



# The HCT Connection

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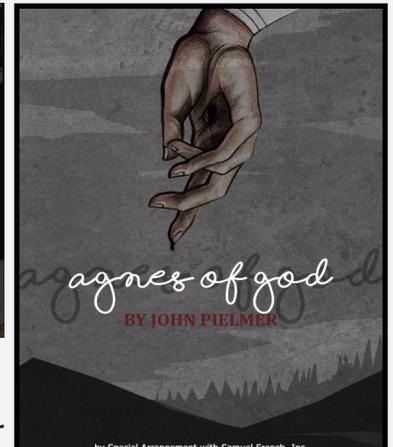
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## **Agnes of God**

Summoned to a convent, Dr. Martha Livingstone, a court-appointed psychiatrist, is charged with assessing the sanity of a novice accused of murdering her newborn. Miriam Ruth, the Mother Superior, determinedly keeps young Agnes from the doctor, further arousing Livingstone's suspicions. Who killed the infant, and who fathered the tiny victim? Livingstone's questions force all three women to re-examine the meaning of faith and the power of love, leading to a dramatic, compelling climax. A hit on Broadway and later on film.

We are hoping to have in-person performances. Exact dates will be announced based on local and state regulations once we are closer to the October 1st opening day. We are exploring live streaming possibilities.



*Jessica Furbush, Christine Randall and Sue Ann Culp rehearse for Agnes of God in hopes of performing it—either in front of a live audience or via streaming.*

**Stay tuned for more information!**

## 2020-2021 Season

Dear Holland Community Theatre Family,

**It is with heavy hearts that we announce the suspension of our 2020-2021 season.** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state mandates, we cannot open our doors. We desperately wish we could and once it is safe to do so, our theatre will be open.

Our first show of the season, ***Agnes of God***, is being planned as a virtual production. More information will be coming soon. **The rest of the season is currently suspended** due to state and local regulations.

Here at HCT, we value our members and patrons as much as we value bringing quality theatre to Holland. We miss **“making a play for you,”** and we can’t wait until we are safely back in the theatre once again.

During this unprecedented time, we will be **exploring other methods** in which we can bring you local theatre. The **safety** of our performers and our audience members is our number one priority. **Please keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#) for further details.**

**We will be doing ALL we can do to continue making theatre for you. We are actively finding radio plays and other performances that will work virtually. Watch for performance announcements -- and actors, watch for audition calls!**

In this ever-changing time, the words of playwright Arthur Miller provide a beautiful reminder:

*“The mission of the theatre, after all, is to change, to raise the consciousness of people to their human possibilities.”*

While we wait in this current “change,” we will create art and connect to each other in the best, safest ways we can. **Words cannot express how grateful we are for everyone who has sent in donations**, refused refunds of tickets, and just reached out to say hello. **We covet your continued support** in the next weeks and months.

We will continue to diligently monitor the COVID-19 situation, and open our doors for live audiences as soon as we can. Again, please keep an eye on Facebook and our website for virtual shows and auditions during this time.

#OnlyIntermission.

Thank you for being a part of the HCT family!

## Painters, Carpenters Wanted

With limited productions at HCT, it has become the perfect time to complete some projects!!! And we are looking for volunteers! Get out of the house and help us with our projects!! (all projects will be with COVID guidelines in place.)

A year ago, we painted the walls in our lobby area. We need to complete the painting of the trim in the lobby. We also need to purchase and complete our concession area countertop.

Behind the curtains in our auditorium are windows. We need to build shadow boxes into these windows in order to hang our season posters in the windows.

The trim on the outside of the building needs to be painted as well. This will finish off the paint job that the West Coast Chamber started.

We are looking at a September time frame to complete these projects.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please contact Brian Everitt. His contact information is [mnemnethe@yahoo.com](mailto:mnemnethe@yahoo.com) or 616-566-4059.

## Season Benefactors

For over 60 years, Holland Community Theatre has brought live theatre to the West Michigan area. Every year we produced 3 Mainstage shows and over the years added 3 opportunities for our local youth to discover the love of theatre by being on our small, intimate stage. However, for the past 6 months our stage, like so many others, has been dark. Many businesses have pivoted to make a different product or re-opened with reduced services. Unfortunately, with live theatre, there are not many options that we can pivot to. Rights to produce a live production have costs involved and live streaming requires additional equipment and costs. HCT is very anxious to open back up for live shows. We have compiled and published a formal COVID procedure (a copy of this is on our HCT website at [www.thehollandcommunitytheatre.org](http://www.thehollandcommunitytheatre.org).) which outlines how we will return to live theatre when the time is right. Our number one goal is the safety of our actors, volunteers and patrons.

September is when we normally start our Annual Season Membership and Benefactor campaign. At this time, we still do not know what our season will look like. Sure, we have a slate of shows that we are going to produce, but the COVID situation is so fluid and changing, we don't know if it will be possible to have a physical show with an audience.

It is our hope when you receive your letter regarding our Annual Season Membership and Benefactor campaign, *you will consider becoming a benefactor for the next year. We are confident that with your help, we can weather any storm that COVID brings to us!*

Help us continue to bring LIVE THEATRE to Holland and our entire West Michigan Community!



# *Dates you don't want to miss!*

## September 2020

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 HCT Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 6:30pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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