

Ti-Ahwaga Community Players

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Auctioneer Fran Dunbar along with board members Doug Benish and Jane Nichols at the Ti-Ahwaga Players' Annual Fund Raiser and Food Fest at the Ti-Ahwaga Performing Arts Center. View more photos on our Facebook page and become a fan.

Annual Fund Raiser a Roaring Success

Auctioneer Fran Dunbar did an outstanding job and had the audience exploding with laughter all evening at this year's successful Ti-Ahwaga Players Annual Fund Raiser.

We are all grateful for the job he did and for all those who attended. The generosity of the bidders and the community members who contributed items for bid was simply amazing. You should be proud of yourselves for being at the forefront of those who help to keep community theater alive in Tioga County.

Thanks as well to the Owego Pennysaver, John's Fine Foods, and Conti Jewelers for their underwriting support. And thanks Riverow Bookshop, Briar Patch, Black Cat Gallery, Hand of Man, Katie's Creations, Wine Connection, East of Sun, Tony's, Sincerely Yours, Laughing Place, Tioga Trails, Artisan Townhouse and Power & Paddle for your generous donations; and thanks to Joanne Murphy and Kelley Peron from the Parkview Restaurant for the great food and catering.

Box Office Hours
Monday-Friday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

Annual Picnic July 23, 2011

The Ti-Ahwaga Players' Annual Summer Picnic will be in the pavilion at the Campville Commons Park in Campville again this year on Sat., July 23.

All members get an invitation and have the opportunity to vote in the election for new board members and on the plays, directors and actors for the Nickie Awards.

There is always good food and drink, fun people and a great time. You don't want to miss it.

If you're not a member, just fill out the form on the back of this newsletter.



"Master Class"

The Ti-Ahwaga Community Players will present Terrence McNalley's Tony award winning play "Master Class" on Apr. 8, 9, 10, and Apr. 15, 16, 17.

"Master Class" was inspired by a series of vocal master classes conducted at Juilliard by celebrated soprano Maria Callas in 1971-72. McNally uses the classes as a starting point for relating the person, soul and core of Callas, whose art, fame, vocal accomplishments, tempestuous rivalries,



fall from grace, and ill-fated love affair with Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis are legendary.

Director James Osborne is taking a high-road approach to the production by presenting Callas, who was labeled La Divina and considered by many the greatest opera diva of the past century, as an emotionally flawed and highly vulnerable individual.

"Each one of the three students that she coaches throughout the show serve to bring out the turmoil and conflict that simmers

beneath the larger than life persona that the illustrious artist projects. In flashback, Callas delivers the most revealing and poignant moments in her life that cannot help but bring the audience to a heartfelt and deeper understanding of this great artist whose life and art were so tragically cut short," Osborne said.

The production is further enhanced with memorable musical moments by area operatic singers and on-screen projections of Callas and her life.

Soprano Andrea Gregori will portray Callas. Her three students will be portrayed by soprano Jana Kucera, tenor Matt Vavalle, and soprano Maria Aimoniotis. Pianist Heather Ingraham will provide accompaniment, and Joe Schmiegl will portray a stage hand.

“Art” Kept Them Laughing

The Players presented Christopher Hampton’s “Art” in February. The skilled direction of Jamie Cornell along with outstanding performances by Joe Davis, Chris Pellicano and Brian Flynn kept the audiences laughing throughout the show.



Brian Flynn

Joe Davis

Chris Pellicano

MEMBERSHIP

Become a Member or Renew Your Membership

Some benefits of membership are receipt of Ti-Ahwaga Players’ mailings and notices, invitations to special events, voting privileges at general meetings, invitations to the summer picnic, holiday party, Christmas caroling and our e-mail newsletter—plus the knowledge that you are helping to keep the arts and culture alive in Tioga County!

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- Musicals Experimental Theater
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All members are listed in our show programs.

Name _____

Address _____

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Please be sure to include your e-mail address to receive regular updates about TCP not included in regular mailings.

Please select membership options and mail payment check to the address at right or if you prefer to pay by credit card, call the number below.

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VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated for set construction prior to shows and house manager, wait staff, kitchen, parking, greeter, and clean-up during the shows
Call 687-2130 to help