

Coming Soon from
the Sterling Playmakers

A Christmas Carol

Directed by Joe Campanella
November 12-14, 22-24, 2015
Theatre at Sterling Middle School

NOTE: Our November 13th performance will be signed for the hearing impaired by HIS Sign

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Directed by
Susan Kronenberg
Book by Terry Pratchett
February 2016

To Kill A Mockingbird

Directed by Brian Garrison
April 2016

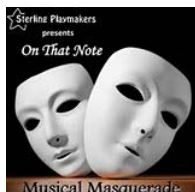
OLIVER

Directed by
Ashley Kinney & Kim VanArtsdalen

July/August 2016

Sterling Swordplayers, the Playmakers' traveling stage combat troupe, performs stage combat at various fairs and festivals! Visit www.sterlingplaymakers.org for details!

ON THAT NOTE, the Playmakers' cabaret troupe, is available for public and private venues throughout the year. Email otn@sterlingplaymakers.com for bookings.



Sterling Playmakers
presents

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Written & Directed by Maria V. Bissex
Produced by Kimberly Fry

Thursday, October 22, 2015
Friday, October 23, 2015
Saturday, October 24, 2015

The Theatre at
Sterling Middle School
201 West Holly Drive
Sterling, Virginia

A Non-Profit Community Theatre Group in Partnership with LCPRCS - Sterling Community Center
For more information, call 703-437-6117 or visit sterlingplaymakers.com

Our Mission Statement

The Sterling Playmakers, in cooperation with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services' Sterling Community Center, will associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To foster and perpetuate wholesome theatrical presentation for all age groups, of both a cultural and entertainment value to the community of Sterling, ever keeping in mind our obligations to the community in the safeguarding of the principles of good taste in all our endeavors.

To produce, direct, write, teach, stage, and in all ways provide all forms of performing arts activities and events for children and adults, and to hire such staff as may be necessary.

To exist as a nonprofit organization, which operates strictly for the enjoyment of our members, providing an outlet for the artistic talents of as many community individuals as possible.

Our Board of Directors

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*See The Lights on Broadway
With the Sterling Playmakers*

September 16-18, 2016

This weekend package includes...

Charter bus to and from NYC!
3 days/2 nights in the Hilton Times Square Hotel!
Two Broadway shows!*

- One after-show talkback with the cast/crew!
- One dinner (in a nice restaurant!)
- A visit to the 9/11 Memorial!
- One round-trip prepaid Metrocard!
- Free time to tour the city on your own!

**The shows will be selected by trip attendees, from a list of quality shows determined by the Board of Directors.*

Cost depends on your hotel room choice:

Quad room: \$880 per person
Triple room: \$940 per person
Double room: \$1,060 per person
Single room: \$1,440 per person

Payment may be made in 4 equal payments:

\$220 Quad/\$235 Triple/
\$265 Double/\$360 Single

First payment registers you for the trip
and is due **March 31, 2016.**

*Other payments due
Feb 1, Apr 1, June 1 (2016)*

The Sterling Playmakers Presents
in partnership with LCPRCS - Sterling Community Center

The Legend of

Sleepy Hollow

Written & Directed by Maria V. Bissex
Produced by Kimberly Fry

Adapted from the story by
Washington Irving

*The Theatre at Sterling Middle School
October 22-24, 2015*

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Setting: Village of Sleepy Hollow, late 1790's

Scene 1 – A Tavern in Sleepy Hollow

Scene 2 – The Schoolhouse

Scene 3 – The next Sunday morning, outside church

Scene 4 – The van den Berg home

Scene 5 – The church road, immediately following

Scene 6 – The Schoolhouse, a Friday after school

Scene 7 – the church road, around sunset

Scene 8 – The Van der Donk home, later that evening

Scene 9 – The Schoolhouse, three weeks later

Scene 10 – The van Tassels' home, an All Hallows Eve Party

Scene 11 – The church road, immediately following

** Please note this show runs approximately 1 hour 15 minutes and has no intermission **

Special Thanks

Augustin Martinez, Joseph Guinther, Lawrence Grayson,
and the staff of Sterling Middle School

Nick Wilt and the staff of Sterling Community Center

St. Matthews Episcopal Church

The staff at GAM Graphics and Marketing

Our sincerest appreciation to the families of our younger cast members, and to everyone we may have missed or who contributed to our show after this program went to print.

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(As of September 8, 2015)

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Maria Bissex	Joe Campanella
Carol Frysinger	Annabel Johnson
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Roseann & Tom Vecchio	

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The Kellenberger Family	Susan Kronenberg
Laser Nation	Ed Linek
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Shelah Novak and Michael Barker	Bridget Penberthy – Mary Kay
Jean Rickard	Dee Dee & Steve Schrader
Stagecoach Theatre Company	Sterling Golf Club
The Warner Family	Ronnie Welsch
David & Ginger Wilkinson	

OUR CAST

Diedrich Knickerbocker	Jack Seeley
Ichabod Crane.....	Brian Tepe
Brom Bones.....	Paul Eldridge
Yost van Houten.....	Christopher Lang
Hendryk Brouwer.....	Bill Shue
Hans van Ripper.....	Joe Christian
Katrina van Tassel.....	Courtney Washington
Baltus van Tassel	Phil Erickson
Marta van Tassel	Deborah Sapolsky
Yvonne van der Donck	Karen Rizzo
Rika van der Donck	Michelle Rizzo
Gretl van der Donck	Cecily Rood
Adrien van der Donck.....	Asher Ratnam
Dirck Loockermans	David Shockley
Wille Loockermans	Tori Shockley
Griet Loockermans	Penny Hauffe
Elsje Loockermans	Helena Hughes
Jonas Broncks.....	Bruce Burkley
Anneliese Broncks.....	Melissa Gervasio
Johanna Broncks.....	Amelia Burkley
Jacob van den Berg.....	Michael Hughes
Wilhelmina van den Berg.....	Fame Anderson
Frederick van den Berg.....	Aidan Goggin
Klara van den Berg.....	Avery Daniel
Klaus van den Berg.....	Maguire Crowe
Isaac van Dinklagen.....	Andrew Lee
Lotte van Dinklagen.....	Consuelo Ramirez
Peter van Dinklagen.....	Jordan Rees
Widow van Eyck	Gioia Albi
Hilda van Eyck	Vanessa Bliss
Woman in White.....	Jill Hughes
Cornplanter.....	K Sridhar
Major Andre.....	John Geddie
Headless Horseman.....	Justin Hughes

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer.....	Kimberly Fry
Director.....	Maria Bissex
Assistant Director.....	Megan Stockman
Choreographer.....	Colleen Cheney
Production Stage Manager.....	Bob Rosenberg
Technical Director.....	Dan Clark
Technical Advisor.....	Bill Fry
Set Design.....	Maria Bissex & Bill Fry
Stage Managers.....	Gregg Carter, R.C. Castaneda
Stage Crew.....	Jack Dixon, Dan Clark
Lighting Design.....	Chris Gray
Lighting Staff.....	Eric Fisher
Sound.....	Chris DiBlasi
Costume Designer.....	Jill Hughes
Costume Staff.....	Donna Shockley, Karen Rizzo
Properties Manager.....	Janet Davis
Properties Staff.....	Becky Roberts
Makeup & Hair Designer.....	Mandi Ellis
Special Effects.....	Bill Fry, Dan Clark, Chris Gray, Rick Dulik
Advertising.....	Jen Lofquist
Box Office Managers.....	Mary Abbott, Mark Humphrey
Box Office Assistants.....	Doris Argall, Judy Bartow, Peggy Darr
Online Ticket Sales.....	Tim Silk
House Manager.....	Barbara Gillen
Ushers.....	John Bleutge, Kathy Bleutge, Lora Buckman, Joe Campanella, Shanna Christian, Peggy Darr, Angela Hepola, Elise Hepola, Annabel Johnson, Leecy Silk
Set Construction/Painting.....	Dan Clark, Bill Fry, Gregg Carter, Leandra Lynn
Horse Construction.....	Owen Bissex, Dan Clark
Horse Puppeteer.....	Dan Clark
Audition Staff.....	Kathy Bleutge, John Geddie, Helen Gernhardt, Mike Stockman
Photographers.....	Gabe Smith, Jill Hughes
Graphics Designer.....	Theresa Frassrand

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*When I was deciding on a play for this fall's "director's choice" Halloween slot, I knew pretty quickly that I wanted to do *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. The rustic charm and vivid narrative of Washington Irving's short story have always had a special appeal for me. Growing up on Long Island, not far from the Hudson River and the village of Tarrytown, I was familiar with the geographical setting of the tale and felt a cultural connection to the characters because of the Dutch part of my heritage. (One of my ancestors, Johannes Abeel, was the second mayor of Albany and the great-grandfather of another Johannes Abeel who was better known as Cornplanter!)*

As I researched the various scripts available, I began to realize that I really wanted to write my own. It was important to me to remain faithful to the language and flavor of Irving's tale, while bringing to life its historical and cultural context. This was no small challenge since I had to turn the original story's straight narrative into stage dialogue! In addition, I wanted to find a way to incorporate the spirit of Halloween (bad pun intended ☺) with some good old-fashioned thrills and chills and one of the most famous ghosts of all time—the Headless Horseman. I am eternally grateful to my cousin, Owen Bissex, for generously donating his time and professional talent to help us bring the ghostly horse to the stage in such a stunning fashion.

*Though this is "my show" in a special way, no production can be completed without a dedicated cast and crew and lots of support from family and friends. I would like to thank three people in particular: my "theater brother," Joseph Bissex, for all his encouragement and helpful tips as I embarked on my first directorial journey; Kathy Bleutge, who has been an inspiration to me ever since I joined the Playmakers in 2007, and a mentor and sounding board throughout all my preparations for *Sleepy Hollow*; and my fabulous assistant director, Megan Stockman, for going way above and beyond to provide support in both the writing and directing processes.*

It is an honor and a privilege to be making my debut as a playwright and director with the Sterling Playmakers. To God be the glory.

~ Maria Bissex