

Up next: 10th Annual PlayFest

See this year's series of seven short plays, written, directed, and performed by the members of our community. PlayFest offers a spectrum of theater experiences that guarantee to enrapture with flights of fancy, soul-felt conflicts and bittersweet memories.

This event gives islanders a stage upon which to display their own literary creations, their acting abilities, and directorial vision.

The final selection of the plays for Playfest 2015 will be made by the end of February. As soon as selections are made, copies of the various scripts will be available at the Library for all to read. Auditions for the playfest will be held Wednesday, March 4th @7pm and Sunday, March 8th @ 2pm.

We are also looking for directors for the seven plays we will present. If you have a reasonable amount of theatrical experience or have directed before and are interested in directing one of the plays, contact Cara Russell at lobby_drifter@hotmail.com. New directors (either first time directors or experienced directors new to The Actors Theater) will be assigned a mentor to help guide them through the the process.

As usual, we are also looking for back stage crew, set builders and tech people to help with the lights and sound. Contact Cara if you are interested.

PlayFest 2015 will take place at the Grange on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25 and Friday - Sunday May 1-3. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with doors open at 7 p.m.

The event is PG 13, for some mild but choice words. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at Darvill's Bookstore or online at www.orcasactors.com.

And In September: "Calendar Girls" by Tim Wirth

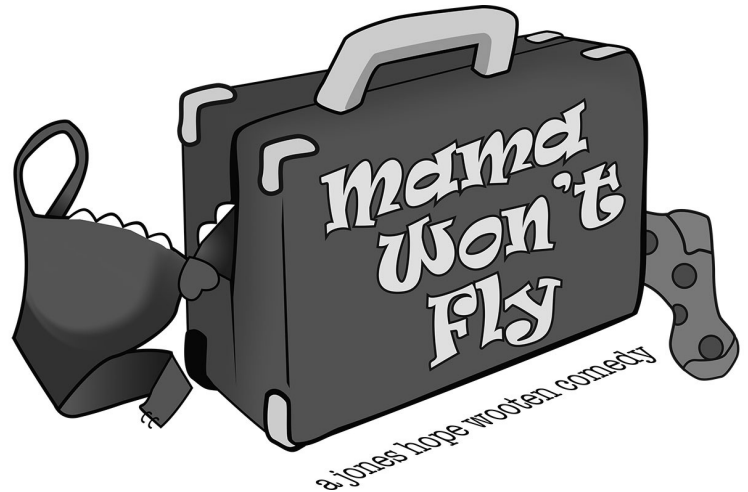
Yes, they made a play out of the movie of the same name based on the true story of a group of English women who made a calendar to raise money to replace the worn out sofa in the waiting room of a hospital after the husband of a member of their group died of cancer.

This play is both laugh out loud funny and touching. This will be one of our "don't miss" productions. There is a copy of the play at the Library, and a copy of the movie if you haven't seen it.

"Calendar Girls" has roles for 10 "women of a certain age" two roles for younger women, and roles for 4 men of various ages.

"Calendar Girls" opens the weekend after Labor Day and runs for three weekends. Auditions will be held in late April or early May. More on this play later.

The Actors Theater of Orcas Island Presents



By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope,
Jamie Woolen

Mama Won't Fly is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

February 20, 21, 27, 28
and March 6, 7, 8, 2015

7:30 p.m.
at the Orcas Grange

Mama Won't Fly

Cast (in order of appearance):

Savannah.....Luann Pamatian
 Norleen Lesley Liddle
 TanyaMelinda Milligan
 DentonEd Sutton
 Hayley..... Rebecca Herman
 Essie Elane Phipps
 Aunt Ardale.....Melinda Milligan
 Rema Jean Cele Westlake
 Cousin Chicken Ron Herman
 Uncle Ferd.....Ed Sutton
 Great-Aunt Pawnee Brian Richard
 Juliette.....Suzanne Gropper
 Mickey..... Tony Lee
 Mitch John Mazzarella
 Edweena Pat Ayers
 Fanny Cele Westlake
 Officer Dugger Ron Herman
 Red Freddy Hinkle
 Kiki Suzanne Gropper
 Ronald..... John Mazzarella
 TeetaMelinda Milligan
 Sybil Elane Phipps
 Spud Farley..... Brian Richard
 Kelvin..... Ron Herman

Understudies:

Tanya, Aunt Ardale, Teeta..... Pat Ayers
 Denton Tony Lee
 Uncle Ferd..... Freddy Hinkle

For additional information on Actors Theater:
 Contact Doug Bechtel at 317-5601
 or visit www.orcasactors.com



Directors notes:

This is one of those plays (like “Farndale Christmas Carol” and “Hotbed Hotel”) that we do for fun. There hasn’t been a single night that we haven’t found something new to laugh at. Having 14 actors play 24 roles has been a great challenge for us: Working around vacations, the flu, scheduled and unscheduled off island trips. Finding and making costumes and props and set pieces has stretched our production capabilities to the max. Out of 35 scheduled rehearsals I think I can count on one hand the number of times we had the entire cast. Thankfully, the rest of the cast and crew jumped in to help.

We find something new to laugh at every night. I guarantee that so will you. Enjoy!!!

Crew:

Director Doug Bechtel
 Stage manager..... Lynda Sanders
 Stage crew Lynda Sanders, Roland Hachee,
 Paula Capitano, Haley Winchell
 Costume design Kathy Walsh
 Costume sewing Kathy Walsh, Connie Leurkens,
 Pat Ayers
 Hair and makeup..... Carol Whitbeck
 Set construction Doug Bechtel, Tom Fiscus,
 Fred Vinson
 Painting.... Ron Herman, Dave Zoeller, Rebecca Herman
 Lauren Ferrell, Roland Hachee, Tom Fiscus
 Light & sound design..... Doug Bechtel
 Light operator Cara Russell
 Sound operator..... Ryan Heath
 Vehicle construction..... Vince Monaco (Buick),
 Fred Vinson (Cooper Mini, Peterbilt)

Special Thanks To:

Dave Page, Vince and Patty Monaco, Winnie Adams, Kate Hansen, Lin McNulty, Orcas Center, Orcas Senior Center, Orcas Fire Department, Nicki @ Tres Fabu, Deer Harbor Inn, Gordy’s Garage, Phyllis Key, Rainbow Services