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A COMPLETE GUIDE TO ALL THE THEATRE'S ENDEAVORS

The Fourth Wall is a Lively and Thought-Provoking Comedy

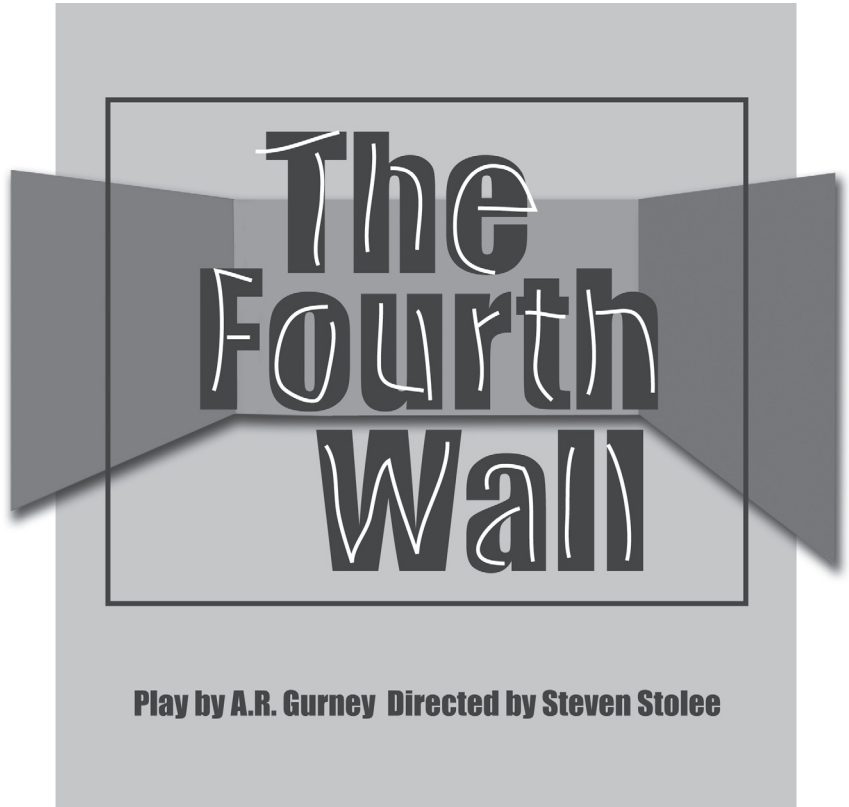
Join the fun when the Jewel Box Theatre presents A.R. Gurney's satirical comedy, *The Fourth Wall*, which will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. from Jan. 27-Feb. 11. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. are scheduled for Jan. 29, Feb. 5 & 12. The play is being directed by Steven Stolee.

The Fourth Wall takes place in the suburban home of an upper middle class couple, Peggy and Roger. Something extraordinary happens when Peggy decides to rearrange the living room so that there is a blank fourth wall, just as there is in live theater. When she does this, she both baffles and alarms her husband, and creates an atmosphere in which unexpected things begin to occur in their home.

Cole Porter songs spring from a piano and people who come to the home begin to interact as if they are in a play set. Roger becomes convinced that Peggy is delusional, so he seeks help from an old friend who does an over the top Katherine Hepburn impersonation, and enlists a local college drama professor to doctor the play situation and bring Peggy back to reality.

Peggy is determined, however, to go beyond the imaginary fourth wall and her idyllic suburban life and into the world beyond it. Her belief in the ability to do this sheds light on a variety of contemporary topics that are explored by the characters.

A.R. Gurney is the award winning author of *What I Did Last Summer* and *Love Letters*. Mr. Gurney is one of the most published and produced playwrights currently active in the American theater scene. His plays often deal with middle class American life. The title for this off-beat comedy production comes from a theater term in which the "fourth wall" is the imaginary blank wall between the actors and the audience.



Play by A.R. Gurney Directed by Steven Stolee

Breaking the wall occurs when the actors step beyond the imaginary three walls of the set and begin to interact with the world outside the play.

Tickets for *The Fourth Wall* are \$16 for adults, or \$14 for seniors/students/military, and are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com (Search:

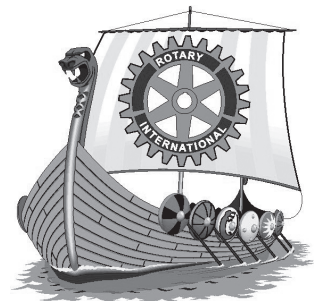
Poulsbo), via email at jewelboxtickets@gmail.com, or by phone at (360) 697-3183. A special preview (dress rehearsal) performance is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26. Admission to previews is a minimum of \$7, more if you choose. Preview tickets are available at the door only, no advance reservations.

Rotary Club of Poulsbo–North Kitsap Supports Jewel Box Theatre with Gift of \$3000

The Board of Directors has accepted the very generous initial gift of \$1500, with an additional \$1500 in matching funds from the Rotary Club of Poulsbo–North Kitsap. This donation goes a long way toward supporting the new light board that was recently installed, as well as the upgrade of the exterior of the theater which was accompanied by a new sign.

Poulsbo-North Kitsap Rotary has an extensive and proud history of supporting local organizations which contribute to the quality of life that makes Poulsbo such a special place to live. The theater is especially grateful to be among the names on that list.

Thank you very much.





Gems of the Jewel Box Set for March 10, 2012— Come Join Your Theater Family!

The Jewel Box Theatre’s Board of Directors will host the Jewel Box Gala Fundraiser on March 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hood Canal Vista Pavilion in Port Gamble. Celebrating the 11th season of the Jewel Box Theatre, this year’s event includes wonderful food and an auction which includes an opportunity for guests and patrons to support the theater by “raising the paddle” for the continued improvement of the theater facility.

Following the auction at 8 p.m., Gwen Adams, Artistic Director, and former Jewel Box performers will take us back to the swing era of Frank Sinatra and Glenn Miller. As always, the entertainment is one of the highlights of the evening. You will find it hard to sit still!

Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com (Search: Poulsbo) or by phone at (360) 697-3183.

The Jewel Box Theatre is a non-profit, all volunteer community theater that was named the West Sound’s Best Theater of 2009 by the *Kitsap Sun*.

Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 25–26, Dec. 2–10
Fridays & Saturdays, 8 p.m.
Sunday Matinees, 2 p.m.
Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11
Almost, Maine continues

Dec. 16 & 17, 8 p.m.
Portable Reality Show Improv

Jan. 14, 8 p.m.
Jan. 15, 2 p.m.
Play Reading—Title TBA

Jan. 27–Feb. 11
Fridays & Saturdays, 8 p.m.
Sunday Matinees, 2 p.m.
Jan. 29, Feb. 5 & 12
The Fourth Wall

Feb. 17 & 18, 8 p.m.
Portable Reality Show Improv

March 10, 5:30 p.m.
Jewel Box Gala Fundraiser

For the latest on these and other events, log on to JewelBoxPoulsbo.org

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sheila Romoff is a Multi-Talented Treasure

Sheila Romoff is a JBT volunteer for all seasons and all jobs. She always loved live theatre, and one day she responded to a newspaper ad for volunteers. She thought it would be a great way to meet people and to see plays. She attended an orientation given by Karen Archer, who was the Volunteer Coordinator for

the theater. What would she be willing to volunteer to do to help the Jewel Box Theatre? Why, everything! She signed up for all the jobs.

Sheila’s first volunteer stint was in 2006 as a ticket taker for *Ride Down Mt. Morgan*. When a fill-in was needed one night backstage during *I Ought to be in Pictures*, she found herself doing that job and it went from there. Her next adventure was as Assistant Stage Manager for *Other People’s Money*.

During her years as a JBT volunteer, Sheila has done almost everything: Assistant Stage Manager, Stage Hand/Crew, Producer, Production Manager, Production Assistant, Construction Crew, Painter, and Costumer. She perfected her “beg, borrow, or steal” skills in obtaining props and set dressings, up to, and including, dumpster diving.

She moved to the Pacific Northwest from Benicia in northern California in late 1993 and to the West Sound in 1998. She has been a legal assistant for 12 years and currently works for a small law firm in Pioneer Square that specializes in employment and labor law.

Sheila enjoys being part of a team that takes a production from auditions to opening night. She is constantly amazed at the quality of talent in Kitsap County. As Sheila says, “We are so lucky!”

She believes that anything a volunteer can do is greatly appreciated, whether it be taking tickets for a performance, coming in for two hours to help paint a set, or spending an hour cleaning up after a construction crew (her specialty). She also says that being a volunteer in your community always looks good on a resume, and invites you to come to join the fun!



Play Reading Scheduled for January 14 & 15

The Jewel Box Second Stage will continue its popular and affordable Play Reading Series at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15.

The theater’s play readings are script-in-hand performances of works by respected playwrights, with minimal staging to keep costs low. They offer compelling stories, read in dramatic ways, which move, enlighten, and entertain. And they’re a tremendous value! Tickets are just \$5 and are available at the door. No phone reservations, please. To learn more about the latest plays selected for readings, go to www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Key Volunteers Assume Expanded Roles at the Jewel Box Theatre

The Board of the Jewel Box is very pleased to announce several expanded roles for key volunteers at the theater. Please join us in congratulating and thanking the individuals listed below:

Gwen Adams, a director and long-time volunteer at the Jewel Box, will be assuming the Artistic Director position officially on January 1. Todd Erler and his wife, Alice Ostdiek, have decided to start a family. Although Todd is stepping away from the Artistic Director position, he and Alice will continue to be involved with the theater as key volunteers in improv, acting, directing, and teaching.

Todd has done an exceptional job at the Jewel Box as its Artistic Director for over two years and as an actor and director for eight years. He has attracted new directors and performers to the theater, as well as recommending an assortment of plays and musicals each year which have been well received by our patrons. Todd started improv classes and expanded our Second Stage offerings of play readings and Poulsbo Live! The Board is very pleased that Todd will continue to be an active part of our Jewel Box Theatre family.

The Board of Directors is thrilled to welcome Gwen Adams into this new position. She has been serving as the Assistant Artistic Director for many months and knows the theater well. Gwen was the director of the Jewel Box productions of *Spitfire Grill*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, and *Grey Gardens*. She is directing this season's production of *Nunsensations: the Nonsense Vegas Revue*.

During the next several months, Gwen and Todd will work together to support the directors who are producing the fall's shows so that there is a smooth



**Cindy Garfein,
New Jewel Box
Board President**

Cindy Garfein assumed the role of President on October 1. She joined the Jewel Box Board a year ago and has served as the Volunteer Coordinator and chair of the Gala Fundraiser Committee.

Prior to retiring, Cindy worked for over twenty-five years in human resources and general management for major corporations and entrepreneurial, private companies.

transition, and they will be jointly involved in recommending plays and musicals for the 2012–2013 season.

Kate Nunes, JBT Board member, has become the Front of House Volunteer Coordinator for the Jewel Box.

Since Kate joined the Board in June, she has been a very enthusiastic supporter of our volunteer program, bringing creative ideas for improving our volunteers' experiences and reaching out to new volunteers. She has recruited new volunteers, helped streamline our scheduling processes and learned all the front of house positions, filling in when needed. Her experience in business and her work with community volunteer advisory groups is a big asset for the Jewel Box.

Shannon Stepan has become the Marketing Coordinator for the theater.

Shannon has been maintaining the Jewel Box's website and producing our weekly electronic newsletter, *Out of the Jewel Box*. As Marketing Coordinator, she will also write, edit, and produce our *Treasure Chest* quarterly newsletter,



PRS Improv to Perform in December and February

The Portable Reality Show improv comedy troupe will perform at 8 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 17, and Feb. 17 and 18.

The Portable Reality Show brings improv to the next level by presenting full-length improvised plays with singing, dancing, outrageous characters, and amazing stories. Part vaudeville, part high-wire act, the players of The Portable Reality Show create amazing moments of hilarity, right in front of your eyes.

Advance tickets are \$8 at www.brownpapertickets.com. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors/students/military.

write and distribute all of the theater's news releases about auditions, upcoming shows, and Second Stage events, and maintain our Facebook page. Shannon works closely with our graphic designer, Richard Thornton.

Jim Sund, Board member, has assumed the role of Acting Treasurer. Jim has been a Board member for over a year. He is taking care of the Jewel Box's bills and receipts and producing the financial statements while the Board identifies a new Treasurer.

Jerry Deeter, Board member, has been elected for another two year term. Jerry has been an invaluable member who has taken care of the affairs of the Jewel Box facility and is responsible for coordinating the recent front entrance upgrade.

Judy Broeking, key volunteer and House Manager at the Jewel Box for many years, has taken on several administrative duties. She works with Jim Sund in accounting for the theater's receipts, produces the comp tickets for the volunteers and tracks attendance at the performances.



Thank you Kitsap Physical Therapy!

Kitsap Physical Therapy treated their customers, employees, and their guests to the opening night's performance of *Almost, Maine* on Nov. 18.

Kitsap Physical Therapy joins the growing list of local businesses and community organizations that support a vibrant community theater in Poulsbo.

Thank you.

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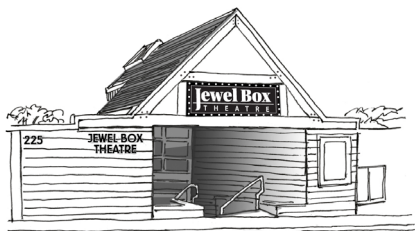
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We serve the community through unique, intimate theater. Our purpose is to provide quality theatrical productions and to encourage widespread participation in the performing arts.

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The New Face of the Jewel Box

A facelift and renovation to the front entrance initiates the 11th season at the Jewel Box Theatre!

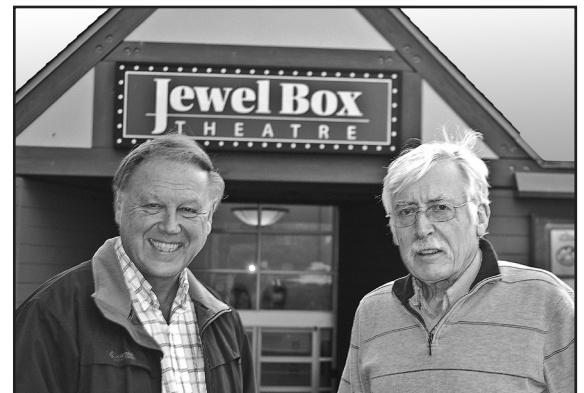
The creativity and vision of Gary McVey, former Jewel Box Theatre Board President, Jerry Deeter, Board member, and Bill Austin, local businessman and Poulsbo historian, made the project a reality.

Work on the project started in April when Richard Thornton, our volunteer designer, submitted several examples of updated logo designs for the theater to the Board.

Bill Austin volunteered to put forth his ideas for upgrading the front entrance and closing in the triangle area in the ceiling so that feathered friends of the theater would be encouraged to find another place to sit.

Bill also suggested the design for a lighted sign. After Jerry's work with the City on permits, Bill's construction expertise, and the very generous donation from Hanson Signs in Silverdale for much of the sign's cost, the theater had a new "face". The sign broadcasts the location of the Jewel Box to anyone passing by or driving through the Post Office.

Gifts from Central Market and the Rotary Club of Poulsbo-North Kitsap allowed the Jewel Box to go forward with the project in September. The sign was installed in the middle of *The Marvelous Wonderettes* and contributed to a sellout crowd the final weekend of the performance run.



Jerry Deeter and Bill Austin in front of the theater.