



The HCT Connection

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The Mouse That Roared

The Mouse That Roared tells the story of the fictional European Duchy of Grand Fenwick. Finding itself on the wrong end of a trade dispute with the United States, and noting America's generosity in rebuilding the countries it had fought in World War II, Grand Fenwick's rulers hit upon the idea of declaring war on the U.S., losing, and then reaping a Marshall Plan-style handout. The plan, proposed by Grand Fenwick's Advisor, is approved by the Duchess, who dispatches an invasion force under the command of Grand Fenwick's hapless Chief Forest Ranger. Due to a series of happenstances and misunderstandings, however, Grand Fenwick's plan goes terribly wrong...



This rare comedy uses the magic of the theatre to enjoy the delight of the "impossible."



Fun Fact!!!

The Mouse That Roared is a 1959 British satirical Eastman Color comedy film. It starred **Peter Sellers** in **three** roles: Duchess Gloriana XII; Count Rupert Mountjoy, the Prime Minister; and Tully Bascomb, the military leader; and co-starred Jean Seberg.

Plays
Aug 8-10 at 7pm
August 10 at 2pm
Aug 15-17 at 7pm
August 17 at 2pm
Performed by ages 13-19

Tickets are only \$10!!!
Bring the kids
and enjoy some live,
local theatre!

What's in a Name?

civ·ic

1. Relating to a city or town, especially its administration; municipal

com·mu·ni·ty

1. A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
2. A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

The members of Holland Civic Theatre recently voted to change the name to Holland Community Theatre. The papers have been filed with the state and we are now officially Holland Community Theatre!!!

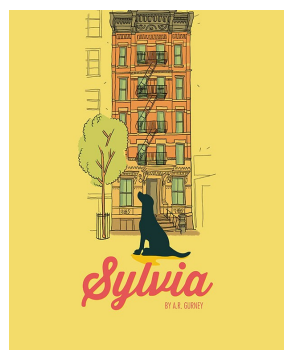
The reason behind this is two-fold. First we are often confused with The Civic Center. This includes phone calls, venue reviews and patrons late for shows because they were at the Civic Center. With the updates recently to the Civic Center, this has become even more common.

As we continue to grow, we believe that "Community" more firmly states our mission and goal to support not only Holland but the entire West Michigan Community.

Look for changes to our website and facebook page!!

Be a Part of Our 60thSeason!!!

Holland Civic Theatre is looking for directors for next season. If you are interested in directing (or any part of the production team) please contact HCT at hollandcivictheatre@yahoo.com.



Sylvia

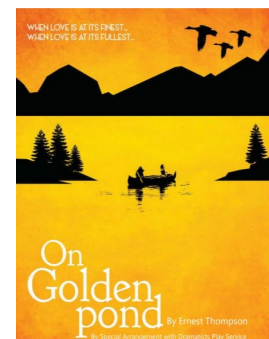
Auditions are Nov 11 & 12. Shows Jan 30-Feb 1, Feb 7-9; Feb 13-15

Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after twenty-two years of child-raising in the suburbs. Greg's career as a financial trader is winding down, while Kate's career, as a public-school English teacher, is beginning to offer her more opportunities. Greg brings home a dog he found in the park—or that has found him—bearing only the name "Sylvia" on her name tag. A street-smart mixture of Lab and Poodle, Sylvia becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife. She offers Greg an escape from the frustrations of his job and the unknowns of middle age. To Kate, Sylvia becomes a rival for affection. And Sylvia thinks Kate just doesn't understand the relationship between man and dog, putting their marriage in serious jeopardy. Join us for this complicated relationship between man, wife and dog.

On Golden Pond

Auditions are Feb 10 & 11 Shows Apr 23-26; May 2-3; 5-9 & 14-16

This is the love story of Ethel and Norman Thayer, who are returning to their summer home on Golden Pond for the forty-eighth year. He is a retired professor, nearing eighty, with heart palpitations and a failing memory—but still as tart-tongued, observant and eager for life as ever. Ethel, ten years younger, and the perfect foil for Norman, delights in all the small things that have enriched and continue to enrich their long life together. They are visited by their divorced, middle-aged daughter and her dentist fiancé, who then go off to Europe, leaving his teenage son behind for the summer. The boy quickly becomes the "grandchild" the elderly couple have longed for, and as Norman revels in taking his ward fishing and thrusting good books at him, he also learns some lessons about modern teenage awareness—and slang—in return. In the end, as the summer wanes, so does their brief idyll, and in the final, deeply moving moments of the play, Norman and Ethel are brought even closer together by the incidence of a mild heart attack. Time, they know, is now against them, but the years have been good and, perhaps, another summer on Golden Pond still awaits.



Annual Membership Dinner & Awards Ceremony

On Saturday July 27 HCT members attended the Annual Membership Dinner & Awards Ceremony. We had great food provided by the HCT Board and Hamburgs & Hotdogs cooked by Ken DeCan. The HCT Board did a summary of our previous year, introduced the new board for the 2019-20 season and formally announced our shows for our 60th season. After dinner, we adjourned to the auditorum for some entertainment and awards. We were entertained by Russ Gallas & Christine Randall performing a short skit. Mike & SueAnn Culp with help from Russ Gallas, Jack Oonk & Brian Everitt performed Jimmy Buffet's "Growing Older But Not Up". The evening ended with Jamie Foreman blowing us all away with "Burn" from *Hamilton*.

Award winners announced on next pages.



And the winners are.....



Rising Star
Emily Graves
as "Margalo"
Stuart Little



Rising Star
Faolan Rohr
as "Snowbell"
Stuart Little

Rising Star
Lucy Carpenter
as "Stuart Little"
Stuart Little



Rising Star
Jessica Furbush
as "Fairy May"
The Curious Savage

Rising Star
Makenna Van Raalte
as "Mrs. Savage"
The Curious Savage



Rising Star
Charlie Reese
as "Ralphy"
The Christmas Story

And the winners are.....

Supporting Actress
Sonnet Quinn
as "Marcy Park"
*The 25th Annual Putnam
County Spelling Bee*



Supporting Actor
Jason Craner
as "Leaf Coneybear"
*The 25th Annual Putnam
County Spelling Bee*



Outstanding Actress
Anna Worbois
as "Beth"
The Sunshine Boys



Outstanding Actor
Don VandenHeuvel
as "Willie"
The Sunshine Boys



Outstanding Director
Sue Ann Culp
*The 25th Annual Putnam
County Spelling Bee*



**Outstanding Production/
Technical Aspects**
*The 25th Annual Putnam
County Spelling Bee*



New Prestigious Award Category Added to Annual Awards Line Up

We have added two new award categories this year – ones which should have been added a long time ago: the “Outstanding Volunteer” and the “Volunteer of the Year” awards. We could fill up this newsletter with all the names of those awesome individuals who have dedicated their time to HCT as a volunteer this past season. However, this year we chose to recognize five of our hard working volunteers who went above and beyond:



Beth Egge, Teresa Bock, Katie Fynewever, Bill Hoffmann, & Delanie DeCan

Our volunteers literally keep the lights on – onstage and off. They paint, they build, they sew, they make phone calls, they update websites, and they clean. They usher, they sell candy, and they dress up like pirates so they can bring smiles to children for a day. Our volunteers step out of their comfort zones and learn new things. They give hugs and sometimes they even dry tears. They do whatever they can to put the community back in theatre. For this, we thank each and every one of you who have gone above and beyond, because we know that without you, there be no HCT.

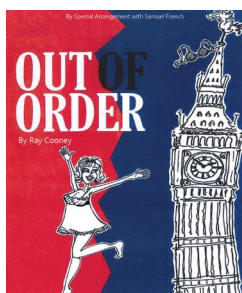


One last award was given, and that would be to **Delanie DeCan**, our *Volunteer of the Year*. Delanie has participated in one way or another in all the shows this past season, she has painted shows and helped paint the theatre; she has said YES so many times to so many things, and shown up with a smiling face each and every time. AND, she did all this while carrying a full load at Hope College – *and* earning a spot on the Presidents List at Hope College!



If you see any of these individuals at the theatre, please congratulate them for a job well done!

2019-20 Shows



Out of Order, by Ray Cooney

October 3-19, 2019

When Richard Willey, a government junior minister, plans to spend the evening with Jane Worthington, one of the opposition's typists, things go disastrously wrong.

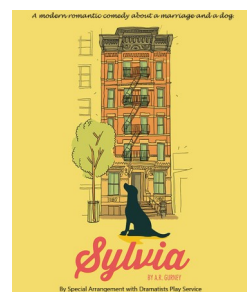
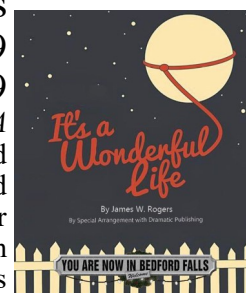
It's A Wonderful Life, by James W. Rogers

Auditions September 16 & 17, 2019

November 30-December 14, 2019

In our American culture *It's a Wonderful Life* has become almost as familiar as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The saga of George Bailey, the Everyman from the small town of Bedford Falls, whose dreams of escape and adventure have been quashed by family obligation and civic duty, whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him—by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born—that his has been, after all, a wonderful life. This fine dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play

and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.



Sylvia, by A.R. Guerney

Auditions November 11 & 12, 2019

January 30-February 15, 2020

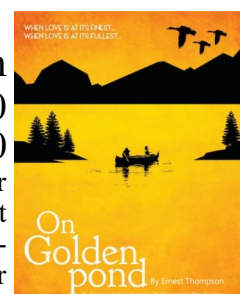
Middle-aged, upper-middle class Greg finds Sylvia, a dog (played by a human), in the park and takes a liking to her. He brings her back to the empty nest he shares with Kate. She offers Greg an escape from the frustrations of his job and the unknowns of middle age. To Kate, Sylvia becomes a rival for affection. And Sylvia thinks Kate just doesn't understand the relationship between man and dog.

On Golden Pond, by Ernest Thompson

Auditions February 10 & 11, 2020

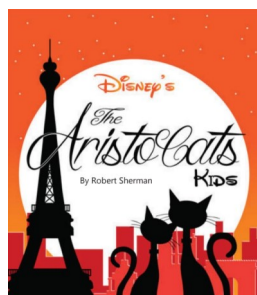
April 23—May 16, 2020

Cantankerous retiree Norman Thayer and his conciliatory wife, Ethel, spend summers at their New England vacation home on the shores of idyllic Golden Pond. This year, their adult daughter, Chelsea, visits with her new fiance and his teenage son, Billy on their way to Europe. After leaving Billy behind to bond with Norman, Chelsea returns, attempting to repair the long-strained relationship with her aging father before it's too late.



Watch the September HCT Connection for on sale dates for 2019-20 Mainstage Shows!!!

2019-20 Student Productions



The Aristocats, by Richard M Sherman & Robert B Sherman

Audition Workshop April 18, 2020

Auditions April 20 & 21, 2020

Shows July 9-11; 16-18, 2020

When a retired opera singer leaves her inheritance to her cat, Duchess, and three kittens, the woman's butler drugs the cats and abandons them in the countryside in order to inherit the fortune himself. Lost in unfamiliar territory, Duchess and the kittens meet Thomas O'Malley, an alley cat willing to help them return to their home in Paris.

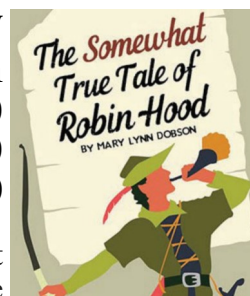
They meet several kooky characters along the way, including two English geese and an alley cat jazz band.

The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood, by Mary Lynn Dobson

Audition Workshop April 18, 2020

Auditions April 20 & 21, 2020

Shows August 6-8; 13-15, 2020



It sure is hard to be humble when you're a swashbuckling, egocentric super-hero. But our gallant guy-in-green tries his best as he swaggers through The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood, a frantically funny, Monty Pythonesque retelling of the classic. This time around, the legendary legend, in his never-ending quest to aid the needy, encounters a lovely damsel-in-distress (oddly obsessed with skin conditions); an ever-scheming sheriff who would rather bowl a strike than hit a bull's-eye; a gold-hoarding, bad-guy monarch wannabe; and a good-natured "Town's Guy" who manages to make his way into every scene, whether he belongs there or not. Combine them with an expandable band of spoon-wielding Merry Men whose collective IQs equal six, and you've got an irreverent jaunt through Sherwood Forest you won't soon forget!

If you are interested in directing, producing or being on the crew for any of these shows, please contact us at hollandcivictheatre@yahoo.com



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HCT Fun with Friends

For the past several months a group of HCT members, supporters and friends have been meeting at various restaurants for a fun night! If you are interested in HCT's Fun w/Friends, please join our HCT Members Only group on Facebook by Personal Messaging Deborah Lynn Ruth (Ozga) and requesting to be added to the group. Joining this group is a great way to get to know your fellow HCT family and have a great time outside of shows! Last month we were at Turk's Inn in Holland.



Fun with Friends– August

The Fun w/Friends August Meet-up will be **DISCO BOWLING @ BAM** on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 pm. And yes, there will be prizes (including best Disco Costume!) This event will be open to families, however you must RSVP to attend. <http://evite.me/ME3Spmqn62>



Sign up to usher or a concessions host for **The Mouse that Roared!!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4ba8aa2fa0ff2-ushers>

No experience necessary!!!



Dates you don't want to miss!

August 2019

Don't forget auditions for "It's A Wonderful Life" September 16 & 17!				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 The Mouse That Roared 7pm <i>Ice Cream Social</i>	9 The Mouse That Roared 7pm	10 The Mouse That Roared 2 & 7pm
11	12	13 Board Meeting 6:30pm	14	15 The Mouse That Roared 7pm	16 The Mouse That Roared 7pm	17 The Mouse That Roared 2 & 7pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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