LITTLE NUGGETS
FROM
JEWEL BOX THEATRE

THE
PHILADELPHIA
STORY

By Philip Barry

August 22-September 15, 2013

Directed by Don Taylor

Get free tickets

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THE CLASSIC SCREWBALL COMEDY

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY

TRACY LORD IS MAKING HEADLINES!
TRACY LORD IS GETTING MARRIED!
TRACY LORD HAS BIG PROBLEMS!

Author Philip Barry was inspired by Helen Hope Montgomery Scott (1904-1995), a Philadelphia socialite known for her hijinks, who married a friend of the playwright.

‘The Philadelphia Story’ was written for Katharine Hepburn. It opened on Broadway March 28, 1939 at the Shubert Theatre, and was a huge success.

When it came time for casting the movie, Hepburn wanted Clark Gable for the role of C.K. Dexter Haven, and Spencer Tracy as Macaulay Conner. Who did she end up with?

Look for the fun facts about the play, the movie, and Philadelphia, in the lobby.
BOX OFFICE OPENS

“The Philadelphia Story”
August 13 for season patrons
August 15 for the public
Monday-Friday from 1-6pm
405/521-1786

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jewelboxtheatre.org

Jewel Box Performances run
Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00pm
and
Sundays at 2:30pm
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THE 56TH SEASON!

THE
PHILADELPHIA STORY

ONE FLEW OVER
THE CUCKOO’S NEST

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

THE LION IN WINTER

YOU CAN’T
TAKE IT WITH YOU
Q & A with director Don Taylor
Director, The Philadelphia Story

1. How do you take a new approach to a classic like this?

I like to bring the style forward a bit. The fast talking slang-ridden style of 1940 doesn’t quite work today as it did then. That being said, there are wonderful elements of the script that simply must be preserved. Audiences expect to see what they loved in the original along with some new takes.

2. What was the most memorable wedding you attended? And why?

A cowboy wedding. I was one of the groomsmen and wanted to hang myself! A cowboy wedding with no rope. Pink shirts, borrowed cowboy boots that were too small, and bales of hay everywhere chairs should have been. There was country music with lyrics so sad they would have crushed the soul of the most confirmed optimist. It was not the kind of wedding an old hippie like myself would have envisioned. But the topper, the coup de gras, had to be at the end when the happy couple left in (are you ready?), a surrey with a fringe on top! They are still married and even better, stay that way. I wouldn’t want to waste an experience like that on a mere prospect.

3. If not directing, which part (male or female) would you like to play? Why?

I would love to play Charlie in ‘Flowers for Algernon’ because of the range of emotion and the complete change in the character’s personality during the course of the play. I love roles like that! One of my favorite roles, so far, was that of Aunt Augusta in ‘The Importance of Being Earnest’, by Oscar Wilde. What a fun old lady she was to play! Being a woman is harder than I thought! My hat’s off to you ladies for all you do to say classy.

4. The celebrity wedding I wish I could attend/have attended, and why.

Any two celebrities having the wedding described in question #2 would be a hoot and a half! Can you just picture a Kardashian or two doing this?

5. Since the play is set in 1942, are the social differences much the same as today?

The idea of a strong, assertive female must have been quite a novelty at the time. Today, there seem to be no other kind, and rightly so. Without those women back then, we would not have the multitude of contributions to society made by their descendents today. As far as the differences between the socio-economic classes, it will always be with us and can make for some very funny situations as long as the chasm that separates them does not grow too out of proportion.

6. My favorite thing about attending a wedding:

Free food and wine and I still get to go home a free man!
HERE WE GO! THE 56TH SEASON!

A. We are going ticketless! Your name will be on the list. We might ask for an ID ~ if your name is Smith or you look suspicious!

B. More fun when you read your program for the director’s page and cast bios; enjoy rehearsal pictures in the lobby, along with fun facts about the play/movie.

C. More ways to help the Jewel Box. With such low prices, choose a pillar of support, and make a contribution to help keep the theatre thriving. Lots of big casts this season ~ so jump in and help with any level you like. Cash/Money Order/Traveler’s Check/wire-transfer are all accepted.

How do we do it? Well, you can find out when you sign up for boot camp. Pick a show and go from auditions to a rehearsal to the show. And, on the way, get a free T-shirt and your name in the program. Then you, too, might want to direct! I’m so happy we already have people signing up. It will be a fun time. You know you want to. Go for it!

I am so proud of Jewel Box! It takes many people on both sides (on stage and off) to make this Oklahoma tradition what it is.

Enjoy the season our patrons chose. I know the Jewell Box will.

56 seasons and still going strong!
Volunteer and become part of the Jewel Box Theatre family!

Choose a position for which you would like to volunteer, call us, and we'll train you! So easy, so fun, and totally free!

**BOX OFFICE:** Greet season patrons and sell box office tickets. At intermission, sell soft drinks and our special Jewel Box blue cups. With sixteen performances per show, you can choose a week night show (7 - 9:30 pm, Thursday-Saturday) or a Sunday matinee (1:30-3 pm). *Get a free T-Shirt, too!*

**PAINT CREW:** Choose a show or two or three, and help create the set by painting the walls, floors, doors, and more. When you see the show, you know you helped make it come to life!

**PROPERTIES:** Help the director by finding items needed on the set, or something an actor holds in his/her hand (A tray, glasses, writing pad and pencil, a hanky, etc.). We call them props. Working properties involves organizing/maintaining props during the run of the show.

**COSTUMES:** Work with our resident costumer, Christopher Sieker, preparing costumes for actors to try on, then maintain, iron, sew, and catalogue for the show.

**HAIR AND MAKE-UP:** Such fun to work with stylist Jacque Mooney with wigs and make-up. We have many period pieces this season, so there will be a lot of fun to create hair styles and make-up.

So many fun ways to help Oklahoma City’s oldest community theatre! Give us a call, and start your theatre journey with us!

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The Philadelphia Story

THE CAST

TRACY LORD       Shanna Sweeney
DINAH LORD       Nolia Sweatt
MARGARET LORD    Dana Billingsly
ALEXANDER (SANDY) LORD Justin Mayer
WILLIAM (UNCLE WILLIE) TRACY Paul Tomlin
ELIZABETH (LIZ) IMBRIE Christine Jolly
MACAULAY (MIKE) CONNOR Tad Thurston
GEORGE KITTREDGE Marcus Wade
C. K. DEXTER HAVEN Tanner Bradshaw
SETH LORD        Roger Oxford
ELSIDE           Rodonna Carter

THE STAFF

DIRECTOR        Don Taylor
STAGE MANAGER   Amandanell Bold
PROPS           Sheila Sewell
PROPS/RUNNING CREW Linda Ransom
COSTUMES        Christopher Sieker
SET CONSTRUCTION Richard Howells
PUBLICITY PHOTOS Jim Beckel
WIN FREE TICKETS

1. Find the 4 misspelled words in Theatrically Tweed.
2. Answer the questions below.
And receive two free tickets to The Philadelphia Story.'

THE FIRST SIX TO CALL IN WILL WIN!
So, Hurry up!
Call 405/521-1786 ~ Tuesday-Friday ~ 1-6pm

1. How many children does the Captain have in ‘The Sound of Music’?
   A. 6  B. 7  C. 8  D. 5

2. How many seats are in the Jewel Box?
   A. 165  B. 175  C. 185  D. 190

3. We have performed ‘The Miracle Worker’ twice. Did the actress playing Helen Keller win a Best Actress Gem both times?
   A. Yes  B. No

4. The most produced show we have done indoors is:
   A. The Sound of Music  B. Lend Me A Tenor
   C. Nunsense  D. Steel Magnolias

5. Jewel Box held regional premieres for which two shows?
   A. Heaven Can Wait  B. Cats
   C. Sleuth  D. Forbidden Broadway: Greatest Hits
   E. Light Up The Sky  F. Auntie Mame
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This is only for patrons making a donation for the Jewel Box tumbler

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