

Orland Park Theatre Troupe Presents Fall Comedy

“You Can’t Beat the House” Features Veteran Cast

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Orland Park Theatre Troupe’s fall comedy includes a case of role reversal. Resident Producer/Director Frann Carnivele-Sidlow and Chicago area comedic actor Jimmy Mazeika are on opposite sides of the director’s table with Mazeika directing the show and Carnivele-Sidlow being a part of the cast.

The Village of Orland Park’s theatre program will present “You Can’t Beat The House” on September 17, 18 and 19 at the Orland Park Civic Center. The show was written by Pat Cook and is produced by special arrangement with the Eldridge Publishing Company. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. with the Sunday matinee beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Two minor league burglars meet their match when they can’t escape the house they’ve entered. Not realizing the vacant house is for sale, the crooks encounter prospective buyers, ghosts, realtors, the police and a host of characters.

“We always present an adult comedy in the fall,” said Orland Park Recreation Operations Manager Irene Buikema. “It’s become a tradition with the village’s theater program,” she added. “This year’s is a bit different with Frann and Jimmy having traded places,” Buikema said smiling.

“Jimmy has appeared in and co-directed a number of Orland Park’s shows,” Carnivele-Sidlow said. “This is the first time he’s directed me in a show with Orland,” she explained, adding, “And, we’re having a great time doing it.”

Orland Park’s cast includes a number of veteran community thespians. Carnivele-Sidlow appears as the psychic medium Madame Zenobia while the two bumbling burglars are played by Rob Siebert and Bob Szczepanski, both of Orland Park. The prospective home buyers are played by Orland Park’s Shelly Burnett and Bryan Riess. Yvonne Ambrose, of Frankfort, appears as Courtney Parfait while Ashley Miletich of Homer Glen is Brittany Marie. Orland Park’s Mary Tuminello is Lillian while Janet Wittenmeyer of Oak Forest is Fern Larraby. Christopher Casper, of Orland Park, appears as Officer Milo Larraby. Jim Sharp, of Orland Park, is serving as assistant director.

“What a great experience, working with such talented, seasoned actors,” Mazeika said. “Their ideas and suggestions are making this show one that I will never forget,” he said, adding, “This is a funny, fast paced, wise cracking comedy that is sure to keep everyone entertained.”

Reserved seat tickets may be purchased at the Franklin Loebe Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Adult tickets are \$13 each while seniors and students pay \$11. Children’s tickets are \$9 each. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

Further information is available by calling the Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.



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The Orland Park Theatre Troupe will perform its fall comedy, “You Can’t Beat the House” September 17, 18 and 19 at the Orland Park Civic Center. Directed by Jimmy Mazeika, the cast includes (seated, l to r) Christopher Casper, Mary Tuminello, Shelly Burnett, Bryan Riess and Frann Carnivele-Sidlow. Standing (l to r) are Jan Wittenmeyer, Yvonne Ambrose, Ashley Miletich, Rob Siebert and Bob Szczepanski. Ticket information is available at 708/403-7275.