

## PHOENIX TO HOST "A STUNNING PIECE OF THEATER"

Fountain Square Players returns to the Phoenix Theater after a seven year absence, to produce *The Gin Game* on March 9-12. This tragi-comedy by D. L. Coburn won the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.



Directed by **Kathy Wise Leonard** (*Big River*, *On Golden Pond*, *Gypsy*), *The Gin Game* is a four-scene play about a woman in her twilight years, Fonsia Dorsey, who enters a "home for the aged" and is for a while saved from melancholy by the crusty charm of Weller Martin. The sardonic Weller cajoles Fonsia into playing a series of gin games on the home's sunlit porch.

As they seemingly become close companions, much is revealed about their respective regret-filled lives -- to the steady shuffling and playing of cards. Their mutual need for solace is momentarily satisfied, until Weller's pent-up rage, and Fonsia's subtle needling, build to a terrible confrontation.

The play premiered on Broadway in 1977, starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. It received four Tony nominations (Play, Actor, Actress & Director). The 1997 Tony-nominated revival starred Charles Durning and Julie Harris, and a 2003 PBS movie starred Dick Van Dyke and Mary Tyler Moore.

Bowling Green's own Cronyn/Tandy combo, **Elizabeth Honeycutt** and **Bill Russell**, return to the stage as Fonsia and Weller. They played opposite each other in *On Golden Pond*, are veterans of numerous theater productions, and have been members of FSP since the community theater's inception. **Miliska Knauf** is the assistant director.

A critic for the *Boston Globe* described *The Gin Game* as "a stunning



FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAYERS  
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### *THE GIN GAME*

PHOENIX THEATER  
CHESTNUT @ MORRIS ALLEY

### SHOW TIMES

Thursday - Saturday

March 9-11

8:00 p.m. &

Sunday, March 12

3:00 p.m.

### TICKETS

Adult: \$10.00

Students &

Senior Citizens - \$8.00

Children - \$6.00

# UPCOMING AUDITIONS

## STRANGERS ON A TRAIN

Monday & Tuesday, March 13 & 14

7:00 p.m.



Of the two strangers who meet on a train, Charles Bruno is consumed with hate for his father, who will not allow him access to money to which he believes he is entitled. Charles thinks he has convinced Guy Haines to kill his father in return for ridding Guy of his adulteress wife, who, although pregnant by another man, will not allow Guy to divorce her and get on with his life. The malice starts when Charles carries out his half of the bargain, then torments Guy until he finally cracks and fulfills his part of the deal.

This psychological thriller was nominated for an Oscar for Best Picture. *Strangers on a Train* will be directed by Bill Green (*Lost in Yonkers*, *The Mousetrap*), and performed at The Phoenix April 27-30. The cast calls for five men and five women, with a wide range of ages.

**Auditions will be held at the Capitol Arts Center (upstairs mezzanine/meeting room) on Monday & Tuesday, March 13 & 14, starting at 7:00 p.m. Scripts are available at the Capitol for check out. There is a \$10 deposit, and scripts must be returned by March 10.**

Help will also be needed with stage crew, set construction, props, costumes, and publicity, so plan to come to auditions and sign up! For further information, contact Bill Green at 782-3375 or [banjo.bill@insightbb.com](mailto:banjo.bill@insightbb.com)



## MARCH MEMBERSHIP POTLUCK THURSDAY, MARCH 16 6:00 P.M. ELOISE B. HOUCHEMS CENTER 1115 ADAMS STREET

Fountain Square Players' annual membership potluck, and March board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, at the Eloise B. Houchens Center at 1115 Adams Street starting at 6:00 p.m. The board meeting will be held after eating and socializing.



Please bring your favorite casserole, platter, finger food, vegetable dish, or dessert. Don't forget the beverages! ALL members and friends are invited.

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