

Sugar

the **SOME LIKE IT HOT** musical

Reserve your member tickets now!

Sugar runs

May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, and 26-28

massacre. Narrowly avoiding the same fate, they escape from Spats Palazzo and his gang by disguising themselves as women and join an all-girl band heading for a gig in Miami Beach. It's meant to be a short-term solution until Joe falls in love with the lead singer of the band, the gorgeous Sugar Kane, a slight problem because she only knows him as his alter-ego, Josephine. Of course, it isn't long before Spats and his gang find them and the truth about everything is revealed.

Does Joe get the girl? Does Spats get Joe and Jerry? How will the story end? You won't find the answer here, that wouldn't be any fun! The only way to satisfy your curiosity is to attend one of the twelve performances that run from May 5th through May 28th. As always, Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 8:00 pm, Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm, so there are plenty of opportunities.

The cast has been working incredibly hard for the past seven weeks singing, dancing, acting, and learning how to walk in high heels while the crew has been building an amazingly versatile set and getting everything just right. Choose one or more of the dates (again, there are twelve to choose from) and come out to support your fellow Guild members in what promises to be a satisfying end of the season!

- Julie Ballantyne Brown

A warm welcome to our newest Guild members who will be appearing in *Sugar*:
Sarah Galloway, Shauna Rae Hazime, Mary Long, Peter Sonneberg and Brian Trippel.



CHECK OUT A PREVIEW!

Check out our own personal "trailer" to *Sugar* on the Guild website by going to the "About Us" tab and clicking on "Video Gallery." Get a sneak peek at what's coming in our final show of the season! It's also a great way to spread the news and promote the Guild through social media. Many thanks to **Mike Mayne** who produces these videos for us every show!



POSTCARD MAILING

A big thanks to those who came down on April 17 for our *Sugar* postcard mailing: **Sue DeLosier, Steve Gautreau, Sally Goodman, Bruce Hack, Cheryl Hack, John Hutchinson, Amy Moore, Justine Moore, Mike Moseley, Suzy Palmer, Nancy Schuster, Emma Scott, Rebecca Scott, Lois Sczomak, Jana Smith, Tom Sparrow and Frann Stempek.** These members labeled 4,500 postcards advertising *Sugar* in exactly one hour! Way to go!

-Tom Sparrow
PR and Marketing Governor

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

After 68 years of providing costumes, props, wigs, accessories, dance shoes and more, Lynch's will be closing its doors. Drop in soon to say "thanks" and take one more look around before they take their final bow and the curtain comes down. **Thank you Lynch's – for all you've provided to so many members of the Players Guild, and to the Dearborn community. You will be missed!**

IMPROV NIGHT: GUILD-Y BY ASSOCIATION

Our first improv was a HUGE SUCCESS! 124 people enjoyed a night of hilarity, good food and great conversation. First I need to thank **Diane Kaplan** for chairing the event, and **Renee Hayward, Mary Calder, Liz Mangan, and Lexie Kaplan** for all of their hard work and the great food. I would also like to thank **Hayley Hayward, Noah Goddard, Matt Apostle, and Graham Dallas** for their help with 50/50. Fantastic job! Thanks to our production team, **Chris and Tracy Boudreau, Dave Kanclerz, John Sczomak, and Lexie Kaplan.** And last but not least, I need to thank our phenomenal cast, **Brian Townsend, Nick Graham, Sarah Zakaria, Meredith Ferry, Kori Bielaniec, Inez Hernandez, Kevin Walsh, Diane Cliff, Stan Guarnelo, Michael Micheletti and Phil Walling.** Plans to have another Improv in the future is a given.

-Frann Stempek
Ways and Means Governor

IN MEMORY OF VAL SISTO

Val Sisto, an Honorary Member of The Players Guild of Dearborn, died quietly on April 26, two days after a fatal fall at home, and a week after his 95th birthday. He was surrounded by his children when he passed.



Val joined the Guild in 1975 and participated on stage, back stage, and from the director's chair through the 70s, 80, and 90s. More recently, he has been

on our stage in *The Goodbye Girl*, *Damn Yankees*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Children of Eden*, *Man of La Mancha*, and *Inherit the Wind*.

There will be a private family memorial. Condolences to the Sisto family can be sent in care of: Heather Sisto, 400 River Bend Dr. Flushing MI 48433 heather.sisto@mcc.edu

Val benefited from mentors, programs and high school scholarships that allowed him to pursue his music dreams and go to Julliard in New York. He would be proud if he could make a contribution to the future artistic development of young people. The family has identified the Henry Ford College Foundation, 5101 Evergreen Rd, Dearborn MI, 48128, Theater Scholarship Fund or a youth theatre/music scholarship program in your own community.

-Tom Sparrow

GUILDINGS FOR SUMMER 2017

Once On This Island

Auditions for our first Guildling show are already upon us! If you know a budding actor between the **ages of 13-18**, send them to the Guild either **Monday May 8th** or **Tuesday, May 9th** to audition for *Once On This Island* (music by Stephen Flaherty, books and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens). Registration opens at 6pm and auditions begin at 7pm.

"In almost non-stop song and dance, the show tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death."

Other cast and audition information is available on our website under the Auditions tab.

Director: **Marc Walentowicz**
Assistant Director: **Kori Bielaniec**

Music Director: **Eric Floetke**
Choreographer: **Emma Garber**



SHOW DATES:

Thursday - Saturday,
July 13, 14, and 15 at 7:30pm
and Sunday, July 16 at 2:30pm.

Disney's Peter Pan Jr.

Children **ages 5-13** are invited to audition for this beloved classic on **Monday, May 15** or **Tuesday, May 16**. Registration opens at 6pm and auditions begin at 6:30pm.

"Based on the classic Disney animated film, Wendy and her two brothers are amazed when a magical boy named Peter Pan flies into their bedroom, supposedly in pursuit of his rebellious shadow. He and his fairy friend, Tinkerbell, come from a far-off place called Neverland, where children stay perpetually young. Enchanted, the kids follow him back. But when Pan's nemesis, the pirate Captain Hook, causes trouble, the kids begin to miss their old life."

Check out the character description on our website under the Auditions tab, or direct any questions to Ron Williams at casting@playersguildofdearborn.org.

Directors: **Ron & Sara Williams**
Assistant Director: **Rebekah Preiss**

Music Director: **Karen Danke**
Choreographer: **Lindsey Brenz**

Music adapted and arranged and additional lyrics by Eric Svejcar; book and additional lyrics by David Zellik



SHOW DATES:

Thursday - Saturday,
August 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30pm
and Sunday, August 6 at 2:30pm.



OUR 90TH SEASON

Announcing our production teams for our 90th Season, featuring works by Neil Simon!!

COME BLOW YOUR HORN

AUDITIONS: July 17 and 18, 2017

PRODUCTION DATES: September 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and October 1, 2017

Produced in Cooperation with Samuel French, Inc.

Director: **Kori Bielaniec**



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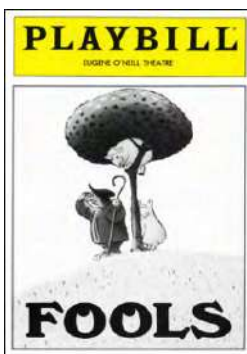
AUDITIONS: September 18, 19, and 20, 2017

PRODUCTION DATES: November 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, and December 1, 2, and 3, 2017

Music by Burt Bacharach and Lyrics by Hal David

Produced in Cooperation with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

Director: **Kelly White**
 Music Director: **Martin Mandelbaum**
 Choreographer: **Yet To Be Confirmed**



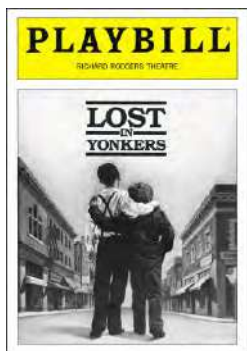
FOOLS

AUDITIONS: November 13 and 14, 2017

PRODUCTION DATES: January 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28, 2018

Produced in Cooperation with Samuel French, Inc.

Director: **Brian Townsend**

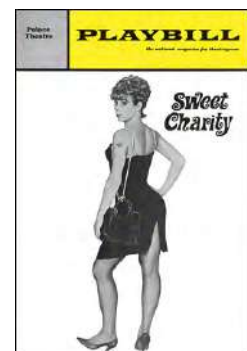


LOST IN YONKERS

AUDITIONS: January 15 and 16, 2018

PRODUCTION DATES: March 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25, 2018

Director: **Kim Donovan**



SWEET CHARITY

AUDITIONS: March 12, 13, and 14, 2018

PRODUCTION DATES: May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27, 2018

Music by Cy Coleman and Lyrics by Dorothy Fields

Produced in Cooperation with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

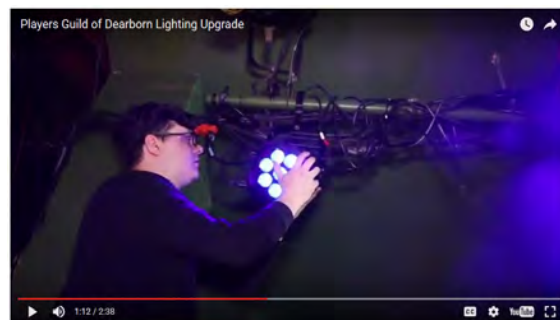
Director: **Michael A. Gravame**
 Music Director: **Steve Woznicki**
 Choreographer: **Valerie Mould**

MEMBER UPDATES

Marybeth Kinnell is progressing well after her surgery and will be receiving another course of chemotherapy. Members' thoughts and prayers during this time have been greatly appreciated and continue to be so.

WATTS THAT, YOU SAY??

You want to know more about the Guild's new lighting that was purchased with the matching grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs? Fix-ture eyes on the Guild's homepage to watch **James Mayne** explain the new rigs and all the benefits they bring to our stage. Sounds like these new cans have LED us in a whole new direction of creative lighting. Special thanks to **Mike Mayne** who produced the video for us.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Richard Moore** who will be inducted into the Dearborn Theater Hall of Fame by the Dearborn Area Theater Association (DATA)! This award recognizes Richard for his significant impact and involvement in theater in the Dearborn and Dearborn Heights area. Richard has been a mainstay at the Guild for many years and has held numerous positions of responsibility, including president. Congratulations to Richard and his supportive and talented family.

Come support and celebrate Richard at the PAGE Awards May 23, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (FCPAC).



IMPROV GAME NIGHTS

Do you like doing improv? Or want to see if you do? The Guild will continue to host Improv Game Night most Sunday nights at 7:30pm in the Clubroom. Check in on our Facebook page to verify upcoming dates or contact **Stan Guarnelo** with any questions: stanguarnelo@yahoo.com. Who knows? Maybe you'll end up in one of our future Improv shows!



2016 MAYOR'S ARTS ORGANIZATION AWARD



On Wednesday, April 26, 2107, The Players Guild of Dearborn was honored at the Mayor's Arts Awards with the 2016 Organization Award. This award recognizes organizations for outstanding contributions to the advancement and support of the arts in the greater Dearborn community. It reflects the importance of working hard in the arts while leading by example.

The Guild was nominated by EmmaJean Woodyard, Executive Director of the Dearborn Community Fund and member of the Mayor's Arts Awards Selection Committee. Stella Greene, Executive Board Member of the Dearborn Community Arts Council (DCAC), presented the award, recognizing the Guild's 90 years of being part of the arts community in Dearborn. Our president **John Sczomak** accepted the award with his usual humor and humility.

The following other award-recipients were honored:

Su Doman, *Arts Educator Award*

Bruce Harkness, *Arts Volunteer Award*

Dave Gorden, *Artist/Performer Award*

Green Brain Comics, *Arts Patron Award*

Jessica Carreras, *DCAC Bravo Award*

Robert Curtis, *Special Recognition Award*

The Glass Academy, *Mayor's Award*

There was a performance by United States Air Force Band Freedom Winds and by our own Guildlings **Graham Dallas, Maddie Kaplan** and **Emma Scott**. The three Dearborn High students performed the song "Somewhere" from their recent production of West Side Story with Emma providing the vocals while Maddie and Graham danced as Maria and Tony. A nice afterglow/reception in Padzieski Art Gallery followed the ceremony.

Many of our fellow Guild members were in attendance for the ceremony and celebration including: **Floyd Bell and Lynne Lewis; Kori Bielaniec; Chris and Tracey Boudreau; Rich Bulleri; Graham Dallas; Steve Gautreau; Sally Goodman; Diane Kaplan; Maddie Kaplan; Patti Martin; Richard Moore; Emma Scott; John and Lois Sczomak; Jana Smith; Jane Smith; Tom Sparrow; Sue Suchyta; Greg Viscomi.**

Thank you to the Dearborn Community Arts Council for recognizing the Guild with such an honor!

A STANDING OVATION

...for our wonderful governors who will be completing their term or passing the baton at the end of this 2016-2017 season. Being on the Board can be a lot like working backstage, in the wings, in the shop or up in the lighting booth. The audience members don't see that you're back there - but they'd sure notice if you weren't. These governors deserve some spotlight of their own and a final bow for all their behind-the-scenes work and dedication to the Guild:

Denise Kowalewski-Tucker (*House & Hospitality*)

Dave Reynolds, II (*Lights & Sound*)

Shari Mayne (*Membership*)

Nancy Valentini (*Programs & Advertising*)

Diane Cliff (*Properties*)

Tom Sparrow (*PR & Marketing*)

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD 2017-2018

The Nominating Committee gathered with much thought and consideration to make recommendations for the 9 open positions on the Board of Governors for next season. And the nominees are...

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| COSTUMES: | Inez Hernandez | PROGRAMS & ADVERTISING: | Megan Lizbinski |
| HOUSE & HOSPITALITY: | Tim Carney (<i>One Year Term</i>) | PROPERTIES: | Rebecca Hermen |
| LIGHTS & SOUND: | Stan Guarnelo (<i>One Year Term</i>) | PR & MARKETING: | Mike Moseley |
| MEMBERSHIP: | Matt Ripper | STAGE: | David Wood |
| PRODUCTION: | Chris Boudreau | | |

According to our by-laws, further nominations may be made by any active or honorary member by filing a nominating petition with the secretary. The petition must have the name of the eligible nominee, the governorship he or she seeks, acceptance of the nomination by the nominee, and the signatures of 25 active or honorary members.

Petitions must be given to **Patti Jones Martin** by May 20, 2017. In the event that eligible petitions are received, a secret ballot election will take place before the Annual Meeting. If no petitions are received by May 20, then the nominees noted above will take office.

Come to our **Annual Meeting on June 10th** to hear the results of the nominations! The accepted nominees will join ranks with the current governors who will be returning for another year of their term:

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| CASTING: | Ron Williams | HAIR & MAKE-UP: | Jeff Bartos |
| SCRIPT: | Angela Keller Pelc | WAYS & MEANS: | Frann Stempek |
| TICKETS: | Tracey Boudreau | | |

The Guild could not continue to run without the hard work and dedication of our Board of Governors. So thank your governor today – and offer your assistance to the incoming governors who will need support on their committees!

- **Patti Jones Martin**, *Secretary* | 28800 Aranel | Farmington Hills, MI 48334

SAVE THE DATE : SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

Our Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 10! Be there or be ... uninformed. =)

CURTAIN CALL: ON OTHER STAGES

Hailey Hayward as Mary Poppins in **Mary Poppins**
at Wayne Memorial High School;

Show Dates : May 4, 5, and 6 at 7:00 pm | Tickets can be purchased through
www.showtix4u.com or at the box office one hour before each show
(Stockmeyer Auditorium-3001 Fourth Street, Wayne, MI).

Ben Apostle as Bobby, **Alexis Bartrum** as Christine, **Amanda Chatila** as
Maggie, **Sydnee Dombrowski** as Judy, and **Rebekah Priess** as Val
in **A Chorus Line** with Southgate Community Players;
Show Dates : May 5, 6, and 12 at 7:00pm; May 13 at 3:00 pm
Learn more at www.scponstage.com

Kori Bielaniec as Lucille in **Dearly Departed** with Downriver Actors Guild;
Show Dates : June 2-11 | Learn more at www.downriveractorsguild.net

Kirk Haas directing **Fickle Love and Forbidden Fruit:**
Four Comic One-Act Plays about Love with Barefoot Productions
Auditions: May 15 and 16 at 7:00 pm | Preview: June 24
Show Dates : July 14-23 | Learn more at www.justgobarefoot.com

Bravo to all our Guildlings who performed in their high school productions
this spring! Hope to see you onstage at the Guild this summer!

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