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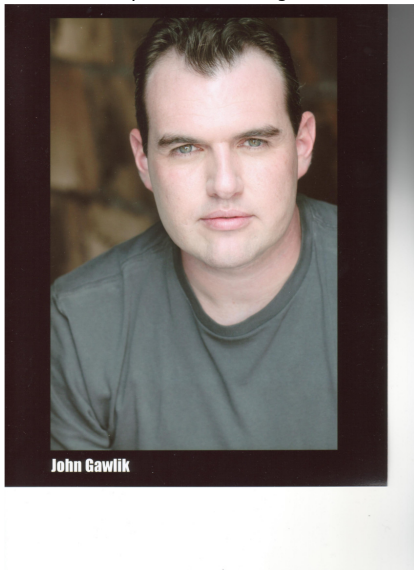
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Noble Fool unveils new name, vision, season at Pheasant Run in St. Charles

Submitted by [Renee Tomell](#) on August 31, 2010 - 4:42pm

Noble Fool Theatricals is entertaining a variety of changes. Beginning in January, it morphs into Fox Valley Repertory to better reflect the community around which it has grown its patron base and student academy.

"You can still count on outstanding productions ... our staff is the same, dedicated team," says Artistic Director John Gawlik of Chicago, a Wheaton native. "But after several years of growth, we simply wanted our name to represent the strong bond we have created with our patrons and community."



John Gawlik COURTESY PHOTO

The nonprofit theater company has been in residence at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles for seven years.

"We are focused on creating an engaging theater experience by producing shows that inspire our community to laugh, reflect and reconnect to moments in one's life," Gawlik says.

A major portion of the commitment is through arts education with an extensive offering of academy programs. The theater company hopes to continue to inspire youth to explore their own lives through the performing arts.

The expansive new vision includes an annual three-week Summer Arts Festival starting in 2011, which will give local artists and fellow arts organizations the opportunity to perform in several different venues in St. Charles. It also includes the area's first New Works Project, where a nationwide search will take place to premiere staged readings.

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 Our new vision and name, we are offering (special) subscription rates and benefits." Gawlik says. "Our four-show packages are heavily discounted at \$65 and \$80 per person. We're hoping the Fox Valley area will join us with this great introductory price. Our number of subscribers has grown tremendously in the last two years, and we hope this continues."

"LEAVING IOWA"

The Comedy About Family Vacations
 January 20 - March 13
 By Tim Clue and Spike Manton
 Directed by Rachel Rockwell; named Chicago Magazine's Director of the Year (2010)

Middle-aged writer Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his father's ashes. As he travels the paths his family took on their annual vacations, images of his father and the shared family tortures surround his memories. This homegrown comedy will have you revisiting your fond (and not-so-fond) memories of your youth.

"ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE"

'The Sweetest Musical This Side of Heaven'
 March 24 - May 15
 Created by Ted Swindley
 Directed by John Gawlik; director of The Gift's "The Ruby Sunrise," named one of the Top Ten shows of 2009 by TimeOut Chicago Magazine.

More than just a tribute to the late legendary country singer, the off-Broadway musical recounts Cline's true friendship with a fan from Houston, whom she befriended at a Texas honky tonk and remained pen pals with until her early death. Complete with down-home country humor and true emotion, this 1960s tribute includes many of Patsy's hits such as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Sweet Dreams" and "Waking After Midnight." Rating: PG

"AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS"

A Classic Adventure Comedy
 June 9 - July 31
 Written for the stage by Mark Brown, from the novel by Jules Verne
 Directed by John Gawlik

The work is based on Jules Verne's classic novel. Join fearless adventurer Phileas Fogg as he sets out to circle the globe in an unheard-of 80 days. It's a race against the clock as he contends stampeding elephants, raging typhoons, bandits and a detective who believes him to be a robber on the run. Danger, romance and comic surprises abound in the whirlwind of a show as five actors portray 39 characters on seven continents.

"THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG"

The Hit Broadway Comedy Musical
 Aug. 18 - Oct. 9
 Book by Neil Simon; Music by Marvin Hamlisch; Lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager
 Directed by Jonathan Berry, hailed as "one of Chicago's most talented young directors" by Chicago critics

When an award-winning, straight-laced composer teams up with a quirky, aspiring lyricist, it's far from a match made in musical heaven. But when an unexpected romance builds between them, they hilariously struggle to find harmony. It's based on the real life love story of Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer Sager. Rating: PG

SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

July 14 to 31, 2011
 Fox Valley Repertory will host the inaugural Summer Arts Festival, which will showcase theater and the visual arts at Pheasant Run Resort and throughout the city of St. Charles. More information will be available at www.foxvalleyartsfestival.org.

APPEARING IN REPERTORY

"Around the World in 80 Days"

July 15 - 31

"Bad Dates"

A Woman's Quest for Love and the Perfect Pair of Shoes
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By Theresa Rebeck
Directed by Kimberly Senior, one of Chicago's most acclaimed directors

Recommended for fans of "Sex and the City" and "Bridget Jones' Diary," it's a romantic one-woman comedy. Single mom and Texas transplant Haley Walker tries to balance the pressures of her new NYC restaurant career, raising a moody teenage daughter, and the too-close-for-comfort relationship with the Romanian mob, all while trying to find her way back into the dating scene ... nothing that a great pair of shoes couldn't fix. Haley needs the audience's shoulder to cry and laugh on as she shares her dating adventures.

Collider 2011: New Play Project

A new play program partnering local scientists and Fox Valley Repertory in developing new works that help us better understand the universe and who we are, while illuminating and celebrating the worlds of art, science and technology.

Big Bang Ten Minute Plays

World-premiere 10-minute plays will be performed during the Fox Valley Rep Summer Arts Fest.

OTHER PRODUCTIONS

"The Woman in Black"

A Spine-Chilling Tale
Oct. 14 to 30, 2011
By Stephen Malatrat
Based on the novel by Susan Hill

A London lawyer hires an actor to help recount a story to family and friends that has long troubled him since he attended the funeral of an elderly recluse. Horror and terror dominate the haunting tale. Rating: PG-13

"It's a Wonderful Life"

A Live Radio Play
Nov. 10 - Dec. 24, 2011

Inspired by Frank Capra's beloved American holiday classic, the audience will become a part of a 1940s live broadcast as actors bring the fateful story of George Bailey to life. The beloved tale of regret and redemption is complete with holiday song classics, a six-member children's choir, instruments, manmade sound effects and live commercials.

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Fox Valley Repertory will produce five youth ensemble musical performances, four holiday productions, and will present six live music events and four national comedy touring acts, adding up to a total of 251 performances during the 2011 season.

TICKETS

Pheasant Run Resort is at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles. Season subscriptions start at \$65 for show-only tickets (discounted dinner-show subscriptions are also offered) and are currently available by calling call the Box Office at (630) 584-6342. Full-priced single tickets for each production will go on sale at a later date. Additional information on the 2011 Season and Noble Fool Theatricals soon-to-be Fox Valley Repertory are available at www.noblefool.org or www.foxvalleyrep.org;

CURRENTLY PLAYING

"Red Herring," a murder-mystery comedy, is on stage from Sept. 2 to Oct. 24.

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