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PORT SUMMER THEATRE 2009

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WE WILL PERFORM "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" - JULY 23-26!

Hello Theater Fans,

"You remember the plot. You love the characters. You know "the song." It's no less than the stage adaptation of one of the most celebrated and beloved films of all time.

Don Lockwood is a popular silent film star with humble roots as a singer, dancer and stunt man. Don barely tolerates his vapid, shallow leading lady, Lina Lamont, who has convinced herself that the fake romance their studio concocted and publicized is real.

One day, to escape from overenthusiastic fans, Don jumps into a passing car driven by Kathy Selden. She drops him off, but not before claiming to be a stage actress and sneering at his undignified accomplishments. Later, at a party, the head of Don's studio, R.F. Simpson, shows a short demonstration of a talking picture, but his guests are unimpressed. Don runs into Kathy again at the party. To his amusement and her embarrassment, he discovers that Kathy is only a chorus girl, part of the entertainment. Furious, she throws a pie at him, only to hit Lina right in the face. Later, Don makes up with Kathy and they begin falling in love.

After the first talking picture, The Jazz Singer, proves to be a smash hit, R.F. decides he has no choice but to convert the new Lockwood and Lamont film, The Dueling

Cavalier, into a talkie. The production is beset with difficulties (most, if not all, taken from real life), by far the worst being Lina's comically grating voice. A test screening is a disaster. In one scene, for instance, Don repeats "I love you" to Lina over and over, to the audience's derisive laughter.

Don's best friend, Cosmo Brown comes up with the idea to overdub Lina's voice with Kathy's and they persuade R.F. to turn The Dueling Cavalier into a musical called The Dancing Cavalier. When Lina finds out that Kathy is dubbing her voice, she is furious and does everything possible to sabotage the romance between Don and Kathy. She is even more irate when she discovers that Kathy will receive screen credit and a big publicity campaign, so she blackmails R.F. into withholding credit, and, later, demands that Kathy (a contract player) continue to do so in the future.

The premiere of The Dueling Cavalier is a tremendous success. When the audience clamors for Lina to sing live, Don, Cosmo and R.F. improvise and get Lina to lip-synch while Kathy sings into a second microphone while hidden behind the curtain. Unbeknownst to Lina, as she starts "singing", Don, Cosmo and R.F. gleefully open the curtain behind her, revealing the deception Lina flees in embarrassment.

When Kathy tries to run away as well, Don has her stopped and introduces the audience to "the real star of the film." IMDb/MTI

AUDITIONS!

Auditions will be held
Friday, May 22
and
Tuesday, May 26

in the Port Washington
High School Auditorium
At 6:00 p.m.
Audition Packets available
at Port Park and Rec
beginning May 15th

*A beloved family friendly
show for all ages!!!*

MUSICAL NUMBERS

"Fit As A Fiddle"
"You Stepped Out of A
Dream"
"All I Do Is Dream of You"
"Make 'Em Laugh"
"Beautiful Girl"
"You Are My Lucky Star"
"You Were Meant For Me"
"Moses Supposes"
"Good Morning"
"Singin' In the Rain"
"What's Wrong with Me?"
"Broadway Melody"
"Would You"
"You Are My Lucky Star"

PST BLOOPERS TO REMEMBER!

1. Who couldn't get her gun to fire during "Chicago"...so she beat her stage husband with it instead?
 2. What former "Sandy" from "Grease" is currently performing off Broadway as "Evita"?
 3. Which "Chicago" cast member loaned his boxer shorts to a Port High production of "Anything Goes"?
 4. Which longtime PST cast member for "Chicago" took a tumble off the stage last year at practice?
- Got a blooper, a good story or fond memory?
 - Call me @ 284-0915 or send an email to cneunmeyer@wi.rr.com.
 - Put PST Bloopers in the subject line.
- Answers on next page!

“SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN” CAST

1ST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

2ND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

3RD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

A PRODUCTION SINGER- A tenor with a golden voice

BUTLER

COSMO BROWN- Don's wacky best friend (Heavy dancing)

DON LOCKWOOD- Genial movie actor (Heavy dancing)

DORA BAILEY- Gossip broadcaster

HAIRDRESSER

KATHY SELDEN- The girl-next-door actress.
Vocal Range: Soprano (Heavy dancing)

LADY-IN-WAITING

LINA LAMONT- Mean, grating movie diva

MALE DICTION TEACHER

MARY MARGARET

MISS DINSMORE- A diction coach

OLGA MARA

POLICEMAN

R.F. SIMPSON- Agreeable studio head

ROD

ROSCOE DEXTER- A frazzled director

SID PHILLIPS

SOUND ENGINEER

VILLAIN

WARDROBE MISTRESS

YOUNG COSMO

YOUNG DON

ZELDA ZANDERS- Flapper starlet

Chorus of dancers and singers (at least 10 men/10 women)

- 1. Ashley Kidd
- 2. Lisa Hokans
- 3. Scott Beil
- 4. Kate MacRae

UPCOMING EVENTS

**“BONE-CHILLER”
PWHS 3 ACT PLAY
March 6 &7 @ 7:00 p.m.
March 8 @ 2:00 p.m.**

“ Do you have an event you would like to advertise?

Email me at cneumeyer@wi.rr.com. Add Port Summer Theatre in your subject line.

SPONSORS NEEDED!

**“Singin’ in the Rain”
Sponsorship Program**

We invite you to support our efforts in bringing "Singin’ in the Rain" to our community. Sponsors will receive listing in the "Singin’ in the Rain" program under the following categories.

Sponsorship Levels

- Stage Crew - \$5.00-\$25.00**
- Chorus - \$26.00-\$50.00**
- Actors - \$51.00-\$75.00**
- Directors - \$76.00-\$99.00**
- Producers - \$100.00 and Above**

Money donated will help support the costuming and set costs for our show. Please contact us for any additional information. (262-284-0915)

Please send check to:

**Port Washington Park & Rec Dept
201 N Webster St.
Port Washington, WI 53074**

Attn: Diana/Port Summer Theatre

Add “sponsorship” on your check memo.