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"Life shouldn't be all work and no plays."

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Olney's Jim Petosa to Visit Footlights

On **Monday, December 13**, we will discuss George Bernard Shaw's famous play *Saint Joan*. George Bernard Shaw won the Nobel Prize for literature (and refused it) after he produced this modern view of a young woman—proud, brave, rebellious, and fully human—who challenged the conventions and values of her time. Olney Theatre's Artistic Director **Jim Petosa** will be our guest once again to talk about this play and why it is on Olney's 2005 season. Jim's many visits to Footlights are legendary. You will not want to miss this discussion.

Reserve for our meeting today with Charlotte Baer. Call or e-mail Charlotte at 202-244-8203 or charlotte4103@yahoo.com. Send e-mail anytime, but if you call, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. only, please. If you must cancel for any reason, be sure to notify Charlotte so that someone else can attend.

Our dinner-discussion is at **6:30 p.m.** at **Alfio's** in the Willoughby Apartments, 4515 Willard Ave, Chevy Chase, MD (301-657-9133), two blocks from the Friendship Heights Metro. Street parking is limited; Alfio's offers complimentary valet parking. Arrive at 6:30 for dinner; our meeting begins at 7:30 and goes no later than 9:30. You may arrive at 7:30 for the meeting only; extra chairs will be available.

We have arranged a fixed price meal at Alfio's. For only \$12 (tax and service charge included) you will have salad, entree, ice cream and coffee or tea. Cash is preferred, but you may use checks or credit cards. An additional \$5 donation to Footlights is encouraged.

We have not special-ordered copies of *Saint Joan* in "our" usual bookstores (although they may have copies): Olsson's Dupont Circle, 1307 19th St., NW (202-785-1133); Olsson's Bethesda, 7647 Old Georgetown Rd. (301-652-3336); and Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave., NW (202-364-1919). Local libraries should have *Saint Joan* available to you. We will be asking the bookstores to order copies of *Cloud 9*.

Caryl Churchill's *Cloud 9* in 2005

To start off the new year with a bang, Footlights' first dinner-discussion will take place on **Wednesday, January 26**. British playwright Caryl Churchill's *Cloud 9* is the play. This brilliant play, by one of contemporary theater's leading experimenters, takes a lacerating, but funny look at the cruelty and absurdity of convention. Footlights member Shankar Vedantam will moderate a discussion of *Cloud 9* with special guests **Halo Wines**, director of Catalyst Theater's upcoming production, and **Maya Roth**, drama professor at Georgetown University. Director Halo Wines appeared in the play's area premiere as a company member at Arena Stage.

Again we will meet at Alfio's. Reservations will be taken after the December 13 discussion and not before. Reserve with Mark Gruenberg. Call or e-mail Mark at 202-898-4825 or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org.

Play Dates

***Cloud 9* at Catalyst Theater:** We will see *Cloud 9* on **Saturday, January 29** at **2 p.m.** Performances take place at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th Street, SE (2 blocks from the Eastern Market Metro station). Tickets are **\$16** and include a post-show discussion.

***Saint Joan* at Olney Theatre:** Footlights goes to Olney on **Saturday, February 26** at **2 p.m.** to see *Saint Joan* with post-show discussion. Tickets are \$27. Olney Theatre Center is at 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road in Olney, MD.

For tickets to our theater trips, send your check, payable to 'Footlights,' to Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct, Rockville, MD 20852. Questions: 301-897-9314 or rlarkin@footlightsdc.org.

Note special offer: Footlights offers persons 30 or under half-price tickets to our plays **if** you attend the prior dinner-discussion meeting.

Footlights Newsletters

Our postal newsletter is available to those who have attended Footlights discussions or theater trips with us within the past six months, or to those who make an annual contribution to Footlights to cover the cost of mailing. Our e-mail letter is available to all subscribers. See directions on this page for subscribing.

If you are content to receive e-mail news only, and thus save our cost of sending a postal copy to you, please notify Robin at rlarkin@footlightsdc.org.

We often get requests to add potential members to our postal mailing list. To introduce friends to Footlights, we will add them to our list for at least two mailings.

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Tax time is coming! Make your Footlights donation now for a deduction on your 2004 return.

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Calendar

Saturday, December 11, 2 p.m., see *Carousel* at Olney Theatre Center

Monday, December 13, 6:30 p.m., dinner-discussion at Alfio's: *Saint Joan* by George Bernard Shaw

Wednesday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., dinner-discussion at Alfio's: *Cloud 9* by Caryl Churchill

Saturday, January 29, 2 p.m., see *Cloud 9* at Catalyst Theater

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m., dinner-discussion at Alfio's: Black Women Playwright's Group—Panel Discussion

Saturday, February 26, 2 p.m., see *Saint Joan* at Olney Theatre Center