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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

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May 8, 2015

Upcoming Events at Your GPT:

5/10-23 *The Producers*
5/11 General
 Membership meeting
5/12-13 Auditions for
Spamalot
5/16 *Spamalot* callbacks

GP-Teasers:

Hubbard Worker of the Year nominations can be submitted now until the June 1, 2015 deadline. Nomination forms are available at 315 Fisher. Nominations should be sent to, "Tim Reinman, Secretary, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

GPT's **Season Advisory Committee** (SAC) has begun compiling a list of dramas, comedies, mysteries and musicals it will consider for the 2016-17 season. If there is a show you would like considered, please send a note to SAC Chair Cyndy Nehr at cyndynehr@gmail.com.

Even better, if you want to direct a particular show, we need to know about it! Let Cyndy -- or

BRING ON THE PRODUCERS!

Mothers Day is a great day to celebrate that most special person in our lives, and it's also time to celebrate the premiere of our season closing May musical, Mel Brooks' hilarious, spectacular, hilarious, bombastic and hilarious Broadway masterpiece, *The Producers!*

Like many big musicals we've staged, this production strains the limited space and capabilities of our stage, but the production team accepted the challenge and has excelled. Director Mike Trudel, co-producers Clif Levin and Peter Waliiko, stage manager Tom Archinal, co-choreographers Grace Knoche and Theresa Pullen, music & vocal director Ellen Bowen, set designer Geoff Proven, heroic co-tech directors Mary Lou Britton and Mickie Pizzimenti, the amazing costume consortium lead by Jeanne & Anna Chrisman, props and set dressing miracle worker Yvonne Hewlett, makeup queen Anne Maters, sound chief Brian Groth, lighting hall-of-famer Dale Pegg and dozens of crew members have delivered an over-the-top production that lives up to *The Producers* legacy as "the most decorated show in Broadway history."

Word is out ... this show is going to be a major smash hit. Over 500 tickets were sold LAST WEEK alone. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell your family this show is a MUST see. Send them to our website, www.gpt.org, call Arlene or Kathy at (313) 881-4004, or stop by 315 Fisher and see Arlene and Kathy in person.

Busy Week Ahead

any committee member
 (Kate Bernas, Laura Bartell, Sara Shook, Rick Hawley, Jeanne Chrisman or Brian Groth)
 -- know and it will be put into the mix.

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In addition to the opening of our season ending production of ***The Producers***, there's plenty in the works in the next week.

Monday: General Membership Meeting

Our final membership meeting of the season will take place this Monday inside the Crystal Ballroom at the War Memorial. Snacks, refreshments, along with mix and mingle begins at 7:00 pm, a brief "business" meeting at 7:30, leading up to performances by our six Scholarship Audition winners. See below for more information on this year's winners.

Tuesday & Wednesday: *Spamalot* Auditions

We may not be done with our 67th season but our 68th season is getting started anyway as director Susan Davis begins the long journey toward their September opening with auditions for Monty Python's stage version of their iconic movie, "*Monty Python and the Search for the Holy Grail*." Tuesday and Wednesday evening auditions, 6:30 pm at 315 Fisher, with callbacks scheduled for Saturday at 1:00 pm. Click [HERE](#) for more information and character descriptions.

Friday: Memorial Service for Marie Berteel

Watch for the special GPT eBlast on Monday with details on the service and lunch.

GPT Scholarship Winners

GPT Scholarship Chair, Kathy Fisk, is pleased to announced the results of the 2015 Grosse Pointe Theatre Scholarship Auditions, held at 315 Fisher on April 25th.

Six talented high school students split the \$6,800 scholarship money. Winners are: **Mary Reinman, Antonio Cipriano, Lolly Duus, Samantha Allen, Peter Gritsas** and **Frankie Thams**.

There were 2 senior winners and 4 underclassman. Three males, three females. 2 winners from North High, 2 from South High and 2 from the University



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Many thanks to the 3 GPT adjudicators: Sal DeMercurio, Dennis Wickline and Susan Davis, who had the very tough job of choosing our 6 winners from a talented group of 13 students that auditioned.

EVERYONE is highly encouraged to come to the May 11th GPT membership meeting and be an appreciative audience as our winners perform and receive their checks to exciting summer performing arts camps (National Thespian Festival, Stratford Shakespeare Summer School Camp, or University of Michigan theatre or vocal workshops) -or to higher education in the fall.

Thanks to the GPT Board for their support!

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