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Your Ticket to Pittsville Area Community Theater News

Spring 2008

From the Director's Chair

**Meet
Gail Possley,
PACT's
2008
Summer
Director!**



I am absolutely delighted to have been chosen as the director of this summer's theatre production, "Love is Contagious." Having served as director of PACT's "Arsenic and Old Lace" in 2004, I am happy and excited to again take on the role. I am looking forward to working with area actors, volunteers and the PACT Board of Directors in producing this charming, romantic comedy.

My theater experience includes leading roles in community theatre productions of "Private Lives," "Play It Again, Sam," and "The Women." I also appeared in "The Good Doctor," "Guys And Dolls," "The Private Lives of The Barrymores," "Little Women" and "Curious Savage." I directed a community theatre production of "Odd Couple," "Arsenic and Old Lace," and most recently I co-directed the Pittsville High School production of "Occupation, Murder." I previously served on the Masquer's Board of Directors in Manitowoc, and currently serve on the PACT Board of Directors. I have taught children's acting classes and have also portrayed Mother Goose in kindergarten classrooms for over 20 years.

My husband, Tom, and I will be retiring from teaching for the Pittsville School District at the end of this school year. I have been the Speech and Language Pathologist for 25 years, and Tom has taught Business Education for 30 years.

PACT is always looking for people who are interested in volunteering for the many opportunities available. I encourage you join us this summer. The work involved is very fun and rewarding.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend "Love is Contagious!" Sit back and enjoy the show!

A limited number of perusal scripts of "Love is Contagious" are available for check-out at the Pittsville Community Library, "From the Ground Up," Wisconsin Rapids, and the Marshfield Public Library.

To learn more about PACT and this summer's production, visit www.pittsvilleact.org.

2008 Summer Production

PACT to perform "Love is Contagious"

"Love is Contagious" by Patricia McLain, is a delightful, romantic comedy made up of a cast of seven women and four men. As the story goes, Sally, a young farm girl from Kansas visits New York City with plans to become an actress or model. To her brother Robbie's surprise, she arrives at his Greenwich Village apartment and announces that she is staying with him and his roommate. Robbie, a newspaper reporter, and his roommate Sam, an artist, are not happy about her arrival because she "mothers" them and adds feminine touches to their apartment. She also plays matchmaker by reuniting them with their former girlfriends. Filled with tense moments, light-hearted laughs and a cast of colorful characters, the merriment never slackens. True love, as it should, triumphs in the end. The diverse cast also includes the landlady who keeps talking about her three dead husbands, the nosey spinster next door, a boisterous cab driver, a gambler, a French model, and a "plain Jane" neighbor who finds inner beauty and true love.

"Love is Contagious" will be staged by Gail Possley, director of PACT's 2004 comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace." You won't want to miss the show and learn why "Love IS Contagious!"

Cast of Characters

Sally Winters – Fresh off the farm in Kansas, Sally is naturally pretty with a completely wholesome quality about her. She is inquisitive, talkative, stubborn, maternal, and completely lovable. She is Robbie's sister. Sally is twenty one years old.

Sam Harway – Twenty-eight years old, handsome, moody, a little vain, and a lady's man. He is Robbie's roommate and an artist with a rather sarcastic hard shell, but in spite of himself, is quite personable.

Robbie Winters – Middle to late twenties. Robbie is Sally's brother. He works as a newspaper reporter who has lived in New York City for five years. He loves his work, but finds it difficult to mix work with his love life. He is a regular sort of a guy – nice looking and easy going.

Diane Roberts – Diane is in her middle twenties, rather attractive, and very career and social-minded. Sometimes aloof, always well dressed and has a definite air of class and sophistication about her, Diane is confused about her career aspirations and her desire to marry Robbie.

Mrs. Kayser – A widow in her fifties or sixties. She's the landlady. She is portly, jovial, and undereducated. She is always concerned about the rent and additional boarders. She likes to talk about her three dead husbands.

Guy Ketchen – Guy is a hack cab driver who charges interest on unpaid cab bills. He is loud and outspoken. His biggest problem is his women.

Audition Information and Schedules:

- **AUDITIONS •**
Wednesday or Thursday, May 21 or 22
3:30-7:30 pm
Pittsville Schools Auditorium
Those auditioning will be asked to read dialog scenes from audition materials. Roles are available for four men and seven women.
- **REHEARSALS •**
Begin June 3
Depending on the size of the role, actors will be expected to rehearse several evenings a week.
- **PLAY PERFORMANCES •**
Thursday - Saturday, August 7-9
7:30 pm
Sunday, August 10
2:00 pm (matinee)

Miss Lerner – A spinster who lives next door, Miss Lerner is a middle-aged "busy-body" that comes borrowing to see what's going on. She is tall and skinny and wears her glasses down on her nose.

Harry Turner – In his early thirties, Harry is a horse player who always loses, and when he loses, he drinks. He earns money by doing odd jobs and stays with the guys when he's broke.

Mimi Lamarr – Mimi is in her twenties. She's a French model. She is very attractive with a model's figure. Her admirers keep her in fur.

Georgia Rutherford – Georgia lives down the hall. In her late twenties and modestly attractive, she wears old-fashioned glasses and her hair in a bun. She works in a book store. She is from Georgia and has a southern accent.

Kitty Gauge – Kitty is a chorus girl - a bleached blonde with a voluptuous figure and "the shapeliest legs this side of the Mississippi." She has a Brooklyn accent and chews gum constantly. She is not to be classified as a "lady."

Females auditioning for the roles of Sally, Diane, Kitty, Mimi and Georgia may range in age from sixteen to late twenties. Males auditioning for the roles of Robbie, Sam and Harry may range in age from eighteen to thirty. Guy may be any age. Mrs. Keyser and Miss Lerner may be from fifty to seventy years old.

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Look inside to see
what's new with PACT!

The Pittsville Area Community Theater (PACT) is a non-profit organization formed in 2003. PACT's purpose is to offer community members of all ages an opportunity to express their talents by becoming involved with theater.

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Our summer season is off and running!

Stage Manager opportunity available

The Pittsville Area Community Theater is seeking a volunteer interested in performing the duties of **STAGE MANAGER** for its upcoming summer performance, "Love is Contagious." Stage managers provide behind-the-scenes support to the director, actors, stage crew and technicians. They are the director's right-hand assistant and work closely with the director throughout the entire rehearsal and play process. No experience is necessary, only a desire to learn, work hard and have fun! If you are interested in this applying for this position, or would like to learn more, please call 715-884-6573. You may also email PACT at info@pittsvilleact.org.

Donations help local theater

Over the past year, PACT helped make upgrades to the Pittsville Schools Auditorium. In a collaborative effort with the School District of Pittsville and the Pittsville Area Foundation for the Arts (PAFA), PACT members donated their time to assist with the removal of an old light bank from the high school stage area. In addition, PACT donated funds to purchase portable light banks and curtain rigging bars for the auditorium stage area.

Become involved! PACT offers something for everyone!

PACT exists because of the time, talents, and dedication of many volunteers throughout Central Wisconsin. We value the contributions of everyone, and feel that there are many opportunities both on and off the stage. The members of PACT understand that we are all volunteers with busy schedules. We encourage you to participate in those areas that your time and interest allow. Members work hard, have fun, and gain the experience and satisfaction of a job well done. Volunteer opportunities for all ages are available year-round! **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!**

There are many ways to become involved. PACT needs you! Visit our website at www.pittsvilleact.org to learn more.

Surf the PACT website!

Visit www.pittsvilleact.org for the latest PACT news! There you will find information on this summer's production, as well as a walk down memory lane with facts and photos from past performances. Visitors to the site will also find PACT announcements, downloadable forms, and information about PACT and its volunteer opportunities. You will want to visit often, as the site will be updated with current news and information as soon as it becomes available!

2008 PACT Board of Directors

PACT is guided by and comprised of individuals who are committed to promoting the arts, thereby enriching the quality of life in the Pittsville area.

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