



News Release

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The Sheboygan Theatre Company has announced its cast for the Jeff Daniels, deer-camp comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight." The comedy takes place in Upper Michigan and centers on the Soady family. The show is full of Yooper accents, crazy antics and priceless humor.

The audience is guided through the show by the narration of the Soady family patriarch, Albert Soady, played by Glenn Schultz. Schultz directed last season's "Twelve Angry Men," and recently was seen in "On Golden Pond," at the Memories Ballroom in Port Washington. Albert has two very different sons, sweet responsible Reuben and reckless brash Remnar.

Reuben Soady, the cursed and perpetually deer-less hunter, is played by Mike Roehl. Roehl was last seen on stage as the narrator in the "Dickens Christmas Carol Show." His brother, Remnar Soady is a crude but successful deer hunter and is played by returning Sheboygan Theatre Company alum, Ben Gartmann.

Jeff Kelm, having played Jimmer Negamanee in the University Theatre's production of "Escanaba in da Moonlight," has returned to reprise the role of the incomprehensible friend of the Soady family. This is Kelm's first show this season but was seen last year in "Plaza Suite" and "Twelve Angry Men."

Making his Sheboygan Theatre Company debut is Blake Henderson playing Ranger Tom T. Treado. Last August, Henderson and others put together the shows, "Pillow Man" and "Spotted Man," with the Grey Area Players. The proceeds went to benefit Theatre for Young Audiences.

In the one onstage female role will be Catrina Tarr, playing Reuben's wife, Wolf Moon Dance Soady. Wolf Moon Dance does everything she can to help her husband bag his buck. Tarr was last seen on the Sheboygan Theatre Company stage as Tuptim in "King and I."

Returning to direct is Rick Ponzio. Ponzio directed last seasons, "Plaza Suite" and the University Theatre production of "Escanaba in da Moonlight." The production features a set design by the staff Production Manager/Designer, Dustin L. Uhl. Lisa Stewart will be designing the lighting. Jennifer Mattila-Paasch will choreograph the Native American dances. Joyce Nery will be doing costume design while Lynn Schultz will be designing the make-up. Dave Steinmeyer and Samantha Lin Pool will do the sound. Karen Herman and Stephanie Gibson will be the Property Masters for the show. The Stage Manager is Katy Ries. Also in the show will be the use of prerecorded eerie voices. Char Koehler, Jackie Blindauer, Jennifer Mattila-Paasch, Catrina Tarr and Katy Ries will lend their voices. More volunteers are always welcome.

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" will open Friday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Subsequent performances at 7:30 p.m. will be March 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19. There will be a 2:00 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, March 13. The production will be presented at the Leslie W. Johnson Theatre, 2820 Union Avenue, Sheboygan.

Admission, before tax, is \$20.00 for adults, \$16.00 for seniors sixty and over and \$10.00 for youngsters through high school and college students. Tickets are available at the Theatre Company office in the Community Recreation Department, 607 S. Water Street, or at the theatre box office 45 minutes before curtain of each performance. To learn more visit www.sheboygantheatercompany.org and then call 920/459-3779 to reserve tickets or for further information.

This will be the Theatre Companies fourth production of their Seventy-Seventh Season, a season funded by Acuity and the Arts and the Stefanie H. Weill Charitable Fund. "Escanaba in da Moonlight," is sponsored by Sargento.