



BEHIND THE SCENES

Calliope Productions, Inc., 150 Main Street, Boylston, MA 01505

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November 2008

Calliope's New Addition Rapidly Nearing Completion

More donations Still Needed

Construction on Calliope's long-awaited addition began in late June - almost two months ahead of schedule - and is quickly nearing completion.

An enlarged theatre entrance with a brick walkway, an expanded lobby area, and handicapped-accessible restrooms are only some of the highlights of this new addition.

A larger and more functional ticket booth and a bigger office area, improved concession facilities, and expanded set construction, storage, and rehearsal spaces are the other features provided by the additional 3,000 square feet of space that have been added to Calliope's facility.

We are currently \$50,000 away from our capital fund-raising goal of \$300,000, and hope to reach that goal by spring, which is when we expect to complete the landscaping and finish renovations and modifications to the existing seating and stage areas.

We are very grateful to all of those who have made donations to our fund-raising campaign so far, and encourage those who have not yet managed to make a donation, as well as those who have already donated, to consider supporting Calliope Productions with a tax-deductible end-of-the-year donation before December 31 (see page 2 of this newsletter).



Artist's rendering of Calliope's "new look" - designed by William Masiello

Calliope Presents Regional Premiere of *HATS!*

Calliope has secured the exclusive rights to present the regional premiere of *HATS!* - a musical inspired by the experiences of members of the Red Hat Society, an international organization of more than 600,000 women in their 50's and beyond.

With songs written by such composers and lyricists as Gretchen Cryer, Kathie Lee Gifford, Carol Hall, Melissa Manchester, Amanda McBroom, and many others, *HATS!* is a highly entertaining and classy look at getting older and better, with dialogue and musical numbers that are inspirational, insightful, humorous, and poignant.

Calliope's production of *HATS!* will be presented for a limited run of ten performances beginning November 13 and concluding on December 7.

Calliope's cast for *HATS!* consists of Lynne Carroll, Jan Fuller, Kathy Gantman-Lillis, Andrea Goodman, Fran Langille, Grace Leslie, Lela Male, Susan Nest, Ellen O'Neal-Waite, and Elvira Para - with stage direction by John Leslie and musical direction by James Haupt.

Because of the expected popularity of this show, we are urging everyone to make reservations as soon as possible. Please see the advertisement on the last page of this newsletter for performance dates and times.



Calliope Productions Theatre Passes Available On-line

Calliope Productions Theatre Passes offer patrons savings over the cost of individual tickets and also make good gifts for the upcoming Holiday Season.

A Calliope 2009 Performance Season Theatre Pass that can be used for 5 tickets to shows for our upcoming 2009 season costs \$60 for regular admission and \$50 for students and senior citizens. This is a savings of \$2 per ticket off the cost of purchasing individual tickets.

Simply print out a Theatre Pass form found on our web-site www.calliopeproductions.org and mail it in with your payment.

BEHIND THE SCENES is a newsletter that Calliope formerly published three times a year from 1989 - 1999, as a way to disseminate additional information about Calliope's activities. We are reviving this newsletter this year because of the amount of newsworthy information about Calliope Productions at this time.

End-of-the-Year Donations

Calliope Productions Needs Your Support

As Calliope Productions completes its 27rd performance season, the managing Board of Directors wants to thank you for your continued support and would like to ask you to keep Calliope in mind as you make your annual end-of-the-year charitable donations.

The current year has been exciting and extraordinary for us. Our productions of *Ten Little Indians*, *Too Marvelous for Words*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *How the Other Half Loves* were exceptional - and our upcoming production of *HATS!* promises to be a record-breaking hit. Our Youth Theatre Programs continued to draw record numbers of students. And our building expansion project - the fulfillment of a dream we have had for nine years - is coming to fruition!

None of this would have been possible without the increased attendance and the donor support we have received from our friends and patrons - for which we are extremely grateful.

As is the case with all non-profit organizations, however, Calliope Productions has to continue to depend on the generosity of its patrons and friends to accomplish its mission.

We urge you to include Calliope in your annual list of charities for end-of-the-year tax-deductible contributions. Please cut out and complete the **Calliope Donor Form** below and mail it in with your donation.

Donations may be made to either Calliope's Operational Fund or Calliope's Building Fund.

December 12 & 14

Auditions for Calliope's Production of *The Front Page*

Calliope is looking for cast members for a spring production of the classic American play *The Front Page*, written by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur.

Casting for this production requires 17 men and 5 women (all aged 30 and up). The production will be directed by Walter Schumacher, with production dates scheduled for the middle two weeks in March.

Auditions will be held at Calliope's theatre on Friday, December 12, from 7 pm - 9 pm and on Sunday, December 14, from 2 pm - 4 pm, with auditions consisting of cold readings from the script.

First staged with thunderous success in 1928, *The Front Page* with its grittiness and realism in depicting the corruption and greed of politics, news media, and criminal court system changed the face of American drama.

Calliope will present its production of this classic play on March 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22,

Rehearsals are scheduled for Sunday afternoons from 2 pm - 4:30 pm and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 pm - 9:30 pm, beginning January 11.

Audition appointments may be made by calling Calliope Productions at 508 869 6887 or by visiting Calliope's web-site at www.calliopeproductions.org



2008 End-of-the-Year Calliope Donor Form

Calliope Productions, Inc.
P.O. Box 581
Boylston, MA 01505

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Please Fill-in Spaces and Check Appropriate Boxes:

- I would like to donate my support to Calliope's Operational Fund Amount of Donation: \$ _____
- I would like to donate my support to Calliope's Building Fund
- Enclosed is my Check / Please Charge the above amount to the following Credit Card: MasterCard or VISA (Circle)
- Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____
- Name on Card _____ Signature _____
- Please do NOT list my name as a Donor in any programs or brochures.

Calliope Productions is a non-profit corporation registered as a Public Charity in Massachusetts. All donations to Calliope are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and qualify for Employers' Matching Gifts Program. Please contact your employer for details.

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Don't miss the Regional Premiere of . . .

HATS!

A dark grey top hat with a black band, positioned to the right of the word 'HATS!' and slightly overlapping the letter 'S'.

~ A musical for the rest of your life

Nov. 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, Dec. 5, 6, & 7

Thu. - Sat. at 8 pm ; Sun. at 2 pm

**Calliope Theatre
150 Main St., Boylston, MA**

Tickets:
\$18 Regular Admission;
\$15 Students & Seniors

For reservations, call (508) 869 6887 or visit www.calliopeproductions.org