



77th SEASON

2011-2012

this season it's all about **you**

It is with great excitement that we announce our 77th season in this brochure. There are some new and exciting changes coming for this new year. First, we want to thank those of you who participated in our survey - WE LISTENED! Next season we will be performing two weekends and have added a weeknight performance. This gives us more time in our schedule to add a special holiday program. Changing our schedule in this way has allowed us to keep our costs lower, and we are able to keep our tickets and subscriptions at the same low price and great deals as last year! In addition, we have made an arrangement with the nearby Newark Shopping Center to allow our patrons to park there, but as a subscriber you will also continue to receive up to four hours of free parking in the Newark Parking Authority if you choose to park there. We hope you seriously consider renewing your subscription(s) to CSP - and, if you are not currently a subscriber, why not take advantage of all we have to offer beyond our wonderful shows and become one today?

Thank you for your continued support of Newark's Official Community Theatre.

Scott Mason, President of the Board

subscriber **benefits**

Chapel Street Players subscribers get best deal in town! With your season subscription you will receive:

DISCOUNTED TICKETS to all four main stage productions, *plus* an additional comp ticket for free. You will also receive "The Annual One Act Showcase" added to the season subscription.

FREE PARKING in the Newark Shopping Center during show nights. We will also continue to cover the cost of up to 4 hours of parking at a Newark Municipal Lot.

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Twelfth Night

By: William Shakespeare

Director: Robert DeRemigio

Assistant Director: Jennifer P. Maloney

September 23 - October 1, 2011

While on an ocean adventure far from home, Viola and her twin brother, Sebastian, find themselves separated and cast away on the shores of Illiria. As strangers in a strange land, the lost siblings – each believing the other has drowned – encounter the most challenging adventure of their lives: love. Identity and gender roles further complicate the situation when unwanted advances, unrequited longing, and a cast of unruly servants converge and conspire in Shakespeare's romantic comedy of love in all of its manifestations.

Sept 23 - Oct 1

9/23	FRI	8PM	
9/24	SAT	8PM	
9/25	SUN	2PM	
9/29	THU	8PM	
9/30	FRI	8PM	
10/1	SAT	8PM	

The Beauty Queen of Leenane

By: Martin McDonagh

Director: Sean Kelly

November 11 - 19, 2011

Martin McDonagh has been called by the New York Times a "born storyteller" and the "most wickedly funny young dramatist on either side of the Irish Sea." His first produced play, *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, is at times both hilarious and brutal in its mother-and-daughter portrayal of manipulation and torment. Set in a rural cottage in western Ireland, the play centers around Mag's scheming to keep her 40-year-old daughter, Maureen, shackled away from men so that Mag will have Maureen to care for her in her dying days. The unstable and virginal Maureen has a chance to get away from her stifling mother when local bachelor Pato Dooley arrives and dubs her the "beauty queen of Leenane." Will Mag sabotage her daughter's chance at marriage just to serve her own needs?

Nov 11 - 28

11/11	FRI	8PM	
11/12	SAT	8PM	
11/13	SUN	2PM	
11/17	THU	8PM	
11/18	FRI	8PM	
11/19	SAT	8PM	



Free opening night wine and cheese reception @ 7:30 p.m.

The Gingerbread Lady

By: Neil Simon

Director: Don Pruden

March 2 - 10, 2012

Evy Meara, a popular singer whose life has been dismantled by alcoholism, is at the end of a ten-week stay at a rehab center when her best friend, her teenage daughter, and an actor try to help her adjust to sobriety. All three struggle with their own problems, however; her best friend is consumed by vanity, the actor's career is hinging upon the big break he has been waiting for, and her daughter, although devoted, has complications of her own. As if that were not enough, Evy's contemptible ex-lover reappears and makes a bid for Evy's affections, creating a perfect storm for a recovering addict to lose her way. While Simon's typical wit and hilarity permeate this piece, *The Gingerbread Lady* is an entirely serious story of lost misfits, genuinely and deeply touching.

Mar 2 - 10

3/2	FRI	8PM	
3/3	SAT	8PM	
3/4	SUN	2PM	
3/8	THU	8PM	
3/9	FRI	8PM	
3/10	SAT	8PM	

Isn't It Romantic

By: Wendy Wasserstein

Director: Nancy Storch

April 27 - May 5, 2012

Isn't It Romantic takes place in Manhattan during the mid 1980's and follows two former classmates – the bookish, aspiring writer Janie Blumberg and her tall, gorgeous best friend Harriet Cornwall – as they attempt to establish themselves in the “real world” after graduation from college. Both strive to gain independence from their parents and establish their own identities. In Janie's case, this leads to her involvement with a young Jewish doctor who calls her “Monkey”; Harriet assails the world of big business and has an affair with her ambitious (and married) boss. Fast-paced, inventive, alternately hilarious and touchingly revealing scenes tell us their parallel stories with uncommon wit and wisdom. The outcome is a heightened awareness which, while not providing all the answers, goes a long way toward achieving the maturity and self-assuredness that they both so desperately desire.

Apr 27 - May 5

4/27	FRI	8PM	
4/28	SAT	8PM	
4/29	SUN	2PM	
5/3	THU	8PM	
5/4	FRI	8PM	
5/5	SAT	8PM	



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One Mother Funny Dame Show

Starring Scott F. Mason Impersonating Dame Edna

Written and Directed by: Scott F. Mason

May 10-12, 2012

Ticket price: \$15.00

That's right Possums, she's back just in time for Mother's Day! Delaware's own Official Honorary Understudy to Dame Edna, Scott Mason, is back with an all new show and original material celebrating motherhood, life, families, and other subjects. Did you know Dame Edna is actually a mother? Learn all about it in this limited engagement filled with laughs, martinis, and of course... the Dame. Bring your mom and everyone else you can think of!!!

Three nights only.

The Santaland Diaries/Season's Greetings

By: David Sedaris

Director: Andrew Mitchell

December 16 & 17, 2011

Ticket price: \$10.00

The Santaland Diaries and *Season's Greetings* are two Christmas shows for those who enjoy a holiday that's naughtier than it is nice. They are written by New York Times best seller, David Sedaris (author of *Naked*, *When You Are Engulfed In Flames*, and *Holidays On Ice* - from which both *Santaland* and *Season's Greetings* are excerpted).

The Santaland Diaries is a factual and humorous account of Sedaris' stint working as Crumpet, a Christmas elf in "Santaland" at Macy's department store. Also sharing the stage is *Season's Greetings*, the story of Jocelyn Dunbar, a housewife in crisis who is desperately trying to hang onto her family and her holiday traditions, to hilarious results. *For mature elves only.*

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Annual One Act Showcase

January 13 & 14, 2012

Ticket price: \$10.00

The Chapel Street Players kick off the second half of the season with our yearly tradition, the One Act Showcase. The shows will be selected soon. The One Act Showcase has often been a way for CSP to see the talents of new aspiring directors. It is also a way that actors have shown their skills for the first time on our stage. At times it even has been used by local playwrights to get their work out to an audience for a world premiere. Come see the creative way that CSP uses the space to run several shows during the same performance. This is an event you won't want to miss!

The Rocky Horror Show

By: Richard O'Brien

Director: Andrew Mitchell

49TH ANNUAL CSP FUNdraiser

June 8-23, 2012

Special Midnight Show on June 22 Ticket price: \$18.00

After 39 long years of debauchery and Rock N' Roll fun, the original cult classic musical, "The Rocky Horror Show" finally makes its debut at the Chapel Street Playhouse! "The Rocky Horror Show" is the classic, timeless story of what happens when two seemingly innocent, straight laced kids get their worlds rocked and turned upside down by a deranged, mad scientist / sexual deviant transvestite from the planet transsexual in the galaxy of Transylvania!

Featuring hit songs like "The Time Warp", "Sweet Transvestite" and "Hot Patootie" expect "Rocky" to the biggest party of the summer! Audience Participation encouraged, due to content and language, "Rocky" is not recommend for children under 13 years of age.

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