyed our musicals in the past, you won't want to miss this production as we re-visit some of our favorite musicals we have produced for you over the years. We're in the process of rounding up some of the original cast members of PIPs productions, so mark your calendar now for this very special musical event.

Join us for Dinner and a Show on June 27!

PIPs is excited to announce we will be teaming with the Poquoson Women's Club for a dinner theater on June 27. The Women's Club will be hosting a pre-show dinner; doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and dessert served during the show's intermission. Dinner will be served at the Poquoson Women's Club, 9 Cedar Rd. in Poquoson. The menu consists of Tossed Garden Salad, Chicken Supreme over Rice, Carrot Soufflé, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls and Butter and Beverages.

Tickets are \$32.00 per person and may be reserved by calling 868-6688. Reservations must be made by June 20. Season ticket holders are asked to mention they are season ticket holders at the time of reservation.

A tasty way to raise dough

Join us at Uno's in the Village Square Shopping Center at Kiln Creek to help raise money for the PIPs upcoming season. Uno's will donate up to 20% of your check (not including tax and tip) to our organization for purchases made from Friday, June 19 to Sunday, June 28, 2009. All you need is a fundraising form that will be available from any board member or on our website. The form will also be available at all performances of *Leading Ladies*. Don't have time to dine at Uno's? Pick up a gift card....that also counts toward this benefit! So plan ahead and purchase those Father's day gifts, birthday gifts or just because cards between June 19 and June 28 and help PIPs in this fund raising event!



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