

EVERGREEN players

Winter 2004

Theater Meets the Mob: *Breaking Legs* Promises Lotsa Pasta, Laughs

Terence O'Keefe is a college professor and playwright. Angie Graziano, his former student, manages a restaurant owned by her father, Lou. Terence approaches Lou and his "business associates" Mike Francesco and Tino De Felice about financing his play. Lou, Mike and Tino are interested, and that's when Terence's troubles begin.

Over plates of chicken primavera, calamari and pasta fazzul, Terence realizes what business these guys are really in. Trouble is, his realization comes too late. He can't withdraw his proposal or he might suffer the same fate as Frankie who fails to pay a debt and has an unfortunate "accident" involving a train. To complicate matters, Angie makes a play for Terence. She likes older men, she tells him. Man about campus that he is, he can't refuse an offer like that. Of course, if he did Lou and his "associates" might decide to take him for a walk in the alley.

In this play no one is exactly as they seem. Is Terence such a naïve intellectual? Is Angie merely a college dropout? Are those gavones, Lou, Mike and Tino, a trio of thugs or a deliciously funny parody of theater critics? The playwright, Tom Dulack, keeps you guessing right up to the witty end. The reviewer for *The New York Post* offers a clue: "There is buoyant joy to be had in the comic confrontation between two of the wackiest gangster chieftans ever to wack."

The cast features **Matt Bachus**, who can be seen in TV commercials for Guaranty Bank and Rocky's Autos,



Artwork by Richard Orf

as Terence; **Jillan Tafel** as Angie – most recently seen in "The Family Flea" with the Bug Theatre, "The Weir" with the Tir Na Nog Theatre Co. and "The Green Room" with Conundrum State Productions; **Matt DiMinno**, a co-founder of Morrison Theatre Co., as Mike; **Dan Keenan**, who has been in several productions by Ultra Maroon, as Lou; **Brian Dowling** as Tino and **Mark Clifton** as Frankie.

"Breaking Legs" runs weekends Jan. 16-Feb. 1 at Center/Stage. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p. m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors/students and \$7 for children 12 and under.

Group rates are available.

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Auditions Set for Upcoming Shows: Mark Your Calendar

Auditions for the remaining shows in Evergreen Players' 54th season have been scheduled as follows:

"**Sylvia**" — **Jan. 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Seeking two women, two men. Cold readings and improvisations. No appointment necessary. Plan to stay the whole time.

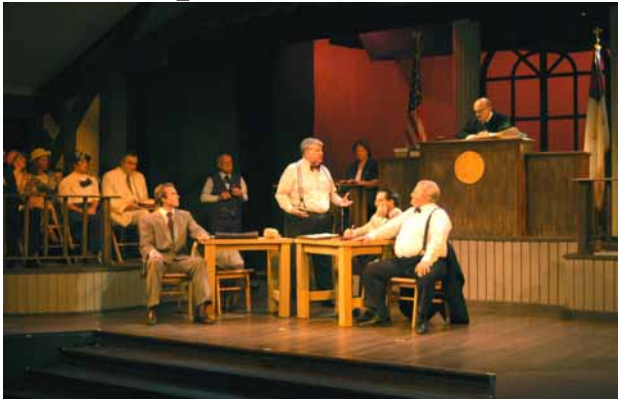
"**The Secret Garden**" (children's roles only) — **Jan. 17, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.** One girl, one boy who can play age 10-11. Prepare a song from the show. Call for audition packet.

"**Hallelujah House**" — **Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m.-Noon.** Seeking 8-10 women, 3-4 men. Also seeking a guitarist and a pianist to accompany and play part of Mr. Callahan. Call for an appointment.

"**The Secret Garden**" (adult roles) — **Mar. 27, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Seeking 6-10 women, 6-10 men.

All auditions are at Center/Stage, 27608 Fireweed Drive in Evergreen. For more information, call (303) 674-4934 or visit www.evergreenplayers.org.

It's an open and shut case ...



Inherit the Wind, Fall 2003. Photo by Ellen Nelson

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Evergreen Players offers great live theater. Come see a show and judge for yourself!

***Breaking Legs* Jan. 16-Feb. 1**

A playwright, a play and the mob

***Sylvia* Mar. 26-Apr. 18**

Romantic comedy goes to the dogs

***Hallelujah House* Apr. 29-May 2**

World premiere musical by local author

***The Secret Garden* Jul. 9-Aug. 8**

Based on the beloved children's book

All performances at Center/Stage in Evergreen.



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