

'Curtains'

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run Sept. 12 through Oct. 10. The book is by Rupert Holmes, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and music by John Kander. The production will be directed by Steve Bell.

"Curtains" is set in 1959 and unfolds backstage at Boston's Colonial Theatre. When the star dies on opening night, Lt. Frank Cioffi arrives to conduct an investigation. But the lure of the theater proves irresistible. After an unexpected romance blooms for the stage-struck detective, he finds himself just as drawn to making the show a hit as he is to solving the murder.

Playwright Rupert Holmes ("The Mystery of Edwin

Drood," "Pina Colada Song") has personally worked with BCP on this production to rewrite it so that it fits on a community theater stage.

Future Mainstage productions will be "The Solid Gold Cadillac," Oct. 24 through Nov. 14; "Rapunzarella White," Nov. 28 through Dec. 20; "Plaza Suite," Jan. 9 through 30, 2010; "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," Feb. 13 through March 6; "Whodunnit," March 20 through April 17; and "Comic Potential," May 1 through 23.

The Second Stage line up will feature "By the Sea, By the Sea, By the Beautiful Sea" on Nov. 7 and 8; and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All For You" on May 15 and 16.

BCP will continue to offer a Questions & Artists discussion on the first Friday evening of each Mainstage show. Admission to these discussions is included in the cost of the ticket.

DVDs

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Horror Film" on the making of "Repulsion," a 1964 French TV documentary filmed on the set of "Repulsion" showing Polanski and Deneuve at work, and original theatrical trailers. The new print is a high-definition digital transfer approved by Polanski.

"Icons of Sci-Fi: Toho Collection" (Sony Pictures Home Entertainment) contains three feature films from the Japanese studio Toho, which put itself on the fantasy film map with its phenomenally successful "Godzilla" in 1954 (released in the United States in 1956). The films in this collection are all in color and in the Widescreen format.

In "H-Man" (1958), the Tokyo sewer system is an oozing mess after radioactive liquid turns people into slimy blobs that float down the drains following a rainstorm and begin to reproduce. "Battle in Outer Space" (1959) depicts a series of mysterious catastrophes that sweep the world, causing scientists to conclude that Earth is under invasion from another planet. Two Earth space ships strike a serious blow against the attackers, giving the world time to prepare for the inevitable battle in outer space.

"Mothra" (1961) is one of Japan's giant monster flicks. Members of a Japanese expedition to a radioactive island find two tiny, beautiful girls and take them home for observation. After the girls are taken off the island, a mysterious egg hatches, producing a gigantic moth that destroys

everything in its path as it searches for the girls.

"The Beatles: Rare and Unseen" (MVD Visual) is a collection of home movies, personal photographs, recently rediscovered film, and true stories told by the people involved in the events. Content includes the earliest known footage of the Beatles on stage in Liverpool in 1962; film of the band at Caird Hall, Dundee, in October 1964, during their tour of Scotland; behind-the-scenes footage of the filming of "Help" (February 1965); the making of "Magical Mystery Tour" (September 1967); and highlights of an interview conducted in New York City for French television. The DVD contains interviews with Phil Collins, musicians, and tour personnel, who provide anecdotes on traveling and working with the Fab Four during their heyday.

"Gossip Girl: The Complete Second Season" (Warner Home Video) is a seven-disc set that includes all 25 Season Two episodes of the satirical TV teen drama plus four hours of special features. Narrated by the unseen yet all-knowing "Gossip Girl," the series revolves around the lives of privileged kids attending an elite private school in New York City. It is senior year for the Upper East Siders, and story lines focus on college applications, romance, scandals, and shifting loyalties. If that is not enough to keep the melodrama percolating, reputations are destroyed and others are made. DVD bonus features include a gag reel; a downloadable audio book of the best-selling novel "Gossip Girl: You Know You Love Me" by Cecily von Ziegesar, read by Christina Ricci; and a featurette on the creative forces behind the show's art and fashion.