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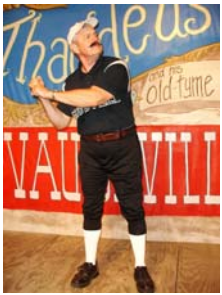
Celebrating community talent



Will love find Justin Time and Lacy Camisole ?



Will the Villain be successful in His dastardly plan??



Casey at the Bat leads off the array of talent in the production's "Vaudeville Show"

# Dinner Theatre Returns to Lake County with Vaudeville Wrapped in Melodrama- "Mayhem on the Mountain"

PAINESVILLE, OH

Summer fun and dinner theatre go together naturally, so the Lake County Historical Society's presentation of "Mayhem on the Mountain" gives theatre goers an opportunity to view an historical form of public entertainment while having a wonderful evening in a beautiful and historic setting. This is the fourth season the Society's celebration of community talent, historic theatre forms and great food. The background of the story line always contains local history and authentic area communities as the setting.

This summer, *Mayhem on the Mountain*, takes place both in Painesville and on Little Mountain. At the turn of the century, Cleveland's wealthiest families fled the heat, smells, insects and pollution of Millionaire's Row for Little Mountain in Kirtland Hills, Lake County. Little Mountain had been a resort area since the first hotel was built there in 1827. For nearly 75 years, this beautiful area with its unique flora and fauna, exquisite views of Lake Erie and elegant hotels and health spas drew not only Cleveland's wealthiest, but tourists and visitors from all over the country. This resort community is the background the Society's summer production.

In addition to local history, the Society also looks to introducing a type of performing arts experience to guests unlike any they have had, but were common in Lake County's past. The Society points out that combining the performing arts with historic information makes a memorable way of teaching local history. The performing arts genre for this season combines the classic Victorian melodrama with the informal vaudeville shows that communities use to sponsor. In the melodrama, there is always a villain played this season by Dale Liikala and his partner in crime, Justin Time, portrayed by Matt Super. These two characters come into the peaceful town of Painesville with the idea of helping to stage a Vaudeville Show for the town's enjoyment. But from the first "Boo Hiss" card walked across the stage by Q.Card, played by Drew Super, the audience knows something is afoot.

Subsequent appearances by the marshall, Vince Wilson, the knowing townspeople, Claire Voyant, portrayed by Barbara Super and the very desirable, Helen Highwater brought to life by Dawn Hill only bring the audience along in this crazy caper with good guys- bad guys- good vs. evil and young romance blooming in the wings.

Adding to the fun is the second act Vaudeville Show in the traditional sense of community performers playing for their neighbors. Mike Wojciechowicz mesmerizes everyone with his rendition of Casey at the Bat, while Angela Valotta singing Second Hand Rose makes the number come alive. The real show stopper is a pint sized Al Jolson. The Vaudeville Show changes between productions as various townspeople come to the auditions. Audience members even find themselves urged to join the fun. Whether coming to "Boo and Hiss", enjoy the food, or share a delightful evening with others, this production of "Mayhem on the Mountain" is a unique Lake County experience.

The show is held in the event barn at the Lake County History Center, 415 Riverside Dr. Painesville, OH. Seats are still available for Aug. 19, 22, and Sept. 12, 16, 19. The cost is \$30 per person with special group rates available. The price includes buffet dinner, beverages, dessert, and show. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 440-639-2945 or visiting [www.LakeHistory.org](http://www.LakeHistory.org). The grounds are handicapped accessible and the doors open at 5:30 for tours of the Lake County Museum, with dinner at 6:00pm and show at 7 until 8:30pm. For further information contact the center.