



September, 2023



# SPOTLIGHT

*Volcano Theatre Company's Monthly Newsletter*

**Volcano Theatre Company**

and RE/MAX FOOTHILL PROPERTIES

present



**September 15th -  
October 15th**

**In the Historic Cobblestone Theatre**

**NEW TIME: Friday & Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday Matinee, 2 p.m.**

**Tickets at: [volcanothatre.net](http://volcanothatre.net)  
or 209.419.0744**



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## Is The Cobblestone HAUNTED?

Rumors abound about the ghosts who roam the town of Volcano. From the Union Inn & Pub, to mines and caves and up to the old cemetery on the hill, the ghostly calls of souls long lost have been heard. How did they get here and what are they searching for? One can only guess. This fall you are invited to explore at least one way specters may be brought forward from the other side.



Opening September 15th, the Volcano Theatre Company brings you Noel Coward's 1941 classic "Blithe Spirit", described by the author as "an improbable farce in three acts", which was also one of the very first productions by the company 50 seasons ago!

# BLITHE SPIRIT, continued

A perfect outing for those too faint-hearted for haunted houses, but still looking for a bit of fall fun, the cast and crew of this amazing show consist of veteran VTC members as well as those who have been newly introduced to their stages. Together they are ready to bring you a hauntingly fun time, with characters you will love to hate, just as the playwright intended.

You will meet Charles Condomine (Todd Bertwell) and his wife Ruth (Amber Adams) as they prepare for an evening of fun, investigating the occult. Needing to understand the way a psychic might interact with energies both seen and unseen for his new book, Charles has invited Madame Arcati (Beth Barnard), a local medium, to dinner and a séance. Dr. and Mrs. Bradman (Jim Caudle and Michelle Checkley respectively) are invited to create an air of legitimacy. Charles soon learns, as Madame Arcati inadvertently conjures someone from Charles' past (Alana Hein), that he ought not to make light of that which he does not understand. Rounding off the cast in a very funny role, is Maya Mireles as Edith, the maid.

Director Margaret Lewis is joined by some of VTC's best behind-the-scenes support: Assistant Director Arleen Kingston; Producer Paul Lewis; Set Design by Jim Estes with construction by Gerry Elliott and Chuck Hagyard and décor by Arleen Kingston and Alicia Barber; Sound Design by Mitch Mitchell; Lighting Design by Jim Caudle; Special Effects by Alex Sharp; Costumes by Alison Galloway; Tech Operations by Paul Lewis; and House Manager and Understudy, Diana Moss.



So join in the spooky fun of "Blithe Spirit", sponsored by Re/Max Foothill Properties, Friday and Saturday evenings, at their **NEW TIME of 7:30**, September 15th through October 15th, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at [www.volcanothatre.net](http://www.volcanothatre.net) and as seating is limited in the historic and intimate Cobblestone Theatre, shows can sell out quickly. For up-to-the-minute news and information, follow Volcano Theatre Company on Facebook.





# Coming Attractions:



September 15th - OPENING NIGHT for *Blithe Spirit*! In the Cobblestone Theatre!

September 16th - TOWN OF VOLCANO, YARD SALE!

September 19th - BOARD MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Cobblestone Theatre!

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the October Board Meeting for the following board positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary,  
Production Manager, Member at Large  
and Theatre Manager

For Further Information, contact President  
Jim Estes at [jimbob2x2@gmail.com](mailto:jimbob2x2@gmail.com)



**Volcano's  
TOWN YARD SALE**

Craft Vendor's too!

**8-2**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

Call: 209-704-5304 to Rent a Space

## **VOLCANO PIONEER COMMUNITY THEATRE GROUP**

**PRESENTS**

## **"BLITHE SPIRIT"**

WRITTEN  
BY  
NOEL  
COWARD



DIRECTED  
BY  
GEOF  
POPEJOY

## **AT COBBLESTONE THEATRE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

PERFORMANCES  
AT 8 P.M.

**IN VOLCANO  
ALL SEATS  
\$3<sup>00</sup>**

FOR TICKETS PHONE:  
JACKSON 223-3155  
PINE GROVE 296-4960  
PIONEER 295-7330

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## **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

**Our ORIGINAL POSTER from 1974's show!**

## **Christmas did indeed arrive in August!**

Many thanks to all the wonderful actors who came out for our ***DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW*** auditions! There were so many talented performances, Director Roxanne Fausett had a hard time picking a final cast!



**Stay tuned next  
month for more  
*Dashing* details!**

# Project Cushy Tushy!



We were gifted with “free” theatre chairs and tore out the old chairs and the old carpeting. Under that old carpeting we discovered ROT and the ENTIRE AUDIENCE AREA had to be re-built, including relocating a beautiful not-seen-in-years stone floor, tons of cement, piles of wood, thousands of screws and gallons of paint!

Basically a TON of hard work and a BUNCH of unplanned expenses . . .

And all during a year we were closed for business due to the pandemic!

You can support this remodel effort by **Adopting A Chair** through **Project Cushy Tushy!**

Your chair will have a plaque with your name and choice of brief comment or dedication (for example: “in memory of . . .”, a favorite quote, or just something silly . . . Have fun with it!)

Visit us online at [www.volcanotheatre.net](http://www.volcanotheatre.net) to adopt your chair today!

Only \$150

## AMPHITHEATRE: STONE BY STONE, BRICK BY BRICK



Maintaining and improving our beautiful outdoor Amphitheatre is an on-going adventure. You can help by buying a brick.

For each \$100 donation, a brick engraved with your name will be added to the walkway in the beautiful Volcano Amphitheatre!

Visit us online at [www.volcanotheatre.net](http://www.volcanotheatre.net) to order your brick today!

Your tax-deductable donation will be greatly appreciated!

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