



## Hovey Players Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on Friday, August 13, at the Abbott Theater followed by a wine and cheese reception at In Blossom, our corporate sponsors for all of last season's opening night parties. Speaking of which, a special thank you and gifts were presented to each of our corporate sponsors last season: Michael and Elissa Adler of In Blossom, Chalee of Baan Thai Restaurant, and Daemeon Pratt of Rabidskunk Productions (for photography).

The board of directors is elected every year by Hovey's members at its annual meeting and they are: Michelle M. Aguillon (President), Michael Tonner (Vice President/Treasurer), Leigh Berry (Assistant Treasurer), Helene Andersson (Secretary), and Trustees, Bob Allen, Eric Houghton, Ronni Marshak and Jeremy Medicus. John Mackenzie officially retired as President of Hovey Players after many, many years, but continues to be an active member and is officially Hovey's Technical Director.

Hovey officially bade goodbye (but not so long!) to Hovey board member, Shannon Allen, who recently moved to Florida with her fiancée, Ben. In the two short years that Shannon was at Hovey, her many duties included Chair of Membership, producing, stage managing, sound operator, playwright ("Save the Universe" for Hovey Summer Shorts 2003). Her trek with Hovey culminated in the prestigious Best Stage Manager Award at this year's E.M.A.C.T. Festival for Hovey's production of *G.R. Point* at Babson College. Good luck, Shannon, we will miss you!

### SPECIAL THANKS

#### Hovey Summer Shorts 2004

Helene Andersson - Producer  
Leigh Berry - Assistant Producer  
Jerry Bisantz - Artistic Director  
Ronni Marshak - Program

And to all of the playwrights, directors, musicians, actors, singers and stage crew for all of their hard work and dedication.

Hovey also thanks Bobsie Mitton, Nancy McGarther, and the staff at Turtle Lane Playhouse.

Congratulations to all for making this year's festival a success and thank you for a job well done!  
...and we'll see you next year!

## Auditions: Scotland Road

In the last decade of the 20th century, a beautiful young woman wearing 19th century clothing is found floating on an iceberg in the middle of the North Atlantic. When rescued, she utters only one word, "Titanic." The woman is taken to an isolated spot on the coast of Maine, where a mysterious man, an expert on the 1912 sinking of the liner, skeptical of her claim, has arranged to interrogate the woman for six days. His goal: to crack her story, get her to confess she's a fake and reveal her true identity. With some misgivings this man John is assisted by a Dr. Halbrech. The woman proves to be quite an adversary and John is drawn closer to her, even as he becomes more desperate to learn the truth. In a final attempt to crack her he confronts her with the last known Titanic survivor, Francis Kittle. At play's end, the identities of all the characters have been questioned and many secrets revealed on this trip.

Auditions are Sunday, 9/19 at 2:00pm and Monday 9/20 at 7:00pm. Readings will be from the script. Performance dates are November 12-27, 2004.

### Roles:

John: (male, age: 30-35)  
Dr. Halbrech: (female, age: 30+)  
Woman: (female, age: 25-30)  
Francis Kittle (90s)

### Announcing...Walt Whitman

Hovey Players presents Stephen Collins in his one-man show about the life and times of the great American poet, Walt Whitman, on October 8, 9, 15 and 16, 2004, at 8:00pm.

Tickets to this special fundraising event are \$15 each. Please join us for the opening night wine & cheese reception on Friday, October 8 after the show. Mr. Collins will hold a question & answer period after each performance.

For reservations please call (781) 893-9171.

### Where To Find Us

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF HOVEY PLAYERS

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**For ticket reservations...** Tickets are \$15, Seniors/Students \$13. For reservations call (781) 893-9171 or go to [www.hoveyplayers.com](http://www.hoveyplayers.com). Performances for the first production of the season usually sell well, so please reserve your tickets early.

The talented ensemble cast consists of AJ LaDuke, Andy O'Kane, Brian Busch, Chris Wrenn, Emily Evans, Eric Houghton, Jim Mezzi, Josh Bartok, Michelle Aguilon, Mike Haddad, Neal Leahy and Stephen Falcone. Produced by Michael Tonner and Shannon Allen, the production is directed by Wayne Vargas. Set and light design by John MacKenzie; stage manager is Matt Silverstein; and assistant stage manager is Gabrielle Hatcher.

**THE FESTIVAL:** Hovey Players of Waltham presents *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare, a playful comedy and perhaps one of the most famous plays ever written about the battle of the sexes. Petruchio arrives in Padua looking for a rich one. The wealthy Baptista has a daughter, Kate, whom he wants to get off his hands, but she has a reputation as a shrew...a scolding tongue and a fierce temper. Petruchio also has a reputation, as a wild boy. Will he take Kate on? And who will tame whom? Petruchio. Kate. A man. A woman. Spontaneous combustion.

**PERFORMANCE DATES:** September 17, 18, 24, 25, 30 and October 1, 2, 2004 at 8:00 pm with a matinee on September 26, 2004 at 2:00pm.

**NOW APPEARING...** *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare. Directed by Wayne Vargas. Produced by Michael Tonner and Shannon Allen.