

HTM Webmaster

From: Announce@htmlplayers.com
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Subject: [Announce] HTM Gala is Friday Night - Opening Night of Incident at Vichy

Make your reservations today. Gala immediately following the Opening Night's Performance.

THE HAND-to-MOUTH PLAYERS

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INCIDENT AT VICHY

Directed by Melinda O'Brien

April 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 at 8 pm
Sunday Matinee May 1 at 2 pm

Trinity Boscobel United Methodist Church 275 Church Street, Buchanan, NY.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors.

For reservations call 914-734-4336.

Incident at Vichy written by Arthur Miller takes place in Vichy, France in 1942. The Nazis have picked up several men for questioning. They wonder why they were chosen. Perhaps only their identity papers will be checked, but most of them are Jews or are suspected to be. The Nazi officer has been forced into this police assignment and he resents it. He has faced the glory of the battlefield and has been wounded in combat. The prisoners, are a former French officer, who has thoughts of overpowering the guard, an Austrian nobleman who left Vienna in disgust after the Nazi occupation, and several other French citizens who are caught up by the frenzy of fear and rumor in occupied France. Who will be freed and who will be sent to a concentration camp? The cast includes Dan Aloisi (Peekskill), Al Cavalari, Gary Craig (Croton), Jim DeBlasi (Ardsley), Giom Grech (Cold Spring), Bob Haran (Bedford Hills), Alan Lutwin (Ossining), Jim Ormond (Mount Kisco), Michael Pizzi (Bronxville), Charles Rocco (Peekskill), Daniel Silverstein (Cortlandt Manor), Brendan Whitney (Verplanck) and Ed Zaffino (Lake Peekskill). For more information see www.htmlplayers.com, call 914-734-4336 or contact the director at MMLibraryTheatre@hotmail.com or The Hand-to- Mouth Players at info@htmlplayers.com

Hand to Mouth Players is a community theater group in Westchester County, New York it's goal is to entertain and involve the community, while offering affordable quality family entertainment to the

greater Westchester County and Lower Hudson Valley region. HTM is an all-volunteer not-for-profit community theatre group.

Melinda O'Brien is among the Hudson Valley's most respected directors. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the Parsons School of Design and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Pace University. She has been active on stage and backstage for several theaters in Westchester and Putnam Counties. Melinda O'Brien's directorial credits include *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Philadelphia*, *Here I Come* and *Lord Byron's Love Letter* and *Mr. Dickens Tells a Christmas Carol*. She and her husband, Michael J. Muldoon, have founded M&M Productions, a professional traveling theatre company that is presently touring Westchester and Rockland counties.

Arthur Miller (1915-2005) was one of America's most celebrated and profound playwrights. He was born in Manhattan and attended the University of Michigan studying journalism. Miller returned to New York and worked as a freelance writer completing several radio plays, a draft of a movie script and stage plays. His first successful play on Broadway "All My Sons" (1947) received the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award. His most famous work, "Death of a Salesman" (1949) followed and received the Pulitzer Prize and within a short while, it had been translated into over a dozen languages. In response to the paranoia of post war America, Miller wrote "The Crucible" (1953) which led to his conviction before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In 1964, after visiting the Mauthausen death camp and covering the Nazi trials in Frankfurt, Germany for the New York Herald Tribune, and "After the Fall", "**Incident at Vichy**" premiered.