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"AUDITION NOTICE NUNSENSE"

Dartmouth Players will be holding open auditions for the award-winning musical comedy "*Nunsense*," by Dan Goggin, and directed by Geoff Ball.

The musical is a "Show-within-a-show." Five lovably lively nuns decide to produce a benefit talent show in order to raise money to bury four nuns accidentally poisoned by the convent cook. Their characters, the music, the jokes, the bloopers and unexpected outcomes all add up to an evening of hilarity for everyone, regardless of religious beliefs.

Actors will be asked to read a piece of text (provided); sing a song they have prepared; and do some movement/dance steps (no preparation required).

Five females are needed. The age of four of the nuns is very flexible. The fifth should be able to appear young (early 20's if possible).

All must be able to portray very individual, very human, characters in fast-paced interaction with others. All roles are major, and ensemble acting is crucial.

All must be strong singers, capable of Broadway tunes, solo to quintet, with a bit of Gospel, Country, and Doo-Wop. All should be capable of very basic dance steps. The roles:

Mother Superior; controlling, but caring; feisty but with a weakness for the spotlight.

Mistress of Novices; dynamic, competes with Mother Superior; sings Gospel as well as Broadway
Sister Robert Anne; street-wise, but with a heart of conscientious gold.

Sister Mary Amnesia; sweet, innocent (lost memory) and enthusiastic, but with an undercurrent of devilry. Sings a "duet" with herself (ventriloquism optional); a bit of Country and a bit of Mozart coloratura. Should be able to semi-improv with audience.

Sister Mary Leo; The Novice. Should appear young. Wants to be the first ballerina nun. Should have some ballet ability, preferably in toe shoes.

Auditions will be Sunday, August 20, 1 to 4 pm; Monday, August 21, 7 to 10 pm; Dartmouth Players Theatre, 33 Crichton Ave., Dartmouth. "Nunsense" will run from November 8 to 25, with 14 performances.

People interested in back stage work should attend the auditions. Many are required, including ASM(s), Lighting, Sound, Props, Sets, etc.

If you are unable to attend the auditions, or if you require further information, contact the Director, Geoff Ball at 463-1082 or Beachball46@hotmail.com

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Dartmouth Players 2006-2007 Season

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September 5	General Meeting – 7:30 at the Theatre
Sept. 13-16	"All That Jazz" – Performing Arts Program

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Ages 8 and up welcome.

SUMMER CAMPS

Course Date

- August 14 through August 25, 2006 (**2 WEEK**)
\$200.00 (MARITIME IDOL DISNEY STYLE)

Time: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

FALL PROGRAM

Course Dates:

Saturday

September 16 – December 9, 2006
10:00 am–1:00 pm

Tuesday night

September 12 – December 5, 2006
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Tuesday night ADULT 18 AND OVER

September 12 – December 5, 2006
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Location:

Dartmouth Players Theatre (33 Crichton Avenue
Dartmouth)

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Call Susie at 462 6704 to register.

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Single Play Tickets: Adults - \$12.00
Senior/Students - \$10.00

Deadline for 4 plays is **November 5, 2006**

Deadline for 3 plays is **January 8, 2007**

Simply contact Cliff Tyner at 434-1078
or ctyner@eastlink.ca

DP Wants Your E-mail Address

The Dartmouth Players maintains an e-mail list for their theatre/audience members. This list is used in e-mailing the weekly Theatre Nova Scotia Newsletter "Newslink" and in sending out notices for play and audition notices for our own and other local amateur and professional non-union productions.

If we don't have your e-mail address, you will unfortunately miss out on a lot of opportunities. If you want to be included in our e-mail service, e-mail info@dartmouthplayers.ns.ca and ask to have your e-mail address added to our list, or corrected if you have changed your e-mail address, and we will be happy to do so.

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF DARTMOUTH PLAYERS:

Through the Clare Authers Memorial Scholarship Program the Dartmouth Players offers its members an opportunity to advance their skills in the creative arts – Whether it be voice, movement, acting. If you have a course in any of these mediums that you would like to take, please submit an application to Susie Keating. Applications can be obtained through Susie Keating by phoning: 902-462-6704

OUR SEASON OPENER!

Back By Popular Demand

The Performing Arts Program will sing, dance and entertain you on Murders Row. Ten very talented Actresses in fishnet stockings and two guest actors will Razzle Dazzle you with *All That Jazz* and more. Come enjoy an evening where crimes of passion result in celebrity headlines and nightclub sensations, where a shifty lawyer can turn criminals into local legends

Performance Dates: Sept 13, 14, 15, 16

Time: 8:00 p.m.

**Location: Dartmouth Players Theatre
33 Crichton Avenue, Dartmouth**

2006-2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President's Report:

We have a terrific new season coming your way, starting with our first main stage presentation of "Nonsense" - a comedy/musical, to be directed by Geoff Ball. If you are worried about laugh lines, please don't come to this show. And, as in the past, we will open our doors with a "Season Opener", and this year we are pleased to be bringing back "All that Jazz" as our "Season Opener" offering. If you didn't get a chance to see this before, make sure you take it in this time around. Truly enjoyable!

Of course, we all know, that running a theatre is not just about putting on wonderful shows - there is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into place in keeping our theatre running. And in this regard, the Board has been busy over the past couple of months working through some items that involve the operation of the theatre.

First, we are happy to say that we are now lining ourselves up to be able to accept Visa and MasterCard payments for our shows. In addition to this, it is now the policy of the Dartmouth Players that for group bookings over 6 that it will be necessary to make these reservations using a Visa or MasterCard.

Second, the Dartmouth Players appreciates that some of our audience have special needs such as poor hearing, poor eyesight, physical impairment, wheelchair user, etc. etc. We are pleased to offer reserved seating in the lower or front rows, or on the isle, for any of you who have special needs, however, this offer is extended **ONLY** to the person who is disabled, and a helper, if necessary. We also ask you, if the special needs seating is no longer required, to let us know **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, by calling 465-PLAY and leaving a message.

These new policies are being put in place to better serve you, our very valuable audience, and we hope that these changes will be of benefit to all.

Well, that's it for now - and we'll see you in September..... wasn't that a song????

Ruth Flemming
President

DARTMOUTH PLAYERS

2006-2007 SEASON

Our Fall Selection:

November 8 – 25, 2006

NUNSENSE: A musical comedy, book, music, and lyrics by Dan Goggin

When the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that they don't have enough money to bury four of the fifty-two nuns accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, five lovably wacky nuns rise to the occasion by producing a benefit musical show!

"Nunsense", with all its bloopers and unexpected twists, will keep you laughing from curtain to curtain. Who said nuns are not people?! Five live-wire characters bring real life to the stage through song, dance and comical dialogue, endearing themselves to you as very varied individuals, not stuffy symbols. Whatever your religious beliefs, you'll find it hilarious!

"Nunsense," a musical comedy, won 4 Critics' Circle Awards, including Best Off-Broadway Musical.

Will the four nuns stay in the convent freezer? Will any of the nuns become stars? Find out the answers to these and many other intriguing questions on November 8 to 25, 2006!

"Laughter will be much more than a habit!!!"

Directed by Geoff Ball

Our Winter Selection:

January 24 – February 10, 2007

TRIBUTE: a comedy/drama by Bernard Slade.

Scottie Templeton's a charming, irresponsible fellow. A sometime Broadway press agent and former scriptwriter, he's everyone's friend, nobody's hero and a great womanizer who's managed to live over fifty years without taking anything seriously including love, marriage and fatherhood. Life's been one continuous gag.

But at fifty-one, he finds the script's been rewritten as a tragedy: he is fatally ill. His son Jud, alienated by years of neglect, comes to visit. Scottie's one concern is to make friends with his son for everyone else adores Scottie including his ex-wife, his boss, and his doctor and after a bitter, revealing confrontation, father and son are finally reconciled. It is Jud who gets Scottie to agree to be re-hospitalized for treatment and then organizes a giant tribute to his father in a theatre.

"Very funny, and at the same time a touching work." WABC TV.

"Slade can blend comedy and pathos skillfully.... He can also slice cleanly into truth." - Wall Street Journal

Directed by John Brown

DARTMOUTH PLAYERS

2006-2007 SEASON

Our Spring Selection:

April 11 – 28, 2007

BUS STOP:

A Comedy by William Inge

In the middle of a snowstorm, a bus from Kansas City stops at a roadside diner. Four weary travelers are going to have to stay until morning. Cherie, a nightclub chanteuse, has the most to worry about. She's been pursued, made love to and kidnapped by a young cowboy with a ranch of his own and the romantic methods of a headstrong bull. He is ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, screaming and kicking, all the way to Montana. Even as she's ducking out from under his clumsy but confident embraces, she pauses to muse, "Somehow deep inside of me I got a funny feeling I'm gonna end up in Montana."

As a counterpoint to the main romance, the proprietor of the cafe and the bus driver at last find time to develop a friendship of their own, a middle-age scholar comes to terms with himself, a young girl, who works in the cafe, gets her first taste of romance and the sheriff tries to "protect the innocent."

"BUS STOP is Mr. Inge's most popular play and his one out-and-out comedy!"

Directed by Ian MacDermid.

Our Summer Selection:

June 13 – 30, 2007

JASPER STATION:

A Musical Comedy by Norm Foster with Music & Lyrics by Steve Thomas

"Have a nice trip, now. And don't forget what I said." - one character says to another in the upcoming Dartmouth Player's production of *Jasper Station*. It might just as well have been Norm Foster speaking these lines to his audience in this lively and lilting musical, filled with fun and frolic, yet punctuated with passion and poignancy. Canada's most produced playwright takes us on a journey which tunnels into the minds, hearts and motives of five passengers about to board the west bound train to Vancouver. Sometimes serious, sometimes hilarious, yet always insightful, the play portrays what choices are ours when we're at a fork in the road. *"Jasper Station will put a smile on your face and make your spirit soar!"*

Directed by Gisela O'Brien

2005-2006 Advertisers quiz winners

LEND ME A TENOR

COMPANY	WINNER
Wharf Wraps	Doreen Longo
Roccos	June Hancock
Queen of Cups	Hugh Millward
Wharf Wraps	Ann Salsman
Violet Spa	Stan Salsman
Boston Pizza	Vera MacCaul
Wharf Wraps	Mildred Weatherup
Violet Spa	Mike Stanley
Roccos	J L Rhymes
Boston Pizza	Betty Perkins
Queen of Cups	Ruth Dodge
Queen of Cups	Ruth Bailey
Violet Spa	Jenny Wellwood
Boston Pizza	Kathryn Reno-Horne
Wharf Wraps	Madonna William
Boston Pizza	Debbie Lilly
Roccos	Beatrice Boutillier
Queen of Cups	Jared Rodrigez
Roccos	Brooke Muise
Violet Spa	Barbara Clawson

PRELUDE TO A KISS

Violet Spa	Betty Cutcliffe
Wharf Wraps	Janet MacDermid
Roccos	Mary Rogers
Queen of Cups	Mary Gorman
Boston Pizza	Diane MacIntyre
Wharf Wraps	Annette Parsons
Boston Pizza	Christy Rowlands
Wharf Wraps	Emma Creese
Roccos	Clarence Eastman
Queen of Cups	Hugh Millward
Violet Spa	Jane Walker
Wharf Wraps	Mary Fraser
Boston Pizza	Kelvin Bholn
Violet Spa	Diane Sazzola
Roccos	Marilyn George
Queen of Cups	Leona MacDonald
Violet Spa	Faye Comeau
Queen of Cups	Kathryn Reno-Horne
Roccos	Jayne Deviller
Boston Pizza	Elaine Laviguenr

EN SUITE

Trendsetter	Ron Silver
Heatwave	Gerald Rogers
Queen of Cups	Vickie Williams
Trendsetter	Janet Lockhart
Roccos	L.A. Ginsburg
Heatwave	Jean Roberts
Boston Pizza	R. Wendell Crowell
Violet Spa	Tom William
Heatwave	Pearl Green
Boston Pizza	Gilles Dore
Trendsetter	Judy Gilhen
Violet Spa	Rhonda Roche
Queen of Cups	Darren Crowley
Trendsetter	Loreen MacDonald
Roccos	Janet Young
Violet Spa	Corrine Burbine
Heatwave	Jane Roycroft
Violet Spa	Pat Cleveland
Heatwave	Brain Francis
Queen of Cups	Helen Scott
Boston Pizza	Andrea Kelly
Queen of Cups	Pat Nightingale
Roccos	Alex Handyside

Boston Pizza	Jim Brothers
Flirt	Mark Pridgeon

WALKING HAPPY

Trendsetter	Gini Cornell
Heatwave	Marjorie Hare
Queen of Cups	Lynn Hiltz
Heatwave	Sandy Tulloch
Trendsetter	Ruth Scott
Violet Spa	Luke MacGregor
Roccos	Helen Carpenter
Queen of Cups	Lynne Crouthler
Heatwave	J. Marshall
Roccos	Joe Murphy
Violet Spa	Liann Cross
Roccos	Bob Baker
Boston Pizza	Glenn Cox
Heatwave	Mary Hopkins
Queen of Cups	Dorothy Leslie
Heatwave	Carol Madden
Boston Pizza	Yuliya
Queen of Cups	Shirley Cavan
Trendsetter	Heather Fauker
Trendsetter	Rita Reynolds
Violet Spa	Noelle Rosario
Heatwave	Sharon Reid
Roccos	Carol MacQueen
Boston Pizza	Maureen Woods
Roccos	Makcolm Morash
Boston Pizza	Terry Lenahan
Queen of Cups	Nick Johnson
Violet Spa	Paul MacLellan
Flirt	Mona Hamm

NEWSIES

wharf wraps	Whitney Cant
Boston Pizza	Kelly Lavasseur

GREASE

Wharf Wraps	Bud Clarke
Boston Pizza	Terry Collett

