

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Well another Fall is here and with it another Fall show.....that's why we call it.....the... Fall show. This year we have moved the Classic Melodrama to the Fall, hoping to increase box office revenue for both the Summer and Fall shows.

I take very seriously the task of producing/directing the Classic Melodrama and the tradition that the Mackin Family started so many years ago. It is something that the community of Cripple Creek, steeped in history and tradition, should never lose. Although the bar that was set by Dorothy & Wayne Mackin in those years at the Imperial, in my opinion, will never be matched, we do our best here at the Butte to honor that tradition. My only hope is that Dorothy and the Mackin family, will look upon our production with a feeling of pride in the fact that what they started so many years ago in that small corner of the dining room in the Imperial Hotel, still continues here today at the Butte Theater.

We have chosen a show from the 1860's, written by Watts Phillips, smartly adapted by Mickey Burdick, and set here in Cripple Creek. It carries all the characters that meet the rules of Classic Melodrama; a hero and heroine suffering distress, persecution, and separation.....until the final moments of the play of course.

There is a genuine villain in the play, heartless, unprincipled, hateful and entirely evil. And let us not forget the comic characters, whose job is to stick loyally by the hero and heroine and frustrate villainy. We have it all, played to perfection by this wonderfully talented cast, with of course, the famous Olio of Song & Dance specially tailored to a Halloween theme following the Melodrama! So sit back and enjoy this period piece of betrayal, revenge, laughter and above all, the continuing tradition of Classic Melodrama here at the Butte Theater in Cripple Creek, CO.

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