



“THE HEIRESS”

October 15 to 18 & 22 to 25, 2008

St Luke’s Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill X Road

St Luke’s Players begin their 60th Season with a production of “The Heiress”, directed by Rita Humphreys.

The classic novel “Washington Square”, by Henry James, was adapted for the stage by Ruth and Augustus Goetz and the well-known movie starred Olivia de Havilland (earning her an Academy Award), Montgomery Clift and Ralph Richardson.

Based on a real-life incident, the play depicts genteel New York society in the 1850’s, when women had few options aside from marriage.

Dr Austin Sloper (Mitch Barnes), a rich widower lives in Washington Square with his only surviving child Catherine (Sarah Carson). Catherine is sweet natured, but lacks social graces, thanks in great part to the domineering and protective attitude of her father.

Catherine is swept off her feet by the charming and handsome Morris Townsend (Osiris Malkovitch) She is convinced that her love is reciprocated, else why would Morris be so affectionate towards her? Dr Sloper strongly disapproves, believing Morris to be after Catherine’s inheritance. Standing up to her father for the first time in her life, Catherine insists that she will elope with Morris. But when her father threatens to cut off her dowry, Morris disappears leaving Catherine heartbroken.

A few years later Dr Sloper dies, leaving his entire estate to Catherine. Morris returns, insisting he’d only left because he could not bear to see her destitute. What does the future hold for Catherine and Morris before the curtain falls on this subtle psychological drama?

The cast for this production also includes Gloria Gallant Mossman, Nevada Prinz, Katya Delancey, Reyna Webb, Justin Guthrie and Debra Taylor.

Tickets for the production, that runs from October 15 to 18 and 22 to 25 at St Luke’s Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill X Road, can be obtained from Ivy’s Bookshop in Oak Bay Village, Petals Plus at 3749 Shelbourne Street or at the door. (Adults \$12, Seniors/Students \$10). The performance on October 15 is 2 for 1 and there is a matinee on Saturday October 18.

For further information, please call 250 370 1291.