In the wings... 

Les Misérables School Edition 
produced by Barry McCleave 
directed by Paul Ballard & Jason Fairchild

We are still taking applications to audition for this special production. If you are interested, send your name and phone number to gold@vicksburg.com.

This legendary musical will be presented as a special engagement in addition to our regular season (not included in membership), with a cast of full-time students, age 19 or younger. Singing is required for all 30+ cast members. The orchestra and tech staff may be any age. Come be a part of this magical experience! For more info, visit http://www.vicksburg.com/~sparky

Shows: 8-10 August 2003

Fairy Tale Theatre 2003

Orientation, when cast lists are announced and registration fees are due, is 18 May at 2:00 p.m. Plays rehearse daily starting 2 June. If you missed Auditions and still desire to participate, please contact Jo Beth Britt (601-638-8952 or jbbritt.seren.shel@usa.net) or Jodie Johnson (601-636-2829/601-831-2829 or jjhj@canufly.net).

Shows: 26-29 June 2003

Mister Roberts

directed by Garrett Wallace

Auditions for this World War II naval classic, set in the closing days of the war in the Pacific, will be held on Sunday 18 May, Monday 19 May, and Tuesday 20 May at 6:30 pm at Parkside Playhouse. Cast includes five parts portraying adult males in late 20's to 50, 10-15 parts portraying young males from 18 to mid 20's, and one female portrayed in her early to mid 20's. Parts have various numbers of lines but all are important. This is a good play for first timers. Rehearsals will start in late July. Vacation conflicts in July can be worked around to some extent.

Shows: 12-14, 19-21, 26-27 September 2003

VTG Awarded Mississippi Arts Commission Building Fund Grant

14 March 2003—The Mississippi Arts Commission has announced its 2003 Building Fund for the Arts (BFA) grant awards. VTG will receive $31,175 for Parkside Playhouse exterior repairs, dumpster enclosure, and auditorium carpet. This funding from the state must be matched by $20,785 in locally-raised funding. The state and local funding is a 60%-40% cost-sharing arrangement, with the local share to be raised and spent before the state funding is received.

In the near future, we will be initiating a campaign to raise the remainder of the local share. We have established a separate BFA bank account, and funds donated to the BFA campaign will only be used for the work approved in the grant. Since we are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, tax-deductible donations may be made, as provided in Section 170 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

For more information, please contact Terry Welch at Terry@e-vtg.com.

A special note of appreciation to cast member John Myers and All Saints Episcopal School for printing our newsletters and posters.

Vicksburg Theatre Guild presents...

Harvey

by Mary Chase

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

9, 10, 16, & 17 May 2003 at 7:30 pm
and 11 May 2003 at 2:00 pm

Parkside Playhouse
Vicksburg, Mississippi
601-636-0471
http://www.e-vtg.com/
http://www.vicksburg.com/~gold
The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Vicksburg Theatre Guild will be Sunday, 15 June at the Parkside Playhouse starting at 2:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors is elected at the Annual Meeting in June. If you want to volunteer for the Board, or assist (in areas such as box office, costumes, or membership) contact Jason Fairchild by 11 May at Jason@e-vtg.com or 601-636-5021.

2003-2004 VTG Membership Rates

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The Early Bird rate is good until 30 June 2003. * Each ticket entitles every member to attend 1 performance of each main stage play, and 1 Gold in the Hills performance during each of the Spring and Summer runs.

2003-2004 VTG Season

Mister Roberts
by Thomas Heggen and Joshua Logan
directed by Garrett Wallace
Auditions: 18-20 May 2003
Shows: 12-14, 19-21, 26-27 Sep 2003

An Evening of Culture
a comedy by Mark Landon Smith
directed by Beth Martin
Auditions: TBA
Shows: 7-9, 14-16, 21-22 Nov 2003

The Sound of Music
book by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse,
music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
directed by Marie Cunningham
Auditions: TBA
Shows: 6-8, 13-15 Feb 2004

Our Town
by Thornton Wilder
produced by Mike & Georgia Grodowitz
Auditions: TBA
Shows: 7-9, 14-16, 21-22 May 2004

Gold in the Hills
an 1890’s melodrama by J. Frank Davis
produced by Barry McCleave
Auditions: 3 Jan 2004
Shows: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 27, 28 Mar; 2, 3 Apr 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 Jul 2004

Fairy Tales 2004
youth theatre
produced by Jo Beth Britt
Auditions: Spring 2004
Shows: late June 2004

Remaining 2002-2003 VTG Season

VTG Life, Special, and Business members make an extra financial contribution beyond the cost of basic membership. We are deeply grateful for their support, and for the confidence they have placed in us.

SPECIAL and BUSINESS MEMBERS

Capital Patron
Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Karen Gilmour
Ms. Halley Jo Ragsdale

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Mr. & Mrs. William & Heidi Glauser
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Ada Chaussé
Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Karen Calnan

Family Angel
Mr. & Mrs. William & Heidi Glauser
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Ada Chaussé

Angel
Mr. & Mrs. William & Heidi Glauser
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Ada Chaussé

Patron
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Clarissa Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Ann Claire Fordice
Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Sharon Zaza

Business Members
Falco Lime, Inc
Small Business Members
Art and Soul of the South
Southern Beverage
**2003-2004 Season**

As the oldest chartered community theatre in Mississippi, the Vicksburg Theatre Guild has offered live theatre for over sixty five years, first on the original Playhouse stage on Bowmar Avenue and now at our Parkside Playhouse location. Our 2003-2004 season will be filled with music, drama, and comedy, as well as three extra performances of *Mr. Roberts*, *An Evening of Culture*, and *Our Town*.

We are committed to providing quality theatre to Vicksburg and to our visitors. Unfortunately, our expenses have risen across-the-board. To continue to present the theatre experience that you expect, we found it necessary to increase our Box Office and Membership prices for the 2003-2004 season. We believe that our prices are still the best in the region for live theatre. We hope you will join us to experience an exciting season.

If you plan to regularly attend our shows, membership is a great value. Regular memberships cost you roughly half what you would pay to buy tickets for the season. The Early Bird membership special (2002-2003 rates) is an even better value for those who join by 30 June 2003.

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- Dress Barn/Dress Barn Woman
- Duck Head
- Factory Brand Shoes
- GAP Outlet
- Kitchen Collection
- Leggs-Hanes-Bali-Playtex
- Oh-Kash&B-Gash
- Paper Factory
- Redbook
- Rue 21
- The Mill Stores
- Tedis/Sunglass World
- Teds-To-Teens
- Van Haagen
- Vitamin World
- Welcome Home

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**Biographies continued**

**Melinda Morang (Myrtle Mae Simmons).** Melinda, a junior at VHS, keeps herself busy writing for the school newspaper, competing on the quiz bowl team, and attending academic competitions. She participates in Shotokan karate and enjoys reading. Melinda has participated in Fairy Tale Theatre every year since she was ten, most recently starring as “Pepper” in Touched by an Angle. Melinda also appeared in *The Hobbit* as “Gloin the dwarf,” and she has done tech for a few shows.

**John Myers (Lyman Sanderson, M.D.).** John Myers is the network administrator and computer teacher at All Saints' since moving here last year. He has appeared in *A Christmas Card* and *Dial M for Murder* with VTG. He is the proud father of three great kids: John, Hunter and Cedley.

**Andy Szuwalksi (Judge Omar Gaffney).** Andy has been involved in theatre for over 30 years in Gaithersburg and Silver Spring, Maryland, and with VTG since coming to Vicksburg in 1983. He was last seen as “Scrooge” in *A Christmas Card*, and “Sir Lawrence Wargrave” in *Ten Little Indians*. Andy in semi-retired, and when not in the theatre you will find him on the golf course, in his wood shop, or taking long naps. Andy thanks Mary Ellen, his wife, for her patience and understanding.

**Patty Tolley (Miss Johnson).** After earning a MS in biology from East Carolina University in 1996, Patty moved to Vicksburg in to work at Waterways Experiment Station. While living in Ocean Springs, she made her stage debut as “Acia” in *The Wisteria Bush*. Patty started performing with VTG this season (“Margot Wendice,” *Dial M for Murder*), and she is looking forward to being involved in future productions. Although new to the stage, Patty has sung with church choirs since she was a teenager.

**Richard Van Den Akker (E.J. Lofgren).** A native of New Orleans, Richard has lived in Vicksburg for 15 years with his wife Susan and their 3 sons, Cory, Ryan, and Noah. Richard has been a member of the theatre for 3 years and usually plays “the Villain” in Gold in the Hills.

**Meggie Welch (Assistant Director).** This is Meggie's thirteenth year with the Vicksburg Theatre Guild. Next year will be attending Occidental College in Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting. She wants to thank Jason and the cast for the wonderful opportunity to help direct such an amazing and talented group of actors.

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**Life Members**

- Mr. & Mrs. Gene Allen
- Mr. & Mrs. David Bridges
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gappaert
- Mr. & Mrs. Gene Gathright
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**Thanks to:**

- All Saints School, Betty Palmertree, Rome Rushing, The Vicksburg Post, Nancy Robertson, Leah Johnson, Mike Calnan, Shannon Tann Hollingsworth, and especially to the dedicated cast and crew.
Harvey
by Mary Chase
directed by Jason Fairchild and Meggie Welch

Cast

Myrtle Mae Simmons ......................................................... Melinda Morang
Veta Louise Simmons ........................................................ Catherine Brown
Elwood P. Dowd ............................................................................ Syd Johnston
Miss Johnson ............................................................................ Patty Tolley
Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet .......................................................... Victoria Abraham
Ruth Kelly, R.N. ........................................................................ Donna Hardy
Duane Wilson ........................................................................... Mark Jourdan
Lyman Sanderson, M.D. .......................................................... John Myers
William R. Chumley, M.D. ...................................................... Jim Miller
Betty Chumley ........................................................................... Joyce Borum
Judge Omar Gaffney ............................................................ Andy Szuwalksi
E.J. Lofgren .............................................................................. Richard Van Den Akker

Production Staff

Stage Manager ................................................................. Dorothy McInnis
Stage Crew Foreman ......................................................... David McInnis
Stage Crew ............................................................................ Lance Abbe, Nick Danger, Reed Whitney
Set/ Lighting/ Tech ............................................................... Rebecca Nelson
Lobby Decoration .............................................................. Joyce Borum
Costumes ............................................................................. Earlene McCleave
Opening Night Reception .................................................. Garrett Wallace
Set fabrication ................................................................. Andy Szuwalksi, Donna Hardy, John Myers, Dorothy McInnis, Richard and Ryan VanDenAkker, Victoria Abraham, Patty Tolley, Reed Whitney, and Rebecca Nelson

Scenes

The action of the play takes place in a city in the Far West in the library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of Chumley's rest.

Time: The Present
Act I
Scene 1—The library, late afternoon.
Scene 2—Chumley’s Rest, an hour later.
Act II
Scene 1—The library, an hour later.
Intermission
Scene 2—Chumley’s Rest, four hours later.
Act III
Chumley’s Rest, a few minutes later.

Biographies (in alphabetic order)

Victoria Abraham (Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet). Harvey is Victoria's third performance with VTG, appearing in Once Upon A Mattress and Into the Woods. She has also performed with the Back Alley Players in Four Poster and Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grille. Her hobbies are reading, painting, working out, and yoga.

Joyce Borum (Betty Chumley). Joyce has been in six previous VTG productions, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Oliver, Once Upon a Mattress, Into the Woods, and The Robber Bridegroom. An accountant in the Vicksburg Engineer District, she is also an involved member of First Presbyterian Church as a volunteer youth leader and singing in the choir, and she performs with the Vicksburg Chamber Choir.

Catherine Brown (Veta Louise Simmons). Catherine first appeared on the VTG stage as "the Witch" in Into the Woods. She has been involved in musical theatre and opera since she was twelve. She grew up in Vicksburg, and returned in 1996. She is the Director of Drama and Music at All Saints’ Episcopal School, and she likes nature, animals, The Moody Blues, and teenagers (in that order).

Donna Normand Hardy (Ruth Kelly, R.N.). Donna's first appeared with VTG as "Vera Claythorne" in Ten Little Indians. She has appeared in Into the Woods (where she was also Stage Manager), Romeo and Juliet, Paint Your Wagon, and A Christmas Carol. Donna is the mother of two beautiful children, Jamie and Haley, and is an aspiring water colorist. She dedicates this role to her grandmother, Bertha Warren Howard, who obtained her nursing degree from the Vicksburg Sanitarium in the 1940's. Donna is wearing her grandmother's cap and pin in memory.

Sir Reginald B. Hareston (Harvey). Sir Reginald first appeared in London in The Velveteen Rabbit in 1934. He is best known for his work as a stunt double for his well-known cousin who is with Warner Brothers Cartoons ("They just saw him first," muses Sir Reginald). A vegetarian, Sir Reginald is thrilled to work with VTG, eyeing the landscaping with great admiration ("You've got lovely clover here," he states). When not acting, he enjoys spending time with his three children Peter, Bun, and Cotton T.

Syd Johnston (Elwood P. Dowd). Syd, a Vicksburg native, has performed in Gold in the Hills since 1955 and has directed the play for six years. He has portrayed various roles from “Little Tommy” to following his Father's footsteps performing the hero, “John Dalton.” Now once again he is following his Father's footsteps and playing “Elwood P. Dowd” in Harvey. Married to Dinnie Kelly, who has been very patient and understanding with his theater commitments, and other ventures, Syd also has 3 sons.

Mark Jourdan (Duane Wilson). Mark, originally from Missouri, is a Research Hydraulic Engineer with a PhD from Texas A&M. He started playing “Kris Kringle” in Miracle on 34th Street, and has appeared in Fools, Ten Little Indians, The Hobbit, The Robber Bridegroom, Romeo and Juliet, Paint Your Wagon, A Christmas Carol, and Gold in the Hills. Mark has three wonderful children.

Dorothy McInnis (Stage Manager). From orchestra pit to on-stage to assistant director, this is Dorothy McInnis’ first try as Stage Manager. She is usually seen at the ticket window as Box Office Director for the theatre.

Jim Miller (William R. Chumley, M.D.). Jim has been in numerous VTG plays, and also appears as the dastardly “Richard Murgatroyd” in Gold in the Hills. His favorite roles are “Selwyn Mowbray” in Noises Off and “Weird Uncle Phil” in Hello Muddah. By day, he’s an electrical contractor. A member of Christ Episcopal Church, Jim enjoys shooting, tinkering, working with stained glass and laughing. He and his tolerant, understanding wife Sharon have three nutty, fun children—Andrea, Elisabeth, and Randolph.