

CATCO 2009-10 Show Descriptions

Murderers

By Jeffrey Hatcher

Sept. 30-Oct. 18, 2009

Central Ohio Premiere!

Gerald Halverson is a dapper dude in his late '30s. Lucy Stickler is a charming 75-year-old housewife. Minka Lupino is a soft-spoken woman in her '40s, who loves to read novels. All three live or work in the Riddle Key Luxury Senior Retirement Living Center and Golf Course in Florida. On the outside, they look like everyday people, but get inside their heads and you'll discover they have one dark secret in common – they're murderers. In this black comedy by Ohio native Jeffrey Hatcher, these three unlikely killers can justify their crimes in the most outrageously funny ways. Homicide has never been so hilarious!

The Seafarer

By Conor McPherson

Nov. 24-Dec. 13, 2009

Central Ohio Premiere!

Dublin, Ireland: on a dreary Christmas Eve, Sharky and his blind older brother are preparing to celebrate the holiday with drinks and friends and poker. At the height of the festivities an unexpected guest arrives to join the card game. The newcomer seems vaguely familiar, but it's only when the liquor flows freely and the bets rise that he forces Sharky to revisit demons from his murky past. As the game builds in intensity throughout the night, Sharky begins to play as if his very life – and soul – were at stake. This dark, humorous play, by the author of *The Weir*, has been described as “a thinking person's alternative to Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*.” A smash hit in London and on Broadway, it was nominated for an Olivier Award in 2006 and a Tony Award in 2008 for best new play.

The Santaland Diaries

By David Sedaris

Dec. 3-27, 2009

Studio Three

Wicked funny!

Laugh yourself silly once again with a repeat engagement of *The Santaland Diaries*, a wildly funny one-act play written by David Sedaris, NPR commentator and one of America's leading humorist. CATCO favorite Jon Putnam once again stars in this back-

by-popular-demand, hilarious account of Sedaris' experiences working as a department store elf during the busiest retail time of the year. Warning: Strong language.

Evie's Waltz

By Carter Lewis

Feb. 17-March 7, 2010

Central Ohio Premiere!

Clay and Gloria are preparing a family barbecue. Their plans for the evening are disrupted by the unexpected arrival of their son's girlfriend, Evie. Evie has blood on her neck. They learn that their son, Danny is missing. Then the parents discover that Danny and Evie have been suspended for bringing a gun to school. As twilight moves to night, the simmering tensions between parents and teens boil over in this gripping and provocative thriller.

Pierce to the Soul

By Chiquita Mullins Lee

April 7-25, 2010

World Premiere!

Born the son of a former Mississippi slave, Elijah Pierce migrated north in the early 1900's and settled in Columbus to become a preacher, barbershop owner and one of America's most-celebrated folk artists. *Pierce to the Soul*, a world premiere written by Columbus playwright Chiquita Mullins Lee, celebrates this hometown hero – his struggles, his triumphs, and the vibrant life that swirled around him in Columbus for more than fifty years.

The Mystery of Irma Vep: A Penny Dreadful

By Charles Ludlam

June 2-27, 2010

CATCO Revival!

Lord Edgar Hillcrest returns to his ancestral home, Mandacrest, with a new wife, Lady Enid, after the untimely – and mysterious – death of his first wife, Irma Vep. Lady Enid soon learns life is anything but normal at Mandacrest, where werewolves run wild, a sinister housekeeper spikes the tea, and a creepy caretaker lurks just outside the parlor door. Will Lady Enid find happiness with Lord Edgar? Is Irma Vep really dead? What's inside the mummy case? Geoffrey Nelson and Jonathan Putnam play Enid, Edgar, the housekeeper, the caretaker, werewolves, vampires, mummies, and more in this laugh-a-

minute spoof of gothic thrillers. CATCO first performed *Irma Vep* -- a cross between *Rebecca* and *Blazing Saddles* -- to great mirth in 1990. Here it comes...back from the dead!