

## HFT & WVPRO PRESENT WHITEWATER VIDEO COMPETITION

The Historic Fayette Theatre will once again partner with the West Virginia Professional River Outfitters Association to present an evening of some of the best whitewater video from the 2006 season. On Wednesday, September 27, videographers from all of the area whitewater rafting companies will compete in a variety of categories. The event is \$10 per person and includes a social hour at the Cathedral Café following the event.

For the past several years, the theatre has worked with the West Virginia Professional River Outfitters on this event. WVPRO is a trade association that serves all the area whitewater companies.

The competition will feature entries from local videographers, as well as some footage from the national competition. This year, categories will include "Best Trip Intro," "Best Trip Skit," "America's Best Whitewater," "Historic River Footage" and a

"Peoples Choice" category. A panel of judges from the local community will select the winning video. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each category. There will also be many door prizes for all patrons. Tickets are \$10 at the door and all proceeds go to the operation of the Fayette Historic Theater and the West Virginia Professional Outfitters Association. For Information on how to enter the contest contact: Brandon Holmes with IQ media (304) 574-4020.

Tickets are available at the door. The event will last from 7:00 to 9:00, with a social taking place afterward at Cathedral Café. Please join us in a celebration of America's Best Whitewater and take part as we capture memorable moments on the New & Gauley rivers.

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# STAGE WHISPERS

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## TWO MORE GREAT SHOWS FOR 2006 AT HFT !

### REST ASSURED, OCTOBER WILL DELIVER A GREAT PLAY

Get ready for a side-splitting comedy as *Rest Assured* takes the stage in October. Directed by Bob Neil, the play is about a grouch named Mr. Morlock, whose only interest is money. He won't even let his daughter marry the man she loves. That is, until the boy's father dies and haunts Mr. Morlock in a quite unghostly and hilarious fashion. The play has twists and turns that will keep you guessing and laughing at the same time.

Once again, the theatre has a talented cast of players. Returning to the HFT stage are Jan Neal, Vicki Cook, Alex Richardson, Kaitlen Whitt, Carl Thompson, Steve Hambrick, Janice Wiseman,

Amanda Richardson, Wyetha Prevost, Jack Crosier, Barry Klingensmith and Bob Neil. New-comers to the HFT stage include Tyler Cook.

*Rest Assured* will run Fridays and Saturdays from October 6 to 21, with a Sunday matinee on October 22. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students 12 and under and seniors 55 and older. Reservations may be made by calling the theatre at (304) 574-4655.

Director Bob Neil says that he decided to set the play in the '50s, Neil goes on to say that it is "wall to wall comedy" and is sure to please everyone.

### AUDITIONS SET FOR A COAL CAMP CHRISTMAS CAROL

The 2006 season will end with the traditional *A Christmas Carol* story told with a West Virginia twist. *A Coal Camp Christmas Carol*, written by Southern West Virginia playwright Jean Battlo, sets the classic holiday story in the Appalachian coal fields.

Directed by Carl Thompson, *A Coal Camp Christmas Carol* has a

large, flexible cast. The story is a familiar one, but it veers away from the traditional Dicken's tale because Scrooge and Cratchit are roles for women.

Auditions for *A Coal Camp Christmas Carol* will be Sunday September 17 at 3:00 and Monday, September 18 at 6:30 at the Historic Fayette Theatre in Fayetteville. Anyone inter-

ested in participating is welcome to audition for the show.

Performance dates will be November 24, 25, 26 and 30 and December 1, 2, 3. The performances on November 26 and December 3 will be matinees. Reserved seats are available by calling the theatre at (304) 574-4655.

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## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

Last year the Historic Fayette Theatre offered a murder mystery to chase away the winter blues while helping the theatre raise money for operations. The event was a success, with seven local restaurants participating. Both performances played to a sold out crowd.

HFT is happy to announce that the Murder Mystery will be offered again this winter on February 2 and 3, 2007. Plans are underway to present *Murder Served Family Style*. This hilarious mystery takes place at the Crabapple family reunion. On that night, everyone is a Crabapple. The play is written by Karen Vuranch and performed by a local

company of outstanding performers, The Whodunit Players, featuring Sharon Bibb, Shari Davis, Julie Brown, Andrea Fout, Debbie Cooper, Josh Whisman and others.

The evening begins with a meal at one of Fayetteville's outstanding restaurants. The meal will include an entrée, dessert and soft drink, tea or coffee. Following the meal, the audience goes to the theatre to participate in solving the crime of murder.

Admission for the dinner and performance will be \$30 per person. This is a slight increase from last year. However, the

purpose of the event is to serve as a fundraiser to provide the theatre money for operations during the upcoming year. Previously, the theater received Budget Digest Money from the state for that purpose as well. This year, the Budget Digest will be discontinued. With the increase in price, the theatre will now clear \$10 per ticket. This entire amount goes to the theatre operating budget so that we can continue to offer high quality performances in our community theatre.

For more information, call the Historic Fayette Theatre at (304) 574-4655.

## HFT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



Cassandra Hill, Scholarship Award Winner

The Historic Fayette Theatre is proud to announce that Cassandra Hill of Fayetteville is the third recipient of the Susanna Adams Neil Scholarship. Cassandra, a 2006 graduate of Fayetteville High School competed with other students in the area for the \$500 scholarship awarded to an area student who plans to major in a field of the performing arts in college. Cassandra, originally from

Richwood, will attend Concord University this fall and will major in music.

The scholarship fund was set up to commemorate Susanna Neil. Susanna was a gifted musician, singer and music director. HFT audiences would remember her best as the music director of the popular *Smoke on the Mountain* production. In honor of her and her involvement with HFT, the theatre established a scholarship fund in her name. Mary Strunk of Midland Trail was awarded the scholarship in previous years.

## HOLIDAY FASHION SHOW SET

Are you wondering just what in the world you will wear for that holiday party? Wondering what fashions will be hot in the cold weather? Well, come to the Historic Fayette Theatre's holiday fashion show, *Visions of Sugarplums*, produced and directed by Kathy Housh, on Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The theatre has offered several sessions of modeling classes over this past year. Kathy Housh, Executive Director of the Crossroads Mall in Beckley, organized the modeling classes and the fashion shows that was the finale of each course. "The classes teach more than modeling," Housh explained. "Girls learn poise, self-confidence and self-esteem. It affects everything from their grades to their ability to be successful."

The models for the holiday fashion show will be those who participated in the completed classes at HFT. In addition, there will be holiday entertainment. "It will be a beautiful show and a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays," Kathy stated. "Fashions from K-Mart, Wal Mart, Cato and various mall stores will be featured. The fashions, stage decorations and holiday music performances will capture the beauty of the season."

THE HISTORIC FAYETTE THEATRE WOULD LIKE TO THANK GENE & MAURA KISTLER AND THE ROANOKE VALLEY FOUNDATION FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO THE THEATRE.

## 2007 SEASON PLANNING IS UNDERWAY AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It's that time of year again...when kids buy new school supplies and hot summer days seem to be getting a little shorter. It is also the time that the Program Committee of the Historic Fayette Theatre begins to plan programs for the next year.

It is always fun to do, but always a challenge. We try to choose plays and music concerts that will interest our community and have a broad appeal. We also have to keep in mind who we have as directors and what shows they are interested in producing.

After fourteen successful years of producing plays and concerts, we do have some idea of what will work in which time slot. We usually do four plays — a musical for children and adults in the spring, a summer show, a fall show that is

presented over Bridge Day and a Christmas show that opens on Thanksgiving weekend. In addition, we will do the murder mystery again in early February and we sometimes do a Reader's Theatre between the plays.

Our Saturday Night Music Series in the summer has been popular with locals and tourists alike. In that concert series, we try to offer different styles of musical performances and we also feature West Virginia music artists.

Each year, the Saturday Night Music Series is kicked off with a Fourth of July Extravaganza featuring Jon Kemper and many other musicians and singers from the area. In addition to the Fourth of July concert, we offer a variety of shows from bluegrass to big band to gospel.

But, what we want most of all is to offer programs that please our audience and our community. Let us know what you want to see at the Historic Fayette Theatre. Take a moment and fill out the questionnaire below. Tell us if there is a specific play you want to see (if there is, you might also tell us where you saw it or who wrote it). Or, you can just tell us that you would like to dramas, classics, comedies, melodramas, or whatever style interests you. Also, tell us what kinds of music you would like to see presented at HFT. Again, you can say a specific group (include contact information, please) or you can tell us a style of music.

We really do value your opinion and look forward to hearing what you want to see at the theatre.

We want to hear your ideas! Let us know what you want to see at the Historic Fayette Theatre in 2007. Fill out the form below and mail it to Historic Fayette Theatre/ P.O. Box 448 / Fayetteville, WV 25840.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Plays you want to see at the theatre. You can suggest specific titles or just tell us the style of play you enjoy:

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Music concerts you want to see at the theatre. Again, tell us specific groups or just styles of music.

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Thank you for your time!