

MAME OPENS DECEMBER 14TH AT 8PM

Patricia Dell is Mame in Orpheus Theatre's production of *Mame*, Dec 14th-16th on the Goodrich Theatre Stage in the Fine Arts Building on the SUNY Oneonta campus. With music and lyrics by Jerry Herman and a book by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee, *Mame* tells the story of wealthy bohemian Mame Dennis as her fabulous life with her eccentric cohorts, including Vera Charles played by popular local performer Mary Jo Merk, gets interrupted by the surprise arrival of her young nephew, Patrick, played by newcomer Erik Miller, who comes to live with her. The story takes us through the madcap adventures of Mame and her cohorts, with featured performances by Doug Decker, Jayne Anne Harris, and Bill Goertemoeller. As she journeys from wealth to poverty and back again, she learns about what is really important in life along the way. Directed by Al Davino with choreography by Michelle Gardner and musical direction by Dan Chien, *Mame* features a large cast of community members including: Caitlyn Averett, Julia Baxter-MacGregor, Edna Brown, Benjamin Burke, Garrett Cadwallader, Joe Casassa, Rita Casassa, Heather Crespi, Carol Dean, Jacklyn Fitzgerald, Zach Harris, Kathy Hazlett, Sue Jarema, Christine Juliano, William Lipari, Debbie Reep Maskin, Clark Oliver, Tracy Owens, D. J. Potter, Nicholas Sanna, Andrew Scuderi, Savannah Simpson, Allison Tabor, Kathy Tobiassen, Valerie Torres, and John Willis. Performances are at 8pm on Friday and Saturday, Dec 14 and 15, and at 2pm on Sunday, Dec 16. There is also a performance for school-aged children with special pricing at 10am on Friday, Dec 14th. The Orpheus Theatre Box Office at 31 Maple Street is now open from 10AM-5PM, Monday thru Friday. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the Box Office at 432-9392. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

WHO'S WHO IN THE ORPHEUS FAMILY

MEET BOARD MEMBER KATHY TOBIASSEN

Back in 1988, Kathy Tobiassen moved to Oneonta when her husband got a job teaching Chemistry here. Looking to get involved in something, Kathy "found" Orpheus Theatre and appeared in the chorus of their production of *Oliver* that December. Following that production, Kathy became an Orpheus regular appearing in such productions as: *Guys and Dolls*, *Sweet Charity*, *The Music Man*, *Camelot*, *The Sound of Music*, *Carousel*, among others. When she wasn't on stage, she would work props or do makeup. Kathy moved away in 1996, but found herself back in Oneonta in the Fall of 2004. That December, once again, Kathy found herself in the Orpheus production of *Oliver*, this time playing Mrs. Sourberry.

With the feeling that she had gotten so much from Orpheus, Kathy had a strong desire to give something back. She joined the Orpheus Theatre Board of Directors in the Fall of 2006. Kathy is also on the Board of the Catskill Choral Society, with which she is also a performer. In addition to her work with the arts, Kathy enjoys reading, movies, music, and hiking with her husband and dogs. She is employed by SUNY Oneonta as Transfer Credit Coordinator in the Admissions Department.

When asked what she loves most about Orpheus, Kathy couldn't express enough how much she enjoyed the people and working within a wonderful group who share a passion for theatre. As for what Kathy most desires for Orpheus in the future ... "it's own permanent home." Whether on stage, back stage, or serving as a Board member, Orpheus salutes Kathy Tobiassen – just one terrific person within the wonderful community of Orpheus Theatre. Come and see Kathy in our Production of *MAME*.

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MUSICAL KIDS ON THE GO

In our 2006/2007 season, Orpheus Theatre formed it's newest performance group, The **Musical Kids On The Go**. Children ages 7-13, who were involved with Orpheus either by participating in an Orpheus Theatre workshop or by appearing in a Maintage Production were eligible to join this group. Each week these students meet to work on their singing, acting and dancing skills. Then Director Janet Lampo puts together a Broadway Revue, showcasing their individual talents.. Last year, The Musical Kids performed in over 8 area schools and this season, they've already had four shows! The 2006/2007 "Kids" were Sienna Averett, Meredith Clemons, Michaela Conroy, Robert Frutiger, Kendall Gillette, Shane Heidecker, Kaitlyn Jackson, Joshua Levins, Angela Miller, Erik Miller, Drue Quackenbush, Jordan Ramsey, Sean Sansevere, Sarah Shea and Katherine Sullivan. Our 2007/2008 "Kids" are Sienna Averett, Samantha Becker, Joseph Casassa, Michaela Conroy, Jaclyn Courter, N'iesa Davidson, Abigayle Davidson, Kendall Gillette, Peyton Gillette, Kaitlyn Jackson, Joshua Levins, Erik Miller, Clark Oliver, Drue Quackenbush, Jordan Ramsey, Sarah Shea, Amelia Spaziani and Katherine Sullivan. If you are interested in scheduling this dynamic group of performers for your school or organization, just call Janet or Michelle at 432-1800. If you've been involved in one of our workshops or plays and want to be a part of the fun, contact Janet Lampo.

The Big Apple Adventure Raffle III

We are happy to announce the winners of this season's Big Apple Adventure Raffle III. Jeff Moore and Kathleen Mami-Moore are the winners of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular trip. The winners of the Valentines Day trip are Tom & Kathy Slavinsky. Congratulations to both couples and have a magical and wonderful adventure in NYC!

**Tickets are on sale now for next year's
BIG APPLE ADVENTURE RAFFLE IV**

ORPHEUS THEATRE WORKSHOPS WINTER 2008

ALL WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE
ORPHEUS THEATRE REHEARSAL STUDIOS, 99 MAIN ST.

ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CLINTON PLAZA

ACTING FOR CHILDREN (AGES 7-12)

SUNDAYS, JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27

1PM - 3PM \$100

ACTING FOR TEENS (AGES 13-16)

SUNDAYS, JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27

3:15PM - 5:15PM \$100

WINTER BREAK WORKSHOP (AGES 7-12)

ART, DRAMA, DANCE

FEB. 18TH - 22ND

10AM - 3PM \$175

CALL 432-1800 TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL JANET AT orpheus@stny.rr.com

ORPHEUS THEATRE DANCE CLASSES

\$6 PER CLASS

ADULT INTERMEDIATE TAP - THURS. 5:30PM-6:30PM

ADULT BEGINNER TAP - THURS. 6:30PM-7:30PM

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