

# Performing Arts Guild

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Mother Goose on Trial?
- Scholarship Recipients
- Additions to our theater
- Membership and ticket information.

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## MOTHER GOOSE: ON TRIAL!

**Did a Cow Jump Over the Moon?**

**Did an Old Woman Live In a Shoe?**

**Was Mary Really Contrary?**

Everyone knows that Mother Goose wrote fanciful rhymes for children. Or did she? Performing Arts Guild's **Fall Musical, MOTHER GOOSE: ON TRIAL!** written by **Richard Gjonola**, deciphers the truth behind the nursery rhymes you know by heart. **MOTHER GOOSE: ON TRIAL!** is an entertaining and fascinating look at the romance, comedy, and *scandal* of the famous and the infamous, of the people and events that unfolded during the life and times of Mother Goose. The case of *The State v. Mother Goose* is the result of a bedtime squabble between two children learning to recite nursery rhymes. Susan declares, "Mother Goose is a liar!" and the Dreamland Supreme Court is convened. Liz is dismayed to find Mother Goose up to her neck in lawsuits. Humpty Dumpty, Mary Con-

trary, Little Jack Horner, and Little Miss Muffet - to name just a few of the hostile witnesses - take the stand to accuse Mother Goose of besmirching their reputations. But her accusers have something to hide...namely, their own misdeeds and their true identities, secretly chronicled through the language of the rhymes. Nursery Rhymes take on new meaning as Mr. Gjonola's clever cross-examinations expose the truth behind the fiction. The whimsical little ditties that you recited as a child mean much more than you think...and you're about to discover those hidden meanings. Perhaps the beloved Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes were not intended for the nursery, after all! **SO, CHILDREN OF ALL AGES:** Come join us for fun, music, and a romp through your childhood, as you've never remembered it before. MGOT cast includes: Margo Ackland as Mother/Judge, Deborah Smice and McAuley Humphrey as two sisters, Connie Augsburger as Attorney All Black, Wendy Howarter as Attorney All White, Deanna Lamesch as Mother Goose,

Dave Sowinski as Little Jack Horner/Old Woman, Ed Garrison as Abbot Whiting/Humpty Dumpty, Trudy Whalen as Mary, Mary/Little Bo Peep/Miss Muffet, Pam Ballard as Mary Flemming/Reporter, Priscilla Osborne as Mary Livinginston/Interviewee, Natalie Husemann as Mary Beaton/Spectator, Alexis Denton as Mary Seaton/Spectator, Jennifer Bakener as Jill/Farmer's Wife/Mary Had a Little Lamb. The Chorus will include: Mel Lloyd, Shania Gehrke, Shelly Moon, and Alexis Howey. Mother Goose Rhymers are: Alexalin Moses, JuliaLyn Shedd, Anastasia Gorden, Taylor Sheely and Wesley Immel **Show dates are October 5th, 6th, 12th, & 13th at 7:30pm and October 7th and 14th at 2:00pm.** Ticket information available soon at [performingartsguild.com](http://performingartsguild.com).



## JOEL CHEATWOOD AND ALEXIS DENTON ARE 2012 PAG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Every year Performing Arts Guild awards a number of college scholarships to local students. This year's recipients are Joel Cheatwood and Alexis Denton. Both Joel and Alexis graduated in May of 2012 from Oregon High School. Joel is attending Augustana College this fall and plans to major in music. Alexis is attending Rock Valley College this fall and plans to study performing arts. Joel and Alexis have lent their talents to the PAG stage and we are so very proud of their educational success. Good luck Joel and Alexis!



Joel Cheatwood—Attending Augustana College.



Alexis Denton—Attending Rock Valley College

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### NEW ITEMS FOR OUR THEATER!

#### **Exit Stage Left!**

Construction is complete on our new stage left entrance at Pinecrest Grove Theater. This is a huge convenience to our actors and stage crew and will surely increase our performance versatility and quality. A big thank you to Pinecrest for splitting the cost of this project!

#### **Music to our Ears!**

PAG purchased a Clavinova form Randee's Music in Rockford. They gave us an incredible deal on a model that is completely digitally equipped. It can be patched directly to our sound board, has recording capabilities, computer link capability, and many other features that

will unfold as we familiarize ourselves with it. Several have been or will be trained by Randee's staff. This golden purchase will surely fill a lot of voids with our musical productions.



### Membership

Individual membership is \$25 a year and includes two general admissions to an upcoming show. Members also receive our periodic newsletter, audition information, and admission to the annual meeting/reception. Contact PAG at performingartsguild.com

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