



Market House Theatre

# Off Stage Noises

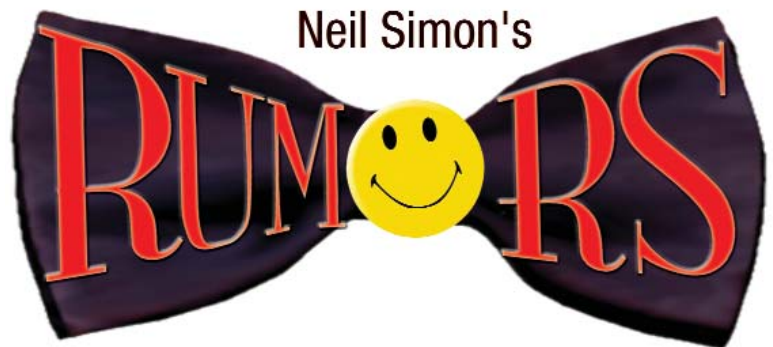
*Award-Winning \* Intimate \* Involved*

## **Neil Simon at his best**

Market House Theatre will present one of the funniest comedies Neil Simon has ever written as it kicks off it's 44th Anniversary season Sept. 6. **RUMORS**, written by Neil Simon, takes the audience on a wild ride of mistaken identities, loads of slapstick humor and Neil Simon's signature one liners.

The comedy starts when four couples arrive at the Deputy Mayor of New York City's house to celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary. Ken and Chris arrive a few minutes early and find the host, Charley, is incoherent. Charley almost immediately passes out on the bed with a minor gunshot wound to his earlobe. Charley's wife, Myra, is nowhere to be found and the household staff is also absent.

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## Sept. 6-9, 13-16

In an effort to keep Charley and Myra from scandal, Ken and Chris pretend that nothing is wrong and that Charley and Myra are still getting ready for the party as the other couples arrive. When the police show up to investigate an unrelated event, the comedy shifts into high gear.

A cast of MHT veterans and newcomers make up the cast. Playing the couple Ken and Chris are MHT veteran actors, Jody Smith and Victoria Parrish. Smith most recently played the neurotic friend Yvan in last season's production of ART. Parrish most recently played the socialite Catherine in last season's production of THE FOREIGNER. Playing the couple Lenny and Claire are MHT veterans Steve Schwetman and Gena Karnes. Schwetman played Ellard in last season's

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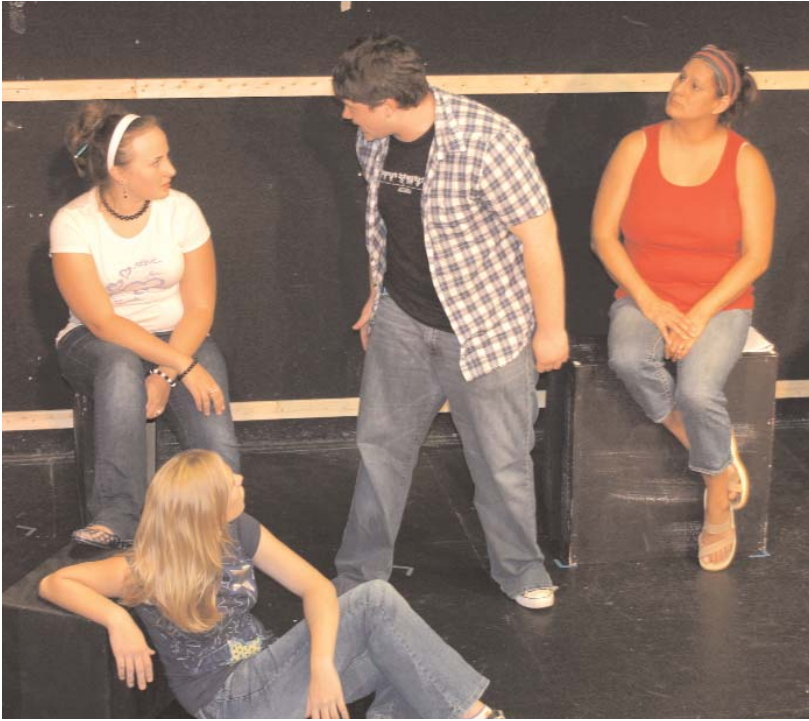
## **JUSt liKe I WaNtEd - Sept. 8**

Market House Theatre is partnering with Zack'S Hope to present the gripping drama **JUST LIKE I WANTED** on September 8 as part of Zack'S Hope Walk-4-Life BBQ and Concert.

**JUST LIKE I WANTED**, which focuses on teen suicide and

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*Joey (Robert Sharkey) confronts Liz (Emily Hensel) during group as the Therapist (Sabrina Beck) and Alyssa (Mary Kathryn Dorr) look on.*

## JUSt liKe I WaNtEd

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depression, is a compelling play which helps illuminate this often ignored topic. It does not offer any easy answers, but does provide a springboard for community conversation.

Robert Sharkey plays the focal character of Joey, a teen who has recently committed suicide as he tries to explain to the audience why he did it. Katie Locklier makes her MHT debut as Nora, a young woman who is also struggling with depression. Playing Joey and Nora's classmates are: McKynleigh Abraham, Matthew Curtis, Emily Yocum, Oscar Bickerstaff, Jacob Waid, Emily Hensel, Mary Kathryn Dorr, James Holmes, Aaron Spoden and Caitlyn Gallip. Sabrina Beck plays the Therapist, with Betty Wise as Mrs. Panders. Chandler Emmons Smith

plays Joey's younger sister Haley, Heather Dorr plays Joey's mom, and Michael Cochran portrays Joey's dad. April Cochran directs, with Melissa Gallip as assistant director.

Performances will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on September 8. The show will be held in Market House Theatre's Studio Theatre located at 120 Market House Square. Seating is general admission and is limited to 60 people per performance. Tickets are \$5, with all proceeds going to Zack'S Hope. To make your reservation, phone MHT at (270) 444-6828 today!

## Neil Simon s Rumors *(continued from front)*

THE FOREIGNER. Karnes last appeared in MHT's BEEHIVE. Playing the couple Glenn and Cassie are Fowler Black and Sarah Bynum. Black appeared this past June as Lumiere in MHT's production of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Bynum is making her first appearance at MHT. Playing the couple Ernie and Cookie are Roy Hensel and Marsha Cash. Hensel last appeared as Maurice (Belle's father) in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Cash last played Betty in THE FOREIGNER. Rounding out the cast are two newcomers Shane Clapp and Sarah Steele who play police officers Welch and Pudney.

Directing and designing the play is MHT Artistic Director, Michael Cochran. Denise Bristol is the Stage

Manager, Jim Keeney is the Technical Director, Susan Anderson is the lighting technician, Tammy Sills is the sound technician, and Breandan Frederick is in charge of properties.

The play runs Sept. 6-9, and 13-16. Performances are Thurs. through Sat. at 7:30 pm and Sat. and Sun. at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors. A special student preview performance will be held Wed. Sept. 5 at 7:30 pm. Student tickets will be \$5 for the preview.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 270-444-6828 or going online at [www.mhtplay.com](http://www.mhtplay.com). MHT's 44th Mainstage Season is sponsored by Paducah Bank.

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# Searching for Eden: The Diary of Adam & Eve



**Sept.  
26-30  
Studio  
Theatre**

Market House Theatre presents the world's first "couple" in a romantic comedy during Paducah's BBQ on the River, Sept. 26-30. Playwright James Still takes on the relationship struggles of Adam and Eve in his play *SEARCHING FOR EDEN: The Diary of Adam and Eve*. In this humorous and touching portrayal of Adam and Eve, partially based on the writings of Mark Twain, Still shows us an Adam playing with all the animals and enjoying bachelor life without a care. Suddenly this strange yet wonderful creature who calls herself Eve appears and insists on naming all of the animals, wanting to get close to Adam, and in general turning Adam's life upside down. Not letting the exit from Eden be the last word in the story, playwright Still jumps us forward to modern life with Adam and Eve in their mid life careers. Adam is now a marriage counselor and Eve is a high

powered movie executive tied to cell phones, email and hectic business deals.

As an anniversary present Adam has booked them both into the exclusive resort "E" in an attempt to rediscover their initial passions and attraction. A romantic comedy for the ages, *SEARCHING FOR EDEN* will tickle your funny bone.

Performed in the intimate Market House Studio Theatre during the BBQ on the River festival, audience members are encouraged to pick up some BBQ at the festival and bring it to the theatre and turn their evening into "dinner theatre". MHT will have soft drinks available. Playing the role of Adam is MHT newcomer Chuck Sexton. Playing the role of Eve is MHT veteran Audra Hall. Making her MHT directorial debut at MHT is Sylvia Steiner.

Tickets are \$15 general admission to the event and can be purchased by calling the box office at 270-444-6828. Show times are 7:30 Wed.-Sat. evening and 2:30 Sunday.

The theatre will open for dinner seating at 6:45 on Wed.- Sat. evening.



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## Auditions

The Market House Theatre will hold open auditions Mon. and Tues. Oct. 1 & 2 at 7 p.m. in the MHT studio

theatre for the musical play *THE SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS*.

In this sequel to the hit play *Smoke on the Mountain*, which was presented last year at MHT, the Sanders family returns to Mount Pleasant, NC, home of the Mount Pleasant Pickle Factory. It's Christmas Eve, 1941. Reverend Oglethorpe has invited them to the Baptist Church to sing and witness, getting the congregation into the down home holiday spirit before the boys, including one of the Sanders' own, are shipped off to World War II. More than two dozen Christmas carols, many of them vintage hymns, and hilarious yuletide stories from the more or less devout Sanders family keep

the audience laughing, clapping and singing along with bluegrass Christmas favorites. Richly entertaining, this wildly infectious musical brings cheer to audiences eager to see how their friends from *Smoke on the Mountain* have been getting along. Needed are 4 men and 3 women to make up the Sanders family members. Characters include the Burl Sanders the father, Vera Sanders the mother, Stanley Sanders (Burl's brother), June Sanders- the oldest daughter, twins Dennis and Denise Sanders, and the Reverend Oglethorpe.

Auditionees should sign up for individual audition time slots with the box office before the auditions. All auditionees should bring some type of musical instrument to play. A piano will be provided. Michael Cochran will direct the play and Cindy Miller will be the Musical Director. Perusal scripts are available from the MHT box office. *THE SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS* will perform Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 6-9, 13-16, 2007. The play is sponsored by Jackson Purchase Energy.



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## MARK YOUR SEPT. CALENDAR!

### Upcoming Audition Dates

**Sanders Family Christmas**  
**Auditions Oct. 1 & 2, 2007**


**The Underpants**  
**Auditions Nov. 12 & 13**

**Crowns**  
**Auditions Dec. 10 & 11, 2008**

**Harriet the Spy**  
**Auditions Jan. 14 & 15 2008**

**Zink: The Myth, the Legend, the Zebra**  
**Auditions March 17 & 18, 2008**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 Rumors 2:30	10	11	12	13 Rumors 7:30	14 Rumors 7:30	15 Rumors 2:30 & 7:30
16 Rumors 2:30	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Eden 7:30	27 Eden 7:30	28 Eden 7:30	29 Eden 7:30
30 Eden 2:30						

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