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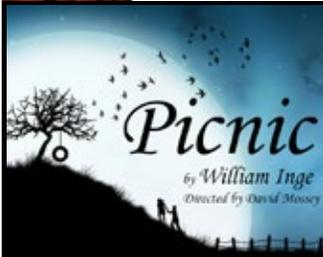
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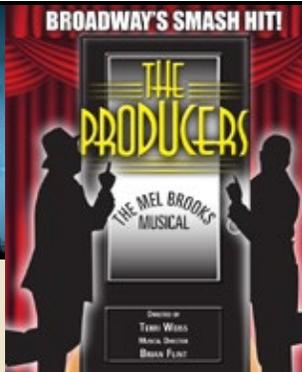
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It's going to be a classic
21st Season at the Playhouse.
Our 2016 line-up is sure-fire entertainment!



The Hudson Valley's
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William Inge, Neil Simon and Mel Brooks are titans of the American theatre. It is our honor and pleasure to bring our audiences some of their finest work for CT-MWP's 21st season.

The season opens in May with Inge's timeless American classic "**Picnic.**" Neil Simon's "**The Sunshine Boys**" takes the stage in July, fully loaded with hilarious one-liners and two beloved characters. The laughs keep on coming in September with one of the theater's most lauded and successful Broadway musicals – Mel Brooks' uproarious "**The Producers.**" Our November Fall Finale, "**Five Women Wearing the Same Dress.**" is a fresh and funny look at the intricacies of friendship and the power of similar dressing.

Be sure not to miss a single one of these fabulous shows. Consider becoming a subscriber for the very best value. As always, we will have complementary apple pie and ice cream waiting for you during intermission at the Mainstage shows.

2016 CALENDAR

Feb 6 & 7

Auditions: "Picnic"

12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Auditions: "The Sunshine Boys"
3 – 5 pm

**May 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21
at 8 pm; May 15 & 22 at 3 pm**
"Picnic"

May 9 & 10

Auditions: "The Producers"

7 – 9 pm

**July 9, 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23 at
8 pm; July 10, 17 & 24 at 3 pm**
"The Sunshine Boys"

August 20 & 21

Auditions: "Five Women Wearing
the Same Dress" 1 – 3 pm

**Sept. 10, 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24
at 8 pm; Sept. 11, 18, 24 & 25
at 3 pm**

"The Producers"

Nov. 5, 11 & 12 at 8 pm;

Nov. 6 & 13 at 3 pm

"Five Women Wearing the Same
Dress"

Calling all actors! It's audition time.
Don't miss your chance! Save these important dates.

Our auditions are held at The Playhouse. You need only attend one day of auditions for any particular show. Auditions typically consist of reading from the script along with exercises in movement, etc. For our musicals, be sure to bring your own sheet music for our accompanist. Snow date for the February auditions are Feb. 20 & 21.

Please call the Box Office at **845-294-9465** for more info, **and on the day of auditions** to confirm time and place.

Auditions for "Picnic" by William Inge February 6 & 7 from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

4 men, 7 women

David Mossey is thrilled to be directing William Inge's Pulitzer-Prize winning drama *Picnic* at The Playhouse this May. Set in Kansas in the 1950's, *Picnic* is a story of love, restlessness, longing, dreams and risk, much like the experiences we are having in our own lives today. These rich and fully developed characters experience a range of emotions and inner struggles that will challenge our actors. A bittersweet love story, this play is relatable on many levels for participants and audiences alike. *David Mossey, Director*

Auditions for "The Sunshine Boys" by Neil Simon February 6 & 7 from 3 pm to 5 pm

5 men, 2 women

Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys*, produced on Broadway in 1972, ranks as one of his funniest comedies. It takes a close look at the human condition, friendships, family and aging, but does so gracefully without getting overly sentimental. *The Sunshine Boys'* humor is fast paced and fun, while the old vaudeville skit is pure entertainment.

Michael Frohnhoefer, Director

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Auditions for "The Producers" May 9 & 10, from 7 pm to 9 pm

The Producers is the musical adapted by Mel Brooks from his 1968 film. Terri Weiss is excited to direct this hysterical, manic farce in September. As in the film, the story concerns two theatrical producers who scheme to get rich by overselling interests in a Broadway flop. Complications arise, of course, with a zany cast of characters including a singing Nazi, a flamboyant director, sexy showgirls, and even a chorus line of little old ladies. The humor of the show draws on the ridiculous accents, caricatures and physical comedy antics of the cast. If you are in for singing, dancing and a lot of laughs, we'll see you at auditions! *Terri Weiss, Director - Brian Flint, Musical Director*

Auditions for "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" August 20 & 21, from 1 pm to 3 pm

During an ostentatious wedding reception, five reluctant, identically clad bridesmaids hide out in an upstairs bedroom, each with her own reason to avoid the proceedings below. As the afternoon wears on, these five very different women joyously discover a common bond in this wickedly funny, irreverent and touching celebration of the women's spirit. A humorous look at the intricacies of friendship and the power of similar dressing. Adult humor. *Kit Colbourne, Director*

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It's a new year, and a new website.



Although Facebook and Twitter are the kings of social media, every business today relies on its web site to clearly define who they are and what is happening. We are beginning 2016 with a totally redesigned web site and a new domain name – www.attheplayhouse.org – that will provide everyone with the most up-to-date and detailed information about The Playhouse at Museum Village. Take a look at www.attheplayhouse.org – or call the Box Office at **845-294-9465**.

Get involved! Community theatre is a community effort.



Putting on a show requires many people. There are a lot of different areas in which skilled and non-skilled helpers can contribute. We depend entirely on volunteers and are most anxious to include you. Whether helping with set building, gathering props, publicity, costumes, or (some would say most importantly) serving our apple pies during intermission, we would greatly appreciate any time you can offer. We'll teach you everything you need to know. Leave a message at 845-294-9465 or email us at playhouse@ctmwp.org.

Now available – CT-MWP sponsorships!

Ever since Creative Theatre was born 38 years ago, we have always asked our loyal followers to consider becoming a Member for \$15. In return for this act of "artistic solidarity", Members see their names in the programs, have the right to vote for our governing Board of Directors, and get a discount to our Fall Finale, along with any workshops we might be offering. We are grateful for the many past supporters who have donated more than just the Membership fee. Starting in 2016, we have created additional categories of support to formally recognize those kind souls who contribute more than just Membership. The "sponsorship" page in our programs will now designate:

Members – those who contribute \$15 or more

Patrons – those who contribute \$50 or more

Benefactors – those who contribute \$100 or more

Angels – those who contribute \$250 or more

More information on how to donate can be found on our [web site](http://www.attheplayhouse.org) or by contacting Sponsorship Chair, Karyn Meier at playhouse@ctmwp.org.

CT-MWP subscriptions: No price increase –again!!



Keeping great entertainment affordable – that's our goal at The Playhouse. Subscriptions to our 21st season are now on sale and still just \$55 a person.

Our new brochure will be available in February, but you can learn more about our upcoming season and buy a 2016 subscription anytime by visiting our web site. Treat yourself to pie, ice cream, and, of course, a full season of some of the best theatre in the Hudson Valley. Your subscription includes one ticket to each of the May, July, and September shows with expedited seating. Now that's value! Just fill out and mail the subscription form on our web site –

www.attheplayhouse.org – or call the Box Office at **845-294-9465**.