Our 102nd Season - October 2021

The Prompter

Players Guild of Leonia Monthly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While extremely challenging at times, the entire board worked very hard this summer to ensure the safe re-opening of the guild. And with an unprecedented 5 special meetings this summer, I am proud to report the progress of the following items:

- The deck rebuild is almost complete. Minor details are being worked on.
- COVID Vaccination Policy is in effect!
- The theater has been thoroughly cleaned
- Needle Point Ionization/Filtration system has been ordered and will be installed in the next couple of weeks
- Hand sanitizers and stands have been installed
- Plexiglass partitions will be installed soon
- Safety supplies are available in the theater. Latex gloves for staff and masks for guests/patrons
- General seating online ticket purchase form template is available for ready for use once show information has been updated

Due to time constraints and the much needed preparations to re-open the guild safely, Songs of America and the MTI Revue unfortunately have been cancelled. There is a possibility that the Songs of America may happen at a later date. We are, however, happy to announce a new show that will open in December called, "Unexpected - Memories, Music & Magic. More information and details will be provided at our upcoming General Membership meeting this Thursday at 8pm. An email blast was sent out to everyone with the zoom link. If you did not get the email, please reach out to Alison Miller at: yoginizucchini@gmail.com.

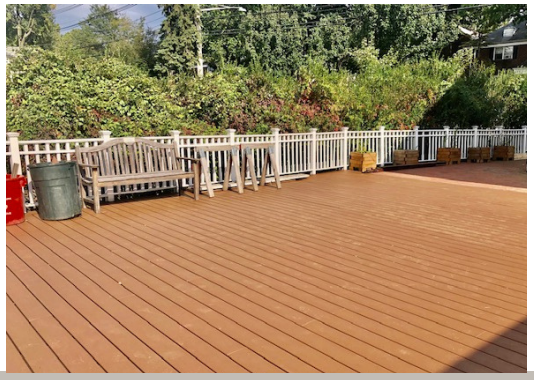
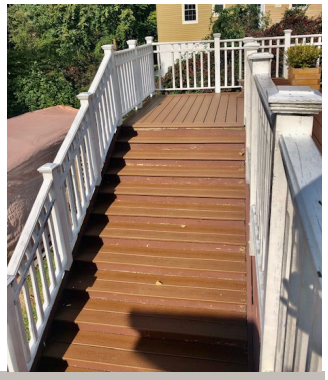
As this is my last month, I want to thank you all for the wonderful opportunity to serve as President, albeit a short one but memorable nonetheless! It has been an honor and a pleasure. Know that I plan to support the guild as much as possible. **Ralph Martinez, PGL President**

UPCOMING PRODUCTION(S)

A small theater comes back to life after being shut down for nearly 2 years due to a worldwide pandemic. The jubilant cast finishes their dress rehearsal only to find themselves locked inside with no cell phone service. The exhausted troop finds themselves reflecting inwardly which gives them solace. They tap into memories of past productions that are scored with unforgettable and sometimes sassy and sultry Broadway and Pop classics. Their memories expand into joy when then realize that they're surrounded by the people that help to make those treasured moments.

Directed by Marc Leland
Associate Director: Joanne Moldt
Producer: Diane Arabella
Musical Director: Charles Greenberg

Show dates are Sat., December 11th (2 & 8pm) and Sunday, December 12th @3pm. Online general seating tickets will be available soon on our website.

Our new deck looks amazing! We are 98% complete, with the majority of the rebuild completely done. Minor painting and hand rail fixing are currently in progress. Anticipated date of full completion is October 30, 2021. Thank you to Dan Giordano for overseeing this major project and Marc Leland for generosity and time in helping with painting. Another big "Thank You" to all the amazing donors, especially Patt Mazzeo. Without their generous support, this would not be possible! Mark your calendars, we are planning a big Patio Party to celebrate and commemorate the completion of this project in the Spring of 2022. More information and details to come! In the meantime, enjoy the deck slideshow rebuild progress on our main PGL website. www.leoniaplayers.org.

PGL VACCINATION POLICY

Our vaccination policy was put into effect on Sept 30th via a Public Announcement e-blast. To recap, the Players Guild of Leonia values the safety of our audiences, artists, and staff. The PGL reserves the right to alter safety protocols at any time and at its sole discretion including but not limited to social distancing, proof of vaccination, masks, food service limitations, venue capacity, and entrance requirements as it deems appropriate.

All cast, theatre volunteers & staff, and audience members must be fully vaccinated. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination will be required of everyone upon entry to the theatre.

- All guests, regardless of age or vaccination status, will be required to wear masks while inside the theatre building. Masks must fit snugly, covering the nose and mouth with no gaps. Neck gaiters and bandanas are not acceptable.
- If a patron is unable to comply with showing proof of vaccination or mask requirements, they will not be able to attend the performance and the cost of their ticket will be refunded.
- We are asking artists, audiences, staff, and volunteers to monitor their health and stay home if they are exhibiting any COVID and/or flu-like symptoms. By entering the theater, you are agreeing that you are not sick and have not had direct contact with anyone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 10 days or exhibits symptoms of COVID-19. It is essential that you do not attend the show if you are unwell.
- Physical distancing in the theater will be adjusted in response to requirements mandated (dictated/advised) by the CDC, and as directed by our Front of House team.
- We ask all patrons to keep their personal belongings with them at all times.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the theater.
- Intermission and concessions may not be available
- Assistive listening devices will be cleaned with minimum 70% isopropyl alcohol between uses.

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- Ticket purchases for shows will available online. We encourage electronic payment for show ticket purchases. Proof of ticket purchase will be your email confirmation and will be checked at entrance.
- Performance programs will be available in digital format only.
- Plexiglass barriers at point-of-sale locations.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Despite our best efforts, we cannot absolutely guarantee that you will not be exposed to COVID-19 while attending an event at the Players Guild of Leonia. Please be aware that the risk of such exposure exists in any public place or large gathering. According to the CDC, senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable to this disease. Please take this into consideration before buying tickets. By visiting the Players Guild of Leonia, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

Linda Wielkotz is looking for directors for Theatre on the Edge (performances weekend of Feb. 4). Also needed: producers and stage managers. Please contact Linda at: lwielkotz@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships renewals are slowly trickling in. We understand members may be hesitant but know that the PGL has been doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our members and patrons. And in order to continue the work that makes our community theater entertaining and fun for everyone, we need members to join. There are two methods for renewing: Electronic and a paper version. Both can be accessed on our website at: www.leoniaplayers.org/membership. Please submit your membership renewals as soon as possible to make the 2021-2022 directory. Paper membership forms and all check payments should be mailed to our P.O. Box address: Players Guild of Leonia, P.O. Box 131, Leonia, NJ 07605.