

## Rover Dramawerks' 2005-2006 Season

### Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus

by Andrew J. Fenady

December 2-18, 2005

Inspired by a letter written over 100 years ago by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon to the editor of the New York Sun: "Dear Editor, I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the Sun, it's so. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" The Sun's editor gives the assignment of answering Virginia's letter to Frank Church who, until his wife and baby died last Christmas Eve, was the Sun's best and most dependable reporter. His quest and timeless reply have become one of the world's most quoted and beloved editorials.

*a co-production with Frisco Community Theatre, 7775 Camellia Lane in Frisco*

### The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

by John Bishop

January 19 - February 11, 2006

First combine a mansion complete with sliding doors and secret passages, a small-time comedian with an endless supply of bad jokes, the zany creative team for a new musical, and a blizzard cutting them off from the outside. Then throw in an Irish tenor, a sinister German maid who may or may not be dead, and "the stage door slasher." The result is a side-splitting comedy (or is it a mystery?) complete with musical numbers!

*originally scheduled for last season, this production will be at the ArtCentre Theatre of Plano*

### WOMAN IN MIND

by Alan Ayckbourn

April 2006

After getting knocked out by stepping on the end of a garden rake, Susan, a housewife married to a boring cleric experiences hilarious hallucinations in which her everyday life is replaced by a fantasy where she is an ideal wife and mother with a perfect family. While her real family treats her with condescension and apathy, her fantasy family dresses in lovely white, always drinks champagne and plays tennis, lives in a stately home, and tells her that she is wonderful. Eventually, the fantasy family becomes nightmarish and Susan begins to realize that she is going mad.

*Our audience choice production!*

Agatha Christie's

### *Love From a Stranger*

adapted by Frank Vesper

July/August 2006

A young woman who has recently won the lottery enters into a whirlwind romance and marriage with a handsome stranger. But all is not as it appears, and eventually she realizes that her new husband is trying to murder her. Will she be able to stop him in time?

*Adapted from Agatha Christie's short story "Philomel Cottage."*

Join Rover Dramawerks for *Woman In Mind* and *Love From a Stranger* in our new home in the Cox Building in Plano! Exact dates to be announced soon!

### And Don't Miss Our Season Extras at the Courtyard Theatre of Plano!

**ONE DAY ONLY 7!** and **ONE DAY ONLY 8!**

May 6, 2006

August 26, 2006

Rover returns with TWO of our famous 24-hour play festivals!  
Seven short plays concept to curtain in just ONE DAY!

*Tickets for this highly anticipated event are \$10  
but can be added to your season subscription at a huge discount!*



# Rover Dramawerks

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June 24 and 25

8:00 p.m.

Frisco Community Theatre

**ACT I**

**Picky**

by Donald Barbee  
directed by Carol Rice

Candace.....Rachel Schnitzius  
Laura.....Sherri Small Truitt  
Lindy.....Penny Rathbun  
Susan.....Laura Jennings  
Maribel.....Misty Baptiste

**The Pitch**

written and directed by Jason Rice

Terry.....Marc Rouse  
Tony.....Craig Robertson  
Di.....Misty Baptiste  
Mik.....Shalitras Flowers  
L.C.....Terrie Justus

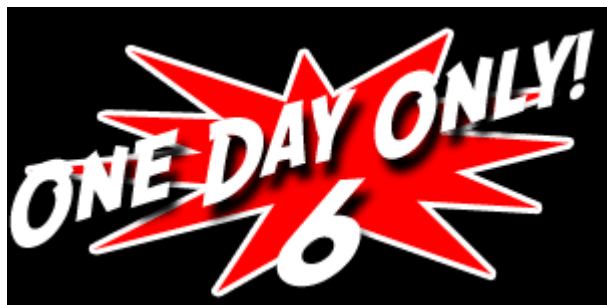
**OCHO**

by Kim Smith  
directed by Carol Rice

Paul.....Justin McCarthy  
Danny.....Shane Hurst  
Jane.....Shalitras Flowers  
Time Keeper / Mad Scientist.....Bill Otstott  
Cat Woman.....Sherri Small Truitt  
Wedding Man.....Justin McGuire

*10 MINUTE INTERMISSION.....CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE*

**If you're enjoying the show tonight, don't miss**



**August 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Theatre of Plano!**



# Rover Dramawerks

## 2005-2006 Season Tickets

**Buy your 2005-2006 season tickets before September 15 and receive additional savings on our already discounted season ticket prices!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i># of seats</i>	<i>Total</i>
Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.	_____ @ \$28	\$ _____
Fridays at 8:00 p.m.	_____ @ \$34	\$ _____
Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.	_____ @ \$40	\$ _____
Add <i>One Day Only 7 and 8</i> (optional)	_____ @ \$12	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

You can also help Rover Dramawerks with your tax deductible donation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your name or business for program acknowledgement:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***These prices are valid only until September 15, 2005!  
Regular ticket prices are \$12-16.  
Save up to 33% by ordering your season tickets today!***

Please include a check made out to Rover Dramawerks with this form, and mail to:

**Rover Dramawerks  
Attn: Season Tickets  
4206 Eastwood Drive  
Carrollton, TX 75010**

Up Next For Rover Dramawerks:



# Little Footsteps

by Ted Tally

**July 28 - August 20**

**Directed by David Nail**

Addison Theatre Centre Black Box Theatre  
15650 Addison Road in Addison

*Rover has teamed up with The Little Gym and KinderCare to offer childcare for two special performances:  
July 30 at 8:00 p.m. and August 6 at 2:00 p.m.*

*For details and reservations, call 972-849-0358.*

**Richardson**  
THEATRE CENTRE

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# Misery

A Compellingly Cruel  
Thriller by Stephen King



**June 16 - July 23, 2005**

Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.  
Sundays, June 26 & July 10 at 3 p.m.

Thursdays - 2 for \$16  
Fridays - \$12  
Saturdays \$14  
Sundays \$10

**For reservations  
call (972) 699-1130**

Richardson Theatre Centre is located at  
718 Canyon Creek Square  
Richardson, TX 75083  
(just south of the Custer and Renner intersection)

[www.richardsontheatrecentre.com](http://www.richardsontheatrecentre.com)

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A place to grow.  
A place to belong.*

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(972) 459-5829  
(at the corner of Round Grove Pkwy. and  
Meadowglen Dr. - located 1.5 miles west of  
Vista Ridge Mall)

**Sunday:**  
Bible Class — 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service — 10:15 a.m.  
Care Groups — 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**  
7:15 p.m.

## ACT II

### Still on Foot

by Donald Barbee  
directed by Marc Rouse

Jeremy.....Justin McCartney  
William.....Craig Robertson  
Priest.....Jason Rice  
Judge #1.....Rachel Schnitzius  
Judge #2.....Sherri Small Truitt  
Judge #3.....Jennifer Lynn Hutchinson

### Amy's Last Shift

by James Venhaus  
directed by Nancy Roberts

Rose.....Terrie Justus  
Paige.....Carol Rice  
Amy.....Elli Rinebarger  
Ed.....Michael Rathbun

### Virtually Romantic

by Craig Robertson  
directed by Misty Baptiste

Doug.....Justin McGuire  
Email.....Bill Otstott  
Norton.....Shane Hurst  
Explorer.....Michael Rathbun  
Pop-Up.....Shane Hurst  
Mary.....Jennifer Lynn Hutchinson  
Schoolgirl.....Elli Rinebarger

### Production Staff

Producer/Casting Director.....Carol Rice  
Technical Director.....Dave Miller  
Sound Design.....Jason Rice

**Special Thanks:** Frisco Community Theatre for their willingness to collaborate, Vista Ridge Church of Christ for allowing us to rehearse in their building, Jason Rice for having the idea to do this crazy project, Elli Rinebarger for her backstage help, the playwrights for allowing Rover to revisit their works, the actors and directors for donating their time and being so flexible, and you in our audience for your support of live theatre.

## Who's Who

**Misty Baptiste** has had a blast working on this project! Misty serves as VP of Production for Rover and can next be seen onstage in *As It Is In Heaven*, performing at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center July 14-31, in conjunction with Runway Theatre in Grapevine! **Donald Barbee** is a playwright living in Richardson and will NOT be ascending to the Danish throne. During his exile, he has remained a proud board member of Rover Dramawerks and Wooden Spoon Theatre Company. Legally produced works include *Four Chairs, One for Everybody, Still on Foot, Compilation, The Cask of Amontillado* (Adapted) and *Picky*. This is **Shalitra Flowers'** third and fourth time working with Rover. Presently she is in *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* with Pocket Sandwich Theater. Previous performances include: *Camp Death* and *Curse of the Mummy* with Pocket Sandwich Theater; *Proposals* with Rockwall Community Playhouse; *God's Favorite* with Garland Civic Theater; and *Claptrap* and *Spider's Web* with Rover Dramawerks. **M. Shane Hurst** has been an actor, director, and musical director for numerous productions in the Metroplex area. Currently he is directing *Once Upon a Mattress* in Lewisville. He is also a classical vocalist, composer, and professor of music at two local colleges. **Jennifer Lynn Hutchinson** is a director and actor in the Dallas Metroplex who made her directing debut with *The Whole Shebang* by Rich Orloff for Rover Dramawerks. Jennifer is proud to be performing again with Rover and lists some of her favorite past roles with Rover to include Mrs. Los Angeles "Dot" in *Mrs. California*, Nettie in *Bags* and the Representative in *Invisible Ticket*. She can be seen on stage starting July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pocket Sandwich Theatre's production of *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* as Rebecca Carew. **Laura Jennings** is pleased to return to Rover's stage. Rover audiences know her from *Bags, Mrs. California* and *Everything in the Garden*. Laura thanks Michael for his love and ongoing support. **Terrie Justus** is delighted to be a part of BoODO, and to get to complete her interrupted role in *The Pitch*. At last, closure! **Justin McCartney** has been involved at FCT for 3-4 years. This is his first Rover production. He would like to say hi to Jessica, Josh, Case, Heff, Chris, Burra, and Brick. **Justin McGuire** is excited to be making his debut with Rover. By day, he is a 3D graphics artist. By night, he's hoping there's some truth to the rumor that theatre is a great place to meet chicks. **Dave Miller** - Dave did the bright lights./He likes Rover Dramawerks./Come see all our shows. (I think *The Best of One Day Only* deserves a haiku.) **Bill Otstott** is happy to be working with Rover again. Previous shows: *War of the Worlds* and *One Day Only 4*. Some favorite roles include Elvis Presley, Spud, Cleophas, and others in the three "Trailer Trash" shows at the Pocket Sandwich Theater. Bill has written a melodrama for PST, *Invasion of the Pod People*, and will soon be working on another and a musical. **Michael Rathbun** appeared in the 2004 edition of *One Day Only!*. He has acted in or performed technical services for a number of productions in the USA and Australia over the years, and was recently elected to the Board of Frisco Community Theatre. **Penny Rathbun** is a past president of Frisco Community Theatre and has been involved with FCT for 11 years. She is new to Rover Dramawerks. She writes and shoots photos for Star Community Newspapers including the Frisco Enterprise and the Celina Record. **Carol Rice** is the President/Artistic Director of Rover Dramawerks. She has been involved in all of the past five *One Day Only!*s and will next be seen in Greater Lewisville Community Theatre's production of *Once Upon a Mattress* as Queen Aggravain, but her favorite role is as "Mommy" to Stephen and Scott! **Jason Rice** is not an actor, director, or writer, but Rover tends to indulge him. He's really just a dad and a computer graphics programmer with a little bit of room for storage in his garage and a serious crush on the wonderful board members Rover has and deep appreciation for all the good people Rover touches.

**Elli Rinebarger** has been seen in various productions such as *42nd Street, Little Shop of Horrors, Anything Goes, A Hatful of Rain, Sweet Charity, and A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine*. She will next be seen at KCCT's production of *The Foreigner* with her directorial debut. Elli would like to thank Carol for inviting her to participate in this whirlwind event, it's been a blast watching such talented people work. **Nancy Roberts** has directed and choreographed many award-winning productions around the Dallas area. She is pleased to be a part of the *Best of One Day Only* production. Enjoy the show! **Craig Robertson** has participated in the Rover Dramawerks production of *War of the Worlds* as well as *One Day Only 5*. He enjoys writing unpublished novels and brewing his own beer, preferably at the same time. He hopes someday to run a Shakespearean acting company. **Marc Rouse** is returning to Rover for his seventh production. He has previously written and directed for their *One Day Only!* shows. He has also acted in their productions of *War Of the Worlds* and *Lady Windermere's Fan*. **Rachel Schnitzius** has been seen in *Mrs. California, Lady Windermere's Fan, and The War of the Worlds* (2003 ed.) all with Rover Dramawerks. Most recently she has appeared as Ruth Condomine in *Blithe Spirit* at Richardson Theater Center. Other stage credits include *Sweeny Todd* (Pocket Sandwich Theater), *Pride and Prejudice* (Bucket Productions), and *Cowboys!* (Pegasus Theater), as well as numerous behind the scenes performances. **Kim Smith**: "When I cannot write I paint. When I cannot paint I write. I can be found at: [kimsmith@planetkimsmith.com](mailto:kimsmith@planetkimsmith.com)." Since her baptism by fire in *ODO 5!* in *Virtually Romantic*, **Sherri Small Truitt** jumped at the chance to perform in the "Best of" celebration. A relative newcomer to the north Texas area, she has appeared in dozens and dozens of theatre productions in her San Antonio hometown and a few plays and independent films here in DFW. Thanks to her husband always (and Sid - I will always be grateful). **James Venhaus** is a published playwright whose work includes *The Temple of Dionysus* (Playscripts, Inc.) *The Happy Couple, The First Christmas, and Santa's Little Helper* (Brooklyn Publishers) and work for young audiences including *Romeo and Juliet at Verona High* and the musical, *The Top Hand of Lone Tree Ranch*. His plays have been performed by Ground Zero Theater Company, Junior Players, SUNY Brockport (New York), Killing My Lobster (San Francisco) and Loyola University (New Orleans). He is currently at work on his new play, *Weird Sisters*.



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## THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

Wednesday, July 27th, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 28th, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, July 29th, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, July 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 30th, 7:00 p.m.