

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2010-2011 Season

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**Wing Point Golf & Country Club presents THE PHILADELPHIA STORY
February 11 – 20: Thursdays - Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3:00 p.m.
At Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA)**

Proud Philadelphia socialite Tracy Lord, goddess deluxe, is about to get married for the second time. Her first marriage to childhood chum Dexter Haven ended abruptly when he failed to live up to her lofty expectations. This time she has chosen a man of the people, former coal miner turned executive, George Kittredge.

To Tracy's chagrin, her brother has given a national tabloid reporter and photographer access to the Lord house for the wedding to write an expose on Philadelphia's upper crust. Even more distressing, the magazine is threatening to expose an affair between Tracy's father and a dancer. Then, Tracy's first husband Dexter appears...and the hilarity begins.

Kate Carruthers directs *The Philadelphia Story* at Bainbridge Performing Arts this February. Kate's BPA directing credits include last year's hit *The Grapes of Wrath*, as well as *Arcadia*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Anton in Show Business*, and 'Art'. She has also directed many Island Theatre productions including *The Vagina Monologues* in 2004-05 and *Inherit the Wind*, which toured all of the Kitsap Regional Libraries in the fall of 2008.

Featuring both familiar faces and those new to the BPA stage, *The Philadelphia Story* cast includes Helen Harvester, Christine Longe, Ricky Coates, Chris Martinez, Marc Cantwell, Brian Danzig, Jackie O'Brien, Paul Bryan, Mollie Alpaugh, Gabe Carbajal, Ashley Hurd, Tracy Dickerson, John Kenning, and Alex Sanso.

Phillip Barry's romantic comedy remains a true classic from the 1930's era of screwball comedies. Barry wrote the play especially for Katharine Hepburn who bought the movie rights to it (with the help of her ex-boyfriend Howard Hughes). The 1940 film version starred Ms. Hepburn, Cary Grant and Jimmy Stewart (who snagged his first Academy Award as Supporting Actor), and Ms. Hepburn was transformed overnight from box-office poison into a movie star and legend.

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The Philadelphia Story appears at BPA February 11 - 20, with shows Thursdays - Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. A Pay-What-You-Can Preview will be held Thursday, February 10 at 7:30p.m., and the Opening Night Reception is Friday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, \$25 for adults, and \$19 for seniors, students, youth, military, and teachers, may be purchased online at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org, by phone at 206.842.8569 or in person at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. BPA Box Office hours are 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and one hour prior to each performance. The production is suitable for "PG" Audiences. *The Philadelphia Story* is produced by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH.

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