

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Lantern Theater Company Presents *The Screwtape Letters*, May 19 - June 6

Lantern Theater Company caps the 2009/10 Season with a limited three-week engagement of Anthony Lawton's adaptation of C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. Opening night is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 19** at 7 p.m. and the closing performance is Sunday, **June 6**.

In a dark corner of Hell's bureaucracy sits mid-level demon Screwtape, scratching out letters to his nephew, Wormwood, filled with advice on how to corrupt a human soul. Gleefully, Screwtape catalogs the list of human frailties upon which Wormwood is to prey—war, lust, debauchery, decadence, and all sorts of wickedness. Anthony Lawton's rollicking adaptation turns the revered C.S. Lewis classic into a sumptuous multimedia event with music, dance, and infernal unpredictability.

Persuaded by several friends, including J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) converted from staunch atheist to Christian in his mid-twenties. Following his conversion, he wrote several books which still sell millions of copies all over the world today. Most of these works were colored by his experience as a Christian, including works of Christian apologetics (*Mere Christianity*), satire and fiction (*The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Space Trilogy*, *Till We Have Faces*), and children's fantasy (*The Chronicles of Narnia*).

Anthony Lawton's adaptation uses Lewis' words as a springboard to explore the philosophical and visceral landscape of Hell, incorporating tap dancing, fire-eating, and whip-work to illustrate the seven deadly sins amidst Screwtape's poetic letters. Lawton, who also stars as Screwtape, has cultivated a long-term artistic partnership with the Lantern that has included recent biennial productions of his C.S. Lewis adaptations *The Screwtape Letters* and *The Great Divorce* and the 2005 world premiere of his original play *The Foocy*, now running at Delaware Theatre Company in Wilmington.

Junior tempter Toadpipe will be played by Philadelphia actress Kim Carson, seen most recently in InterAct Theatre Company's Off-Broadway-bound *When We Go Upon The Sea*. The creative team includes costume designer Jessica Reed, lighting designer Stephen Hungerford, sound designer Larry D. Fowler, Jr., and projection designer James Doolittle.

Tickets are \$25-\$35 and are available at www.lanterntheater.org or by phone at 215-829-0395. \$10 student rush tickets are available 10 minutes before curtain with valid ID; cash only. Additional discounts are available for seniors and groups of 10 or more.



OUTREACH EXHIBITION: THE SPACE WITHIN



Main Line Art Center, located in Haverford, is proud to announce their annual Outreach Exhibition, running **May 19 - June 4**, which celebrates the vibrant and colorful work created by participants in the Art Center's outreach programs. This year's exhibition will explore the meaning of "the space within," both the functional, like vessels and containers, as well as internal reflection through self-portraits, sculpture and more, through a variety of art media. Main Line Art Center is proud to be one of the leading visual arts organizations in the region to make art accessible to diverse groups in our community. Programs are designed to reach underserved audiences including children, teens and adults with disabilities, at-risk youth and low-income adults and families. Participating Programs include Delaware County Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Elwyn Education Division, Exceptional Art classes for children with special needs at Main Line Art Center and Presbyterian Children's Village. The exhibition is free and open to the public and is open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and is closed on Sunday. A free First Friday Reception will be held on Friday, **June 4** from 6 - 9. For info, visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610-525-0272. Shown is a Plastercraft bowl created in Main Line Art Center's Exceptional Art Program for children and teens with special needs.

MEMORIAL GARDEN TO BE PLANTED

Love and memories grow along side flowers at the Embassy Suites Valley Forge 888 Chesterbrook Blvd., Chesterbrook. On **May 23, 2010** from 1 - 3 p.m., the hotel will plant and dedicate a memorial garden with children and their families from across the region from Mommy's Light Lives On Fund, The Moyer Foundation's Camp Erin, Snowball Express and The Center for Loss and Bereavement. Children and their families will put plants in the ground, host a dedication ceremony and enjoy an outdoor picnic—all provided by the hotel.

The Embassy Suites Valley Forge has partnered with local and national bereavement organizations that work with children who have had a parent that died to create a garden of life to celebrate the memory of their parent and to give these children and their families a place to celebrate life.

"The Embassy Suites' Family Bereavement Memorial Garden is, literally and figuratively, a groundbreaking project for grieving children, teens and their families, as well as for the greater community. This garden will be a place to honor the past, celebrate the present and plant for the future," said Munts, of Mommy's Light Lives On Fund. "There are so many wonderful aspects to this project, including raising awareness about the nature and needs of bereaved children and teens and the resources available to support them. The garden will nourish not only these families, but the guests at the Embassy Suites who dine on meals that are prepared with herbs from the garden."

The hotel will also maintain the garden and looks to make this an annual event. "We hope our guests enjoy strolling the memorial garden, taking in the sights and smells and of course tasting the dishes our chef develops using our home grown herbs. We also encourage the children to return to the garden and enjoy it," said Paul Farnell, General Manager of the Embassy Suites.

For information about the participating groups log onto Mommyslight (www.mommyslight.org), snowball Express (www.snowballexpress.org) or Camp Miller (www.bereavementcenter.org).

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