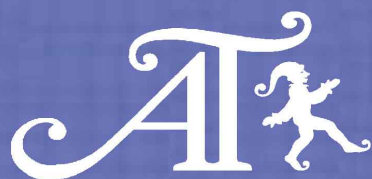




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ADVENTURE THEATRE GALA 2008

*An evening to delight in, knowing you are part
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*Friday, October 3, 2008
at Historic Glen Echo Park*

7 p.m.

Appetizers and amusements at Adventure Theatre

8 p.m.

Buffet Dinner in the Bumper Car Pavilion



Guest speaker:

Tony-award-nominated writer Dick Scanlan

Performances by:

*Emily Levey, Matt Pearson, and Margo Seibert
with accompanist Wayne Chadwick*

For 56 years, Adventure Theatre has been nurturing a love and appreciation of the theatrical arts among the metropolitan area's youngest audience members. Adventure Theatre has long been a leader in providing superior theatre education programs for children and teens. Located in historic Glen Echo Park, Adventure Theatre is Metropolitan Washington's original children's theatre—founded in 1951, here to stay.



We honor the theatre's forever friend,
Mary Lou Semans
for 40 years of enthusiastic and faithful service.



Program

Appetizers and amusements at Adventure Theatre

Buffet dinner in the Bumper Car Pavilion

Glenn Pearson at the keyboard

Margo Seibert with a musical introduction

Guest speaker Dick Scanlan

Presentation to Mary Lou Semans

Emily Levey, Matt Pearson
and accompanist Wayne Chadwick
with songs from Adventure Theatre's current season

Fund an Item Auction
with auctioneer Bob Levey

Dessert Buffet

Mary Lou Semans

Mary Lou Semans came to Adventure Theatre forty years ago, after having been a member of the Junior League Players and, in 1966, serving as President of the Children's Theatre of Washington. She soon became President of Adventure Theatre, a position she has held several times, and was instrumental in acquiring the space in the Old Penny Arcade, which the group renovated into Adventure Theatre. She has remained an enthusiastic and loyal member of the Theatre, focusing on costume creation, board membership, education, and all around voluntarism.

The National Park Service recognized Mary Lou as a National Park Service Volunteer of the Year in 1989, and she received the Spirit of Volunteerism Award from the Junior League of the City of Washington.

Other interests include the All Hallows Guild at the Washington Cathedral, where she is a current member of the Executive Committee; the Flower Mart at the Washington Cathedral where she has served as chairman of the yearly event; chairman of the Embassy Tour for the Goodwill Industries, chairman of a Showcase House for the American Cancer Society, and former board member of the National Capitol Area Federation of Garden Clubs. She continues her work with the Sumner Garden Club and with The Gardeners of the Junior League.

Creating costumes has been a lifelong love and she still enjoys making costumes for the educational classes at Adventure Theatre. There has rarely been an acting class or musical theatre workshop which didn't enjoy the luxury of being costumed by this master costumiere.

Dick Scanlan

Tony-award-nominated writer Dick Scanlan has had a long successful career with many outstanding credits. His novel *Does Freddy Dance* was published in 1995 to glowing reviews and was reissued in paperback in 1997. His short fiction has been seen in numerous literary and commercial magazines, and is included in the inaugural edition of *Best American Gay Fiction*. He wrote the book and lyrics for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, which won the Tony and Drama Desk Award for Best Musical in 2002. *Millie* ran for over two years on Broadway and almost three years on tour, as well as in London's West End, and has since enjoyed hundreds of productions at regional, community, college and high school theaters all over the world. Scanlan and composer Jeanine Tesori were commissioned by Sony to

compose the song *The Girl in 14G* for Kristin Chenoweth's debut album, *Let Yourself Go*. Current projects include *You May Now Worship Me*, a performance piece co-written with Sherie Rene Scott that will be presented later this season at Second Stage in New York City; a stage adaptation of Rosie O'Donnell's memoir, *Find Me*; and a new version of *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. A former actor, Scanlan originated the role of Miss Great Plains in the hit Off-Broadway musical *Pageant* and played Peter Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol* at Adventure Theatre.



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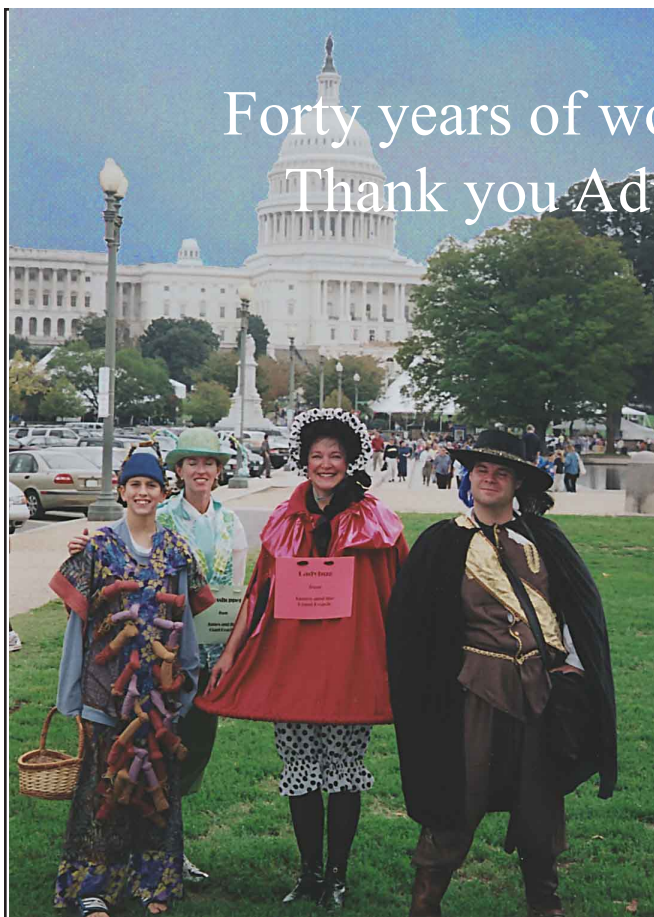
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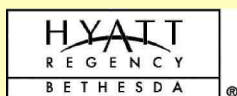
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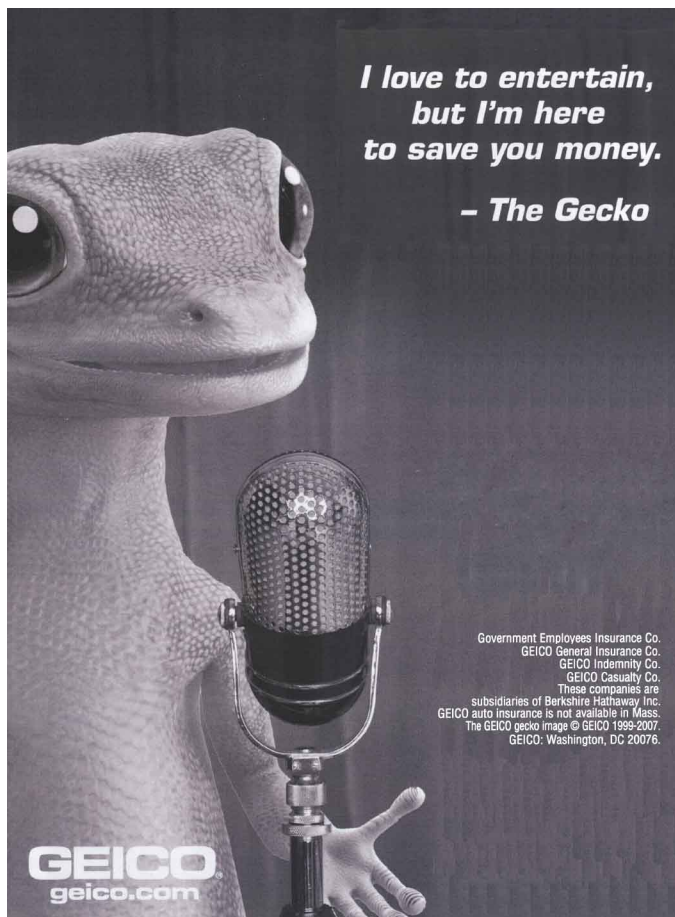
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*With love and admiration,
Carol and Michael Leahy*

Our mother spent the better part of our lives sewing costumes for Adventure Theatre productions. Throughout the house lay pelts and felts, Styrofoam balls and pipe cleaners, and buttons of all shapes and sizes. From these, Mom and her trusty Singer created owls and witches, pantaloons and hoop skirts, waistcoats and cloaks, and as many gowns, garlands and gossamer wings as were needed for forty years of fairy tales and fables.

Still, there was time to sew for school projects and Halloween for any child who needed something a little bit special. Her grandchildren know that Mommom can make their silly, wild and wonderful wishes come true with just some trim and a yard and half from a bolt in the basement.

She has altered the fabric of our lives and found the magic within.

Linda Semans Donovan and Ed Semans



**Producing Artistic Director
Michael J. Bobbitt
and his family wish
Adventure Theatre success!!!**

*For over 40 years
through the laughter and the tears
She has always been the glue
Our fantastic Mary Lou*



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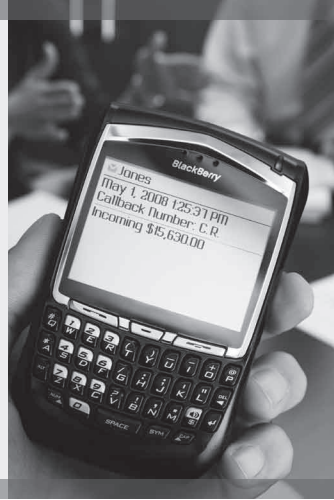
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