

Walpole Children's Theatre



The SPOTLIGHT

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2011-2012 SEASON

The WCT Script Committee has reviewed potential scripts and is proud to announce next season's productions

Summer 2011

JACK & THE MAGIC BEANS

by Vera Morris
Co-Directed by Peter McElhinney & Brian Connolly

July 22, 23, 24, 29, 30
@ Footlighters Playhouse

Winter 2012

JUNGLE BOOK

by Joseph Robinette
Director TBD

Dear [FIRSTNAME],

WCT is excited to announce the return of its newsletter, *The Spotlight*. This publication will be an opportunity for WCT to keep you updated about auditions, performances, events, and members.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Box Office
508-921-0542

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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At a recent annual meeting, the following Board of Directors was elected.

President	PaulMacPhee
Vice-President	Lisa Cyr
Treasurer	Peter McElhinney
Secretary	Joyce MacPhee
Public Relations Manager	Amy LaMachia
Fundraising Manager	Patricia Dixon
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AUDITIONS



Jack and the Magic Beans
Saturday, May 7th
12:00- 5:00pm
Bird Middle School, Walpole

- Auditioners must be between the ages of 10-20
- Auditioners may be released earlier than 5pm
- Auditioners are encouraged to attend for the entire time, but this is not required
- Auditions will consist of improvisation and readings from the script
- Auditioners will be contacted via phone call if they are cast
- Contact Peter McElhinney: petermcelhinney@comcast.net with questions or conflicts

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BUY TICKETS ONLINE

WCT has converted to Vendini Ticket Agency for ticket sales. In addition to purchasing tickets through the box office, this system allows patrons to purchase tickets online at their convenience. Also, for the first time, patrons can use a credit card to purchase tickets, both online and through the box office. With Vendini:

- Buy securely online up to 3 hours before the start of the show
- Online ticket purchases are assessed a ticket transaction fee and a credit card transaction fee
- Box office purchases paid with cash or check are not assessed fees; Box office purchases paid by credit card are assessed only a credit card transaction fee
- "Tip Jar" donations can be made when purchasing tickets, as part of the transaction
- Tickets are held under last name at the Box Office

to print a registration form

• A confirmation email will be sent reflecting the ticket order and charges (sans credit card info).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WCT will be appearing at the following events

May 21st Walpole Day
July 4th Norwood 4th of July Parade

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WCT would like to introduce this summer's co-directors

Peter McElhinney

Peter is returning to the director's chair for WCT, having directed many fabulous productions, such as *Cinderella*, *Tom Sawyer*, and *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*. He is on the BOD for both WCT and Walpole Footlighters. Peter graduated from Walpole High School, Suffolk University, and is a lawyer in Boston.

Brian Connolly

This will be Brian's directorial debut, however, Brian is not new to WCT. He has acted in many WCT productions, such as *Pied Piper*, *Beauty & the Beast*, and *The Princess' Gift*. Brian graduated from Walpole High School and is completing his freshman year at Harvard University where he is studying computer science.

STANDING OVATION

Congratulations to WCT member, Patrick Maloney, for winning the *Young Performer IRNE Award* for his role as Buddy Holly in *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* at Turtle Lane Theater in Auburndale. Way to go Patrick!

Congratulations to our WCT members who will be graduating in a few short weeks!

Abigail Nelson, Mount Alvernia High
Tess Staley, Walpole High School
Kelly Newman, Walpole High School
Colleen Driscoll, Walpole High School
Dave Frizell, Walpole High School
Jeff Dixon, Walpole High School
Meredith Barry, Walpole High School
Molly Bush, Assumption College
Nicole Paschal, Quinipiac College

Are you a past or present WCT member who has a special announcement, such as a graduation, achievement, performance, etc., that you want to share? Send the information to wctboxoffice@gmail.com and it will be added to the next newsletter.



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WINTER 2011

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Peter Pan* on the wonderful run this past February and March. A record number of patrons attended WCT's production of *Peter Pan*. Thank you to all who contributed to this magical production, including those in front of, in back of, and on the stage!





JOIN WALPOLE FOOTLIGHTERS FOR THEIR SPRING PRODUCTION!



ROUGH CROSSING

A Comedy by Tom Stoppard

Directed by Barbara Pettis

May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 2011 at 8:00 pm

May 15, 22 at 2:00 pm.

<http://www.footlighters.com/>

THEATER 101

How much do you know about theater? Each newsletter issue will provide information about the technical and behind the scenes aspects of the theater arts.

In WCT's recent production of Peter Pan, Tinkerbell was created by using a light that was focused on a moving mirror. Tinkerbell's movement was programmed in small increments and linked together as a light cue on the

WCT BLAST FROM THE PAST

Can you name the actors in this scene, the production and the year?

computerized light board. One Tinkerbell cue could have more than 20 programmed movements!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

In the picture to the right, Brian Connolly (Co-Director of the upcoming production of *Jack & the Magic Beans*), Tom Barry, James Cosby, and Brian Coveney are young lads painting a fence in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* in WCT's Winter 2002 production at Johnson Middle School.



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