

# PONTIAC THEATRE IV

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## Auditions



Director Mario Razo will be holding auditions for "Schoolhouse Rock" on June 26, 27, and 29 at 7:00 pm at the Ruth Peterson Center 990 Joselyn Road, Pontiac. You will be asked to sing, dance, and read selected scenes from the show. Please bring sheet music.

Other member of the Production staff include Tony Castellani, Assistant Director, Paul Abdulah, Music Director, and Sharon Helsley, Choreographer.

Schoolhouse Rock is a nostalgic stage show featuring songs from the popular ABC Saturday morning cartoon vignettes from the 1970's and 1980's.

## SHAKE AT THE LAKE

Pontiac Theatre IV and The City of Sylvan Lake present "The Shakespeare Festival at Sylvan Lake" featuring "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged" directed by Amanda Jane Schade and produced by Steve Cunningham and Jack Hunger. Performances will be held on the grounds of the Sylvan Lake Community Center Thursday through Saturday, June 22, 23, and 24 at 8pm and Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Pontiac Theatre IV Youth Theatre will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" directed by Bethanne Schmidt on June 24 and 25 at 5:00 pm.

A spaghetti dinner and a show package will be offered on the evening of June 24 between the youth show and the adult show at 6:30. For dinner theatre pricing please contact Steve at [merwynel@aol.com](mailto:merwynel@aol.com)

# HERE'S WHAT'S SHOWING

More changes to the 2006-2007 season... The Board of directors has been notified that the rights to "Chicago, the Musical" are restricted, and therefore unavailable for our season. Never fear...the enthusiastic Play-reading Committee held an emergency meeting and overwhelmingly chose a terrific show to end the 2006-2007 season. We are pleased to announce the final show of next year's season...

## "The Wizard of Oz."

### Schoolhouse Rock

October 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2006

### Inspecting Carol

December 1, 2, 8 & 9, 2006

### Young Jane Eyre

March 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2007

### The Wizard of Oz

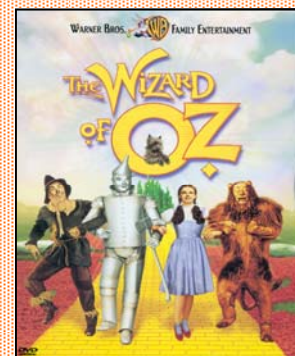
April 27, 28, May 4 & 5, 2007



Young Jane Eyre



## Inspecting Carol





# Behind the Scenes

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### THE STRAND

By Jim Whitney



Life is still strange at The Strand. Last month **The Strand Group** had a meeting with the City of Pontiac which proved to be very loud. In an unexpected move, the city stated that the Strand Group had caused the City of Pontiac to overrun its own budget because **The Strand Group** had not raised the \$1.5 million pledged to the project pending a certificate of occupancy. The Strand Group then announced that it would raise the additional \$3.5 million if the City could clear title and provide occupancy. Before the title can be cleared, however, additional work on the street behind the theater must be completed and the power system must be finished.

The stand off continues. It seems that the city looks at the Strand property as a marketable asset which, if sold, regardless of their prior commitments to **The Strand Group**, the monies could be used to repay much of the government debt.

Additionally, **The Strand Group** has had special seats made and placed into storage. These seats have just been put back on the market by the manufacturer because of the "Hold" placed on the entire project by the City.

This is a lengthy and messy business, but we have confidence that with perseverance and patience, we will prevail and eventually have a theater to call our own (sort of).

### The Peterson Center

By Carl Tenuta



The City of Pontiac continues to give us access to the Peterson Center for rehearsals and storage. **Lori Curran** has done an amazing job of organizing our costume closet. SO many items in SO little space. Lori, with the expert carpentry of **Tom Tang**, has also brought order to many costumes at Pontiac Northern. Thank you Lori, and all your helpers, for your excellent work.

### Pontiac Northern High School

By Carl Tenuta

Before "Li'l Abner" set construction began, a team of volunteers led by **Tom Tang** (Jim and Carolyn Tang, Scott

Muenz, Leon Pearson, Fred and Jane Schade, Lori Curran, Pete Beale and others) spent one hour a week cleaning out the back stage area at Pontiac Northern. We intend to continue this practice during the summer, beginning the week of June 19th. We will, however, be able to work only during the morning hours. If you are available and would like to help, Please call **Carl Tenuta** at (248)673-9827.



Pontiac Northern allows us to rehearse at the school when our presence does not interfere with the school or community activities. We, in turn, have provided stage lighting for the past twenty-five years as well as technical assistance for school functions.

We now have written a proposal which we are ready to submit to the Pontiac Schools, requesting that the rental fees we pay for the use of facilities be waived and instead, be spent by PTIV to renew the stage area. This proposal will open a dialogue that will make clear our intention to do our best to upgrade the theatre. The negotiations with the Pontiac Schools are being coordinated by **Monica Hirn** and **Carl Tenuta**. Stay tuned.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your hard work at Northern. It has been our HOME for thirty-seven years; one which we cherish and love.

## REGISTER TODAY

The theatre training workshops are ready to go. Take a look at the registration form insert in this newsletter and sign up today for the terrific workshops now being offered by PTIV.

The 2 hour workshops will be taught by seasoned PTIV members and will begin this September on the first Tuesday of the month. There will be one session per month covering a different topic each time, so feel free to explore any or all workshops and learn something new. Each session costs \$15.

All classes will be held at Pontiac Northern High School.

More information about the training workshops will soon be available on the PTIV website.





Pontiac Theatre IV Presents  
in association with Tams Whitmark Music Library

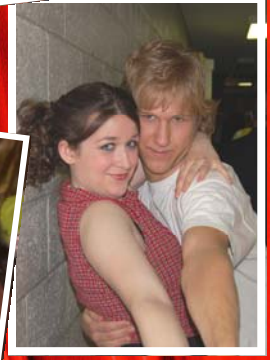
# L'I'L ABNER

April 28, 29, May 5, 6  
Pontiac Northern High  
8:00pm

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Welcome to the  
**Renaissance Festival**  
presented by Mid-America Festivals

Pontiac Theatre IV's biggest fundraiser is just on the horizon. The **2006 Michigan Renaissance Festival** is coming this September and our weekend to staff the festival's beer booths is the third weekend of September. Please clear your schedules and make yourself available to volunteer for the best job at the festival...THE BEER BOOTH! Mark this on your calendars and sign up to work a shift...HUZZAH!" Contact **Steve Cunningham** for more information on volunteering. **WE NEED YOU THERE TO HELP MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!**

The date for the Pontiac Theatre IV Pancake Breakfast has been set for August 5 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. **Carl Tenuta** will be organizing the volunteers to cook and serve breakfasts which are offered to the public for \$3. It's a great deal and a lot of fun. Please call Carl at (248)673-9827 to volunteer.



## Elections

**G**et ready to cast your vote for new Board Members.

Positions up for re-election or newly elected Board members are as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & member-at-large.

Should you wish to run for office, or nominate someone, please send your submission to the head of the Nomination Committee, Pat Delaire, at [Dondlaire@comcast.net](mailto:Dondlaire@comcast.net).

The voting will take place at the summer annual membership meeting picnic on August 6 at the home of Dennis and Emily Barberi's on Watkins Lake, 1567 Eason, Waterford.



## News & Info!

If you would like your news announced in future newsletters, you may contact us through the PTIV webmaster at [webmaster@pontiactheatreiv.org](mailto:webmaster@pontiactheatreiv.org) or by sending correspondence to the PTIV P.O. Box listed on page 1.



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