

## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER ENTREES

When attending the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, you can choose from one of the following six restaurants. Your \$30 admission fee includes dinner at one of these fine Fayetteville restaurants and admission to the play. Please make your reservation with the theatre before January 4, 2008 by calling the theatre at (304) 574-4655 and sending in the form on the other side of this page.

### GUMBO'S

103 Court Street

Surf and Turf  
(Sirloin and Blackened or Fried Shrimp)  
Salad, Stuffed Potato and Fried Okra  
Assorted desserts

### SEDONA GRILLE

U.S. Route 16

Salmon in mushroom champagne  
cream sauce and basmati rice,  
Glazed carrots, salad and bread  
Bread pudding with caramel bourbon sauce

### COWBOY'S

151 Court Street

Chicken and Dumplings  
Mashed potatoes and gravy  
Green Beans and Fried Apples  
Blackberry cobbler

Coffee, tea or a soft drink is served with each meal. Where available, wine, beer or alcoholic beverages may be purchased for an additional cost. Cost includes the tax, but not the tip.

### PIES AND PINTS

103 1/2 Keller Avenue

8" Specialty Pizza  
Greek Salad with Garlic Bread  
Tiramisu

### REZAN'S

Route 19 Laurel Creek Road

Shrimp and Chicken Biryani over  
Cardamom infused basmati rice  
Salad and bread,  
Baklava Fonchesser

### HISTORIC WHITE HORSE

120 Fayette Avenue

Guinness Beef Stew  
Shepherd's Pie  
Kale Greens with Irish bacon  
Assorted desserts

## HISTORIC FAYETTE THEATRE

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# STAGE WHISPERS

Fall / Winter, 2007

## FIRST BAPTIST OF IVY GAP

The fall season gets underway at the **Historic Fayette Theatre** with *First Baptist of Ivy Gap*, a play both humorous and poignant. Directed by Gene Worthington, the play opens during World War II. We meet six women who have gathered at their church to roll bandages for the war effort and to plan the church's 75th anniversary.

Overseeing things is the pastor's wife Edith, played by Christy Ingram who dispenses Red Cross smocks and witty repartee. We also meet Luby, played by Kathy Teubert, whose son is fighting in the Pacific and Mae Ellen, played by Molly Rakes, the church's rebellious organist who wants to quit but hasn't the courage. Lisa Harrah plays Olene, who dreams of a career in Hollywood. Sammy, a shy newcomer with a secret is portrayed by Katie Neil. Janice Dickerson plays the part of Vera,

an influential Baptist with a secret of her own. In the second act, we meet them all again, 25 years later. Their lives have taken different courses, but they realize the strength they have in their friendship and their church.

"While the play has some poignant moments, it is quite humorous and will keep you laughing at the witty remarks and observations on life," stated the play's director Gene Worthington. "I think it captures the sense of belonging to a small church in a close-knit, Appalachian community." Worthington went on to say that there is some adult language in the show.

*First Baptist of Ivy Gap*, written by Ron Osborne, will be presented on October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8:00 p.m. and October 21 at 2:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the theatre at (304) 574-4655.

CHASE AWAY THE  
WINTER BLUES  
WITH A  
MURDER MYSTERY  
DINNER THEATRE  
JANUARY 11, 12, 13

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## GERARD'S DECREE

October is here and we begin to think of Halloween and legendary creatures of the night. However, those myths and legends are often grounded in history. Veteran HFT performer, Josh Whisman, has created a play that explores the true story of Dracula. His original drama, *Gerard's Decree*, tells of a soldier sentenced to

travel through time and witness the fate of the world's most influential people. His first assignment sends him to Romania and one of history's bloodiest rulers, Vlad Tepes...also known as Dracula.

Accompanying Josh will be musicians and singers Jason Coleman and Alex Richardson. The show will

be performed Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27 at 8:00 p.m.

*Gerard's Decree* is a Second Season offering. These presentations offers HFT regulars new opportunities. They are not a part of the regular season and not included in the season ticket.

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# READERS' THEATRE GATHERING ANNOUNCED

For the past several years, the **Historic Fayette Theatre** has offered several Readers' Theatre performances. Our actors enjoy performing in them because it is a chance to do theatre without a lot of rehearsal time. These Readers' Theatre shows are quality, scripted plays that are read by actors. We have decided to keep the fun going. Starting in November, the **Historic Fayette Theatre** will begin a monthly get-together. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will have open readings at the theatre just for fun.

We will be doing classic scripts, historical novels, and other ideas that are brought forward by anyone in the group. . If you have ever wanted to do a show but are worried about memorizing all those lines, Readers' Theatre is the type of performance for you. This is a chance to learn, read and enjoy. The first session of the Readers' Theatre Gathering will be Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. If you are interested in participating please call Gene Worthington at (304) 574-4840.



Debbie Cooper in a Readers' Theatre performance of *War of the Worlds* at HFT.

## SOMETHIN' SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the holiday season with the heartwarming play, *Somethin' Special for Christmas*. Directed by Bob Neil, this humorous play celebrates Christmas — Texas style!

Christmas in West Texas can be pretty drab, especially for three ranch hands who usually decorate a cactus with painted barbed wire. However, when it looks like their boss's ranch may be bought out from under them, Smitty, Bubba and Eddie decide they had better come up with something and fast.

This play is a holiday comedy of errors and all of our childhood memories flood the stage in this

poignant Yuletide slice of life that celebrates the hope and faith of one family. The cast includes HFT veterans Michael Behler, Debbie Cooper, Steve Hambrick, Gary Reynolds, Sandi Shrewsbury, Carl Thompson, and Cathy Teubert and is the HFT debut of Amanda Maynus,

There will be evening performances on November 23, 24 29, 30 and December 1. Matinees will be presented at 2:00 on November 25 and December 2. For reservations for *Somethin' Special for Christmas*, call the **Historic Fayette Theatre** at (304) 574-4655.

## NEED THAT PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT?

How about 2008 season Tickets to the **Historic Fayette Theatre!**

For more information, call HFT at (304) 574-4655

## WILD & SCENIC ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL AT HFT

Come join us for a FREE youth-inspired, youth-driven wild & wonderfully scenic film festival. Presenting two evenings of award winning films that will make you think, laugh and inspire you to make a difference. Why pay \$16 to see a movie when you can see 16 movies for free .....and be

inspired to make a difference in your community!

**The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival** will be presented on Saturday, October 27 at Oak Hill High School from 6:30-9:00 (Anyone under 18 can register to win free ipod) and Sunday, October 28

at the **Historic Fayette Theatre** from 4:00-6:30. This free, community event is sponsored by Patagonia, Plateau Action Network and the National Park Service Conservation Association. For additional information call Meredith at Plateau Action Network at 574-4726.

# MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

Chase away the winter blues with a hilarious murder mystery dinner theatre at the **Historic Fayette Theatre**.

On January 11, 12 and a Sunday matinee on the 13th, the theatre will present *A Wedding to Die For*, written by Karen Vuranch. It is performed by an ensemble cast that performs with Karen at the West Virginia state parks. The evening will begin at your favorite Fayetteville restaurant. Then, after your meal, everyone will convene at the theatre for the performance.

*A Wedding to Die For* is an audience participation murder mystery. You are invited to the wedding of Preston Snobsworth, III and....who?...you mean Preston is not marrying his long-time sweetheart Jill Tedd? Just who is this Annie Moran anyway? Find out when you come to the mystery.

The mystery is presented by The In Cahoots players, featuring Sharon Bibb, Shari Davis, Debbie Cooper,

Merry Hanning, Andrea Fout and Julie Brown. Gary Davis will join the group this year.

The evening begins with a meal at one of six Fayetteville restaurants. You can choose to eat at Gumbo's, Sedona Grille, Pies and Pints, Cowboy's, Rezan's or The White Horse.

Admission for the dinner, performance and dessert is \$30 per person. There is no reduction for students or seniors. Have a look at the list of entrees detailed on the back of this page and then make your reservation by calling the **Historic Fayette Theatre** before January 4, 2008 at (304) 574-4655 and filling out the form below and sending it in with your check. All reservations must be paid in advance. Please do not call the restaurant for your reservation. The cut-off date for reservations is Friday, January 4, if not paid by then we will not hold your reservation. So make your reservations early! The mystery dinner theatre usually plays to sell out crowds.

Please let us know your first and second choice for dinner. We will call you to confirm the restaurant. The day of the show, you go directly to the restaurant.

The meal will include an entrée, dessert and soft drink, tea or coffee. You are welcome to purchase alcoholic beverages at an additional cost. Your ticket will include the cost of the meal and tax. Tip is not included.

On January 11 and 12, arrive at the restaurant between 6:00 and 6:15. For the matinee, please arrive between 1:00 and 1:15. A representative of the theatre will be on hand at each restaurant to greet you. The evening performances will begin promptly at 8:00 and the Sunday performance begins at 3:00. Please arrive at the theatre fifteen minutes before curtain.

The Murder Mystery is not a part of the 2008 Season Ticket package. However, Season Tickets will be available for purchase that night. For more information, call the **Historic Fayette Theatre** at (304) 574-4655.

Please detach this form and send it to the **Historic Fayette Theatre** by Jan. 4 with your check.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre is \$30/person. There is no reduction for seniors or students.

Number of people in your party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations for (circle one) Friday, Jan. 11 Saturday, Jan. 12 Sunday, Jan. 13

1st choice restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

*Payment by check must accompany all reservations.*

*Please arrive at the theatre fifteen minutes prior to curtain.*