



News Release

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The Sheboygan Theatre Company's Seventy Eighth Season will be starting soon. Not only will they be doing four musicals and one play, they will be bringing in five highly qualified stage directors to produce the productions, conduct workshops for the community and mentor others who would like directing experience.

The 2011/12 Season for the Theatre Company will start off with a returning director, Jason Summers of New York City. Summers returns to Sheboygan after directing last year's most successful production of "Nunsense." Summers is an accomplished young director, choreographer teacher and writer. In September he will be conducting two intensive workshops about auditioning for musical theatre and character development.

Up next will be Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." Warren Scott Friedman will be directing and choreographing this holiday classic. Friedman has worked extensively throughout the US as a director, choreographer, instructor, stage manager and coach. He has worked on Broadway as a Production Assistant which gives him the unique qualification to conduct a stage management workshop while he is in Sheboygan.

The dramatic production of "Proof" will be brought to life by Jennifer Sherron Stock. Stock as worked all across the world as a director, actor and educator. Her home is in New York, where she teaches Theatre and Speech at the college level but Stock also teaches with Brooklyn College China during the summers.

"Cheeseheads, the Musical" is a musical comedy about Wisconsin, so the director for the production is also from Wisconsin, Verona specifically. Catie O'Donnell has her BA in theatre and music from the University of Miami Florida. O'Donnell has worked as a director, producer and educator throughout the Midwest.

Finally, the season will end with Tom Berger, directing and choreographing "Rent." Berger has been all over the country and has directed over 300 productions from Off-Broadway, to national tours, to regional theatres. He has also served on the New York Educational Theatre Association's Board and is a devoted to being a teaching artist.

The Theatre Company has big plans for the upcoming season. They finished last year with a new fundraiser event, "Sheboygan's Next Star," which is something they hope to continue. They are always looking for more volunteers, to help throughout the season.

People interested in learning more about the theatre company can find out more during a couple of upcoming events. Coming up August 13, 2011 will be the Theatre Festival and Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All the staff and a number of the volunteers will be there to share information. Plus on August 24, 2011, the Theatre Company will be hosting a Kick-Off Party for the new season where all are welcome. It will be a great way to learn more about the Theatre and the people who make it up.