

Farce of Habit

Directed by Mark Ribble

Jones, Hope, Wooten Comedy

AUDITIONS: August 4 - 7- 9 pm

August 8 - 11 am - 1 pm

Come to the Lobby Doors of The Bank Theatre

10 Erie St. S.,

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REHEARSALS: Generally Tuesday evening/Saturday Mornings with Thursday evening added a month out from Showtime.

PERFORMANCES: Oct 30, Nov 6 & 7 at 7:30 pm, doors 7 pm
Oct 31, Nov 1, Nov 8 at 2 pm - doors 1:30 pm

Farce of Habit Synopsis

The second play in the Wilburn family trilogy brings us back to the Reel 'Em Inn Fishing Lodge in Mayhew, Arkansas as the Wilburns struggle with habits — in more ways than one. D. Gene has developed an itch that he just won't leave alone and his wife Wanelle has decided to give up caffeine. Both have picked a bad weekend to deal with their habits and drastic measures are taken to curtail both.

Their son Ty and his new wife Jenna are having all sorts of issues as Jenna suspects that Ty is seeing someone else, but in reality, Ty has secretly joined a local theatre group, leading to some outrageous costumes. D. Gene's sister Maxie is back on the police force full time, but has been assigned an undercover job with a biker gang, making for some funny scenes. Three new guests arrive at the inn, including arrogant, world-renowned radio host Jock McNair, recent retiree Huddle Fisk and Hollywood redhead Barbara Stratton. A gaggle of nuns has taken up residence in the barn, led by Sister Myrtle Agnes, a no-nonsense senior member of the group who takes great pleasure in terrorizing D. Gene. On top of all that, a major storm is brewing and an axe murderer is on the loose. The new guests provide hilarity a-plenty as many different situations — and surprises — play out. You will enjoy the familiarity of the characters from Farce of Nature, but the story stands on its own and you needn't have seen Farce of Nature to enjoy Farce of Habit.

CHARACTERS NOTE: the following roles are open for auditions – will require lots of energy and physicality.

Jock McNair – Arrogant relationship guru, trying to hide from his ex-wife – Male 50s-ish.

Barbara Stratton – Buxom redhead in heels, wig, glamorous – 30s-50s female. Needs to be able to handle lots of high energy movement.

Huddle Fisk – Retired gentleman, looking to “let loose” provides comic relief – 50s-60s male. Needs to be able to roll around on stage and run back and forth.

Sister Myrtle Agnes – strict nun who takes pleasure in hitting D. Gene with a ruler – female 50s-60s. Needs to be able to run around, roll around, chase actors on and off stage.

Extras – We will be putting together a group of nuns in non-speaking roles, who will enter and exit at different times throughout the play as a group.

PRE-CAST Roles

Wanelle Wilburn – female 50s, described as a “determined ball of fire” -*ROLE IS PRE-CAST*

D. Gene Wilburn — Simple country guy who wants to fish – *ROLE IS PRE-CAST*

Maxie Suggs – Full-of-energy female Barney Fife – *ROLE IS PRE-CAST*

Ty Wilburn – Son of Wanelle and D. Gene, community theatre member – *ROLE IS PRE-CAST*

Jenna Wilburn – Wife of Ty. Helps around the lodge – *ROLE IS PRE-CAST*

For auditions, you’ll be asked to perform some side scenes with the pre-cast actors.