

## **Orland Park Theatre Troupe to Present David Meyer Comedy** *Local Entertainment Offers An Inexpensive Evening of Laughter*

ORLAND PARK, IL – Performing David Meyer comedies has become an autumn tradition for the Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe with this year's fare being the Meyer comedy, "Sound Effects."

"The cast and the audience always enjoy David Meyer's shows because they're very clever and always include plays on words," said Executive Producer Irene Buikema, program supervisor for the village's Recreation Department. "He uses a lot of puns in his writing and those who are familiar with his work know to expect them," she added. Previous fall shows have included Meyer's "Moss Trio," including "Of Moss and Men," "Register Here," and "The Moss Trap."

In "Sound Effects," the Potter family has a chance to hit the big time. Their local radio show has become the latest rage and two network executives and a national sponsor are coming to town for a dinner meeting to put together a million dollar contract. When the executives show up, chaos ensues.

Frann Carnivele-Sidlow is the show's producer/director with Jim Mazeika serving as co-director and appearing in the production.

"Everything that can go wrong does go wrong," Carnivele-Sidlow explained. "This is a wonderfully funny show that's perfect for a nice evening out. Our cast includes longtime community theater veterans who know exactly how to deliver this type of comedy," she added.

Orland Park's Bob Szczepanski portrays Peter Potter who hosts the radio show with his wife, Flora Potter, portrayed by Alice Trull of Hickory Hills. Christopher Casper, of Orland Park, plays their son Willie Potter while Cassie Balaskas of Lockport is the daughter, Rose Potter.

"The names alone bring a smile to your face," Carnivele-Sidlow said.

Other Orland Park residents appearing in the show include Rasa Avizienis appearing as Rhoda Dendrum, Mike Furmanek as Rusty Piper and Jim Sharp as Phil Dendrum. Orland Park's Rob Siebert portrays Dennis Drillman and Carol Suich is Aunt Anita.

Mazeika is Perry Winkle and Neal Goldman of Justice is Nick DePaint. Kathy Janik of Lemont appears as Grandma and Ashley Miletich of Homer Glen is Paige Turner. Mokena's Justin Putman is Moose Arella and Ron Buscemi of Evergreen Park is Dale Overhill.

"You don't have to go downtown and spend a lot of money for high quality entertainment," Carnivele-Sidlow added. "Enjoying a locally produced show is a great evening out that doesn't break the bank," she said.

Performances at the Orland Park Civic Center will be Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. with a Sunday, November 15 matinee at 2:00 p.m. Reserved seat tickets may be purchased at the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the door. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors and \$9 for children. For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.

#### OPTT SOUND EFFECTS 1

Bob Szczepanski (center) of Orland Park portrays radio show host Peter Potter in the Orland Park Theatre Troupe's presentation of the David Meyer comedy "Sound Effects." Cassie Balaskas (left) of Lockport and Christopher Casper (right) of Orland Park appear as his children. The show will be performed at the Orland Park Civic Center November 13 to 15. Ticket information is available by calling the Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.

#### OPTT SOUND EFFECTS 2

Ashley Miletich (center) of Homer Glen appears as the aunt pretending to be the maid in the Orland Park Theatre Troupe's presentation of the David Meyer comedy "Sound Effects." The scouting visit of network executives Neal Goldman (left), of Justice, and Ron Buscemi (right) of Evergreen Park causes comedic chaos in the troupe's fall show that will be performed at the Orland Park Civic Center November 13 to 15. Ticket information is available by calling the Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.