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Noble Fool Theatricals announces 2009 season at Pheasant Run Theater Fab Fifties revue *THE TAFFETAS*, Off-Broadway's recent hit *ALTAR BOYZ*, the charming musical *MARRIED ALIVE* and Forever Plaid's holiday *PLAID TIDINGS* fulfill their subscription series

August 2008, St. Charles, IL - Noble Fool Theatricals, the premier professional theater in the Fox Valley area, announces a calendar-year series for 2009, including the Fab Fifties revue, *The Taffetas*, February 4 – April 11, 2009; Broadway's recent smash hit musical, *Altar Boyz*, April 29 – July 12, 2009; the charming musical about the pleasures and pitfalls of holy matrimony, *Married Alive*, August 19 – October 31, 2009; and concluding with the holiday edition of Forever Plaid, *Plaid Tidings*, November 11 – December 27, 2009. This four-show subscription series will be produced by Noble Fool Theatricals and presented at Pheasant Run Resort (4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL; telephone 630-584-6342).

“After the huge success of last season's record-breaking hit, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, and the tremendous growth of our NFT Performing Arts Academy, we couldn't be happier to present the best season line-up yet during our five-year residence at Pheasant Run Resort,” says Artistic Director John Gawlik. “And with today's gas prices, we're glad our patrons are choosing to stay close to home for an inexpensive yet rewarding getaway. We enjoy bringing Chicago talent and award-winning productions right to their own backyard.”

NOBLE FOOL THEATRICALS 2009 SEASON

THE TAFFETAS

Conceived by Rick Lewis
Directed by Kevin Bellie
February 4 – April 11, 2009
(Press Opening: February 7, 2009)

Journey back into a time when hula hoops were hot, angora sweaters were fashionable, and poodle skirts were the talk of the town. A quartet of sisters from Muncie, Indiana, is determined to sing their way onto national television to appear on The Ed Sullivan Show. Enjoy being a part of their debut studio audience as they knock your bobbysocks off with a swell music revue of the 1950's, including the hits “Johnny Angel”, “Mr. Sandman”, “You Belong to Me”, and many more. *Be there* for this Off-Broadway hit or *be square!* Rating: PG

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ALTAR BOYZ

Music and Lyrics by Gary Adler and Michael Patrick Walker, Book by Kevin Del Aguila

Based on an idea by Ken Davenport and Marc Kessler

Directed by John Gawlik

April 29 – July 12, 2009

(Press Opening: May 2, 2009)

Broadway's smash hit musical returns to Chicago! With angelic voices and divine dance moves, five small-town boys believe they're destined by God to speak the Holy Spirit through hip-hop. This charming Christian boy-band (with one nice Jewish boy) will alter your mind and raise your spirits as they look for their big break in New York while saving souls along the way. Destined to rock the masses of all denominations! Rating: PG with some innuendo

MARRIED ALIVE

Written by Sean Grennan, Music by Leah Okimoto

Directed by Rachel Rockwell

August 19 – October 31, 2009

(Press Opening: August 22, 2009)

You're cordially invited to celebrate in the marital bliss of lovebirds Erin and Paul – not to mention the trials, tribulations, and defeats a naïve couple experiences as a new couple. This intimate musical comedy follows two married couples – one newlywed and one seasoned couple – through the ups and downs of modern marriage. From new babies to empty nests, job stress and sex, you'll enjoy laughing off the pleasures and pitfalls of holy matrimony. Rating: for mature audiences due to sexual talk, song lyrics and innuendo.

PLAID TIDINGS

Book by Stuart Ross

Directed by Bob Kiser

November 11 – December 27, 2009

(Press Opening: November 14, 2009)

The Forever Plaid four part harmony group returns thanks to a heavenly phone call from Rosemary Clooney! The heaven-sent boys (Sparky, Smudge, Jinx, and Frankie) are back to sing songs of the 30's, 40's, 50's, and a "Plaid-erized" version of Christmas specials to fulfill their mission of creating a little harmony in a troubled world. Includes a hilarious tribute to the Ed Sullivan Christmas Spectaculars featuring the Rockettes, the Chipmunks, The Vienna Boys Choir and more! Rating: PG

Ticket Information

Pheasant Run Resort is located at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL. Show times for each production are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. (note: Wednesday at 8pm are available during the first week of previews and for entire holiday show run only). Season subscriptions, which include tickets to all 2009 productions, start at \$60 for show only tickets (discounted dinner-show subscriptions also available) 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 2009 Season and Noble Fool Theatricals are available at www.noblefool.org.

About Noble Fool Theatricals

Noble Fool Theatricals is currently the largest non-profit arts organization dedicated to entertaining, enriching and educating lives in the Fox Valley Area. As they continue to grow, they continue to stay true to their mission of presenting outstanding comedies and musical productions as well as providing exceptional education programs for the entire community through the NFT Performing Arts Academy.

Midwest's largest entertainment resort, Pheasant Run Resort, is home to Noble Fool Theatricals. The 320-seat Mainstage theater offers four full-scale professional productions a year in a spectacular setting with stadium seating and state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems. The theater company also offers interactive productions in Preservation Hall, an informal Studio theater setting.