



April, 2023



SPOTLIGHT

Volcano Theatre Company's Monthly Newsletter



**NEW SHOW TIME FOR
THE COBBLESTONE THEATRE
EVENINGS, 7:30 PM**



Volcano Theatre Company
and ACE HARDWARE of PLYMOUTH
present



April 7 - May 14

In the Historic Cobblestone Theatre

TICKETS @ volcanotheatre.net

or by calling 209.419.0744



2023

With Permission of Concord Theatricals

50th Season Anniversary Kicks Off!

We are excited to open our 2023 season with Neil Simon's "Prisoner of Second Avenue", sponsored by ACE Hardware of Plymouth. This production also happens to be the very first play we did back in 1974! And, fun fact, our very own Giles Turner played the lead character, Mel Edison! (check out the photo next page!). Our 2023 production does not stray from the original script (you just don't mess with Neil Simon!) and Mr. Turner will NOT be among its cast members (darn it!) but the talented and dedicated cast, helmed by veteran VTC member/director Bob Duzdevich, will thoroughly entertain you!

PRISONER, continued . . .

For those not familiar with the play's history, it premiered on Broadway in 1971, directed by Mike Nichols and starred Peter Falk (of Columbo fame) and Lee Grant as the leads. The production was nominated for Best Play, Best Director and Best Supporting Actor (Vincent Gardenia) at the 1972 Tony Awards. And note that date: 1972! The Volcano Theatre Company, at that time known as the Volcano Pioneer Community Players, staged the play in 1974! Only TWO YEARS after it premiered on Broadway! Like all award winning plays, a film version was eventually made with the lead roles played by the famous Jack Lemmon and Anne Bancroft!

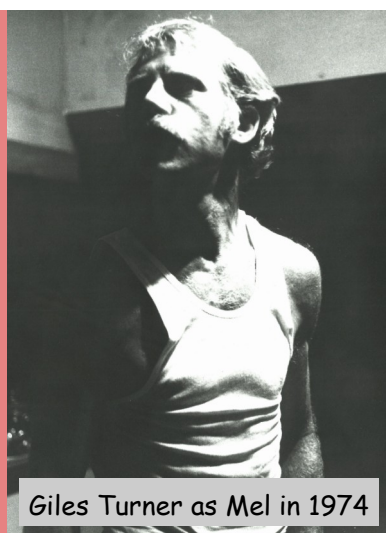
The plot follows Mel Edison and his wife Edna who live on Second Avenue on the Upper East side of Manhattan in New York, as they experience a year of back-to-back-to-back challenges beginning with Mel losing his job of 22 years. Add to the mix a summer heat wave, a garbage strike, noisy neighbors and apartment repair issues and it all comes to a head as Mel loses his.

In our production, Mel and Edna are played by James Dove and Elissa Wilson and they make the perfect stage-married couple, caring and supportive yet frustrated and argumentative (this IS New York, after all!). As actors, James and Elissa deftly find the humor of each situation Mel and Edna find themselves. The balance of the cast consist of Mel's siblings, brother Harry, played by newcomer Sean Mason, and sisters Pearl, Jessie and Pauline, played by veteran VTC actors Brenda Metzger, Michael Ann Gowder and Mitch Alaire, respectively. The family, concerned for Mel's mental health, all gather to discuss how they can help their baby brother but money matters are never easy, especially when Pauline doesn't know what "X" is! And don't miss the funny lines that come over the radio!

Behind the scenes volunteers include: Chuck Hagyard, set designer/builder; Jade Mesa and Michelle Check-erly, script supervisors/stage managers; Dave Fredericks, house manager; Karen

Rovane, producer; Jorja Perea, costume designer; Jim Caudle, lighting design; Mitch Mitchell, sound design; Joe Diltz, tech operation, Michaela Key, hairstyles; Dana Cohen, scenic artist and many more helping with decoration of the set! As usual, it takes a dedicated and creative village!

Tickets on sale now and with the closing performance on Mother's Day, those tickets will sell out quickly, so get yours today! And you can check out the fabulous Prisoner of Second Avenue digital program by visiting us at www.volcanotheatre.net (or clicking the live link on the front of this email!). See you in Volcano!



Giles Turner as Mel in 1974

**VOLCANO PIONEER
COMMUNITY
THEATRE GROUP**
PRESENTS
THE PRISONER OF 2ND AVE.

WRITTEN
BY
NEIL
SIMON

DIRECTED
BY
VERN
GRIFFITH

AT
**COBBLESTONE THEATRE
IN VOLCANO**

FRIDAY, JULY 19 - 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 20 - 8:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, JULY 21 - 2:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, JULY 26 - 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 27 - 8:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, JULY 28 - 2:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 2 - 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 3 - 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY AUG. 9 - 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 10 - 8:30 p.m.

TICKETS:
PHONE
295-4576
296-7647

**ALL SEATS
\$300**

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Coming Attractions:



- April 7th - OPENING NIGHT – **Prisoner of Second Avenue!** Cobblestone Theatre.
 April 9th - **HOPPY EASTER!**
 April 11th - Board Meeting, Cobblestone Theatre, 6:30 p.m.
 April 29th - AUDITIONS for **SILENT SKY** - See Info Below!



*The Volcano Theatre Company
 and Sterling Auto Repair
 are holding Open Auditions for*

SILENT SKY

August 11th - September 9th
 Friday and Saturday, 8 PM

BY LAUREN GUNDERSON

Directed by Amber Adams

AUDITIONS:

APRIL 29TH @ 2:00 PM & MAY 1ST @ 6:00 PM
 IN THE AMPHITHEATRE

NEEDED:

FOUR FEMALES (Ages 20-50)
 ONE MALE (30's)

For more information contact
 Director Amber Adams at:
amber95665@gmail.com
 209.217.4502



2023

By Permission of Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

SILENT SKY will light up the amphitheatre this summer!

Looking to be involved in a unique and inspiring theatrical experience? Well, look no further than **Silent Sky!**

Silent Sky has been performed in theatres across the world and has received critical acclaim for its portrayal of scientific discovery and the challenges faced by women in a male-dominated world. Playwright Lauren Gunderson has been praised for her creative storytelling and ability to show the human element in scientific research. In this thought-provoking story, we learn about Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers whose breakthrough discoveries changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth.

Come be a part of this beautiful story as we celebrate the contributions of women in science and the importance of pursuing one's dreams. We are looking for 4 women (20s to 50s) and one man (30s to 40s).

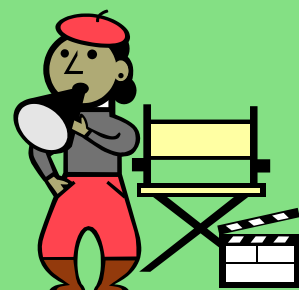
If you have any questions, please contact Director Amber Adams at ambermer95665@gmail.com.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN! - AUDITIONS!

Silent Sky: April 29, 2 p.m. & May 1, 6 p.m.

Blithe Spirit: May 21, 2 p.m. & May 22, 6 p.m.

Dashing Through the Snow: August 6, 2 p.m. &
 August 7, 6:30 p.m.





Volcano Theatre Company's HELP US "SET THE STAGE"

We are a 501(C)3 not-for-profit theatrical corporation run ENTIRELY by volunteers! For almost 50 years! We love what we do - putting on fabulous award-winning theatrical productions for our community - and we're pretty darn good at it, if we do say so ourselves. And we do this while also preserving the historic character of our venues: the Cobblestone Theatre, originally built as a cigar emporium in 1855 and the Amphitheatre, the façade of which was a saloon and a law school.

The proceeds from ticket sales fund future productions, paying for utilities, taxes and general maintenance of our theatre venues. But we have plans for significant improvements that will affect the quality of our performances and "set the stage" for the future.

Our current "wish list" for big ticket projects will make everyone's Volcano Theatre experience much better - for our patrons, actors and volunteers. If you are in ANY POSITION to "adopt a project", make a general donation, or if you can donate your time, materials and/or talents, PLEASE HELP!

Our current "wish list" includes:

- Re-wiring all the electrical in the Cobblestone Theatre! As we upgrade sound and lighting systems, we find that the current (very old) wiring needs complete replacement. Estimate: \$20,000
- Adding two new 10' x 10' barn-style sheds for storage of props and costumes on a base rock pad. Estimate: \$3,000-\$5,000 EACH
- Extending the light booth in the Amphitheatre to allow more effective placement of light and sound equipment. Estimate: \$3,000-\$5,000
- Updating HVAC system in the Cobblestone Theatre to a more efficient system for the comfort of our patrons and actors. Estimate: \$15,000 or more!

If you can help in any way, please contact us through our website:

www.volcanotheatre.net

or via email at: volcanotheatrecompany@yahoo.com

We THANK YOU for supporting YOUR community theatre!

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