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A Visit To The

Golden Age Of Radio

Join us for the next offering of Elmira Little Theatre's season and enjoy another journey back in time to when the 'theater of the mind' ruled our evenings. There's a bit of something for everyone, even the kids, so bring the whole family along for a short trip down memory lane. Our offerings this year are episodes of *Popeye* and *Yours Truly*, *Johnny Dollar* as well as *Hercule Poirot* and *Father Knows Best*.

This year we are thrilled work with special guest star is Paul Petersen. Paul Petersen began his career as a Mouseketeer on "The Mickey Mouse Club," although he was fired from the show in 1955 due to "Conduct Unbecoming a Mouse." He was later quoted as saying, "I didn't know a kid actor shouldn't act like a kid." However, he achieved stardom as a teenage heartthrob on *The Donna Reed Show*, an ABC family sitcom that ran from 1958 to 1966. He played son Jeff Stone from the time he was twelve until he was twenty.

During this time, he also became a recording star, performing such hits as "My Dad", "She Can't Find Her Keys," and "Lollipops and Roses"

In the early 1980s, he also had a recurring role as a police officer on *Matt Houston*, and in the late 1990s, he played the author Paul Conway in the film *Mother's Day*.

"We're delighted to have someone as busy and talented as Paul come to Elmira to perform with us," said Gary Yoggy, who has directed every production of "A Visit to the Golden Age of Radio" since it began in 1988. "Paul is highly respected not only for



his acting and his singing, but for his commitment to the humanitarian organization, A Minor Consideration."

Petersen founded A Minor Consideration in 1990 following the suicide of Rusty Hamer, who had starred in "The Danny Thomas Show" as a child. Petersen understood the problems former child actors had as they grew up and had to adjust to life after being stars. With his wife, Rana Platz-Petersen, he created the non-profit organization to provide guidance and support to child stars, past, present, and future. You can learn more about A Minor Consideration at www.minorcon.org.

The production is directed by Gary Yoggy and features: Doug and Judy Born, Ellen Boyd, Bill Cavalier, Ken and Leah Corey, Bart Curtis (sound effects), Jane Daum, Sharon Decker, Joe Edkin, Jane Fastiggi (assistant to the director), Greg Fusare, Alex Gill, Jerry Holleran, Joshua Holleran, Denis Kingsley, Phil Kruk, Cy Leveen, Judy Mordue (producer/stage manager), Andy

Parker, Sarah Schlueter-Eisman, David A. and Cynthia Scott, Norm Shaver, Gary Tucker (keyboard), Jim Wellington, Will Wickham (music supervisor) and David Wiggs.

Be sure to reserve early as our radio show is very popular.

Show dates and times:

April 3 & 4, 2009 at 7PM

April 4 & 5, 2009 at 2PM

Tickets are: \$13 General admission and \$11 for seniors and students.

Call the box office at: 607-734-8191

Elmira Little Theatre Receives Donation From The Corning Children's Center

Elmira Little Theatre received a generous donation from the Corning Children's Center in recognition of the efforts of several people who have been involved in ELT. Susan Tanner, John Koons, Meghan Tuazon, Dodie Poppleton and others created walk-around characters to help with the CCC's Blue Moon Ball and silent auction. Rather than taking payment, the actors requested that the center donate to ELT.

Established in 1980 to serve families throughout the greater Corning area, the Corning Children's Center aims to set the standard in early care and education by inspiring learners, leaders and dreamers. We provide high quality care and education for infants, toddlers and preschoolers (ages 6 weeks to 5 years). The center has a strong sense of community, and the environment we provide for children is positive, gentle, warm, diverse, inclusive, creative, stimulating, genuine -- one that recognizes and appreciates the uniqueness of each child.

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Paul Petersen

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They also serve as a training site for college and high school students who are pursuing studies in early childhood education.

More information can be found on the web at: www.corningchildrenscenter.com

ELT is grateful for the time, talent and energy of these dedicated actors.



Dinner Theater for ELT?

As part of our strategic plan, we are researching the demand for an interactive dinner theater program to add to the capabilities of ELT. This program would be a developed show that is 'ready to go' when an opportunity arises. Dinner theater can be used in collaboration with local restaurants or community organizations as a means to raise funds. These programs would not be part of the ELT season but rather be in addition to the ways ELT can interact with the community. As part of our research, we are conducting a survey on the interest of businesses and individuals in our developing a dinner theater program. Look for the survey on our website. The board will consider the pros and cons of moving ahead with the development of this program.

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