



At Our Home: **ENSEMBLE ON THE AVENUE**

602 E. Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka **2023/2024 SEASON**
www.actingensemble.com All shows start at 7:30pm EST; 2:00 pm on second Sundays.



STAGEWORKS

9/5/2023 **Old Times** by Harold Pinter

A stunning drama critically hailed as this Nobel Laureate's most important play. Time, space, and memory are explored as we delve into the past and present lives of three people.

10/3/2023 **According to Goldman** by Bruce

Graham A screenwriter-turned-professor finds himself in an unorthodox collaboration with a student, while his wife struggles to define their evolving relationship.

11/7/2023 **Mrs. Farnsworth** by A. R. Gurney

A lighthearted piece about a Connecticut wife and mother who intends to pen a tell-all book about President George W. Bush with whom she has shared a shady past.

12/5/2023 **Angel Street (Gaslight)** by Patrick

Hamilton Murder and mystery loom in the air in this classic Victorian thriller. A woman who fears she is going mad suddenly realizes insanity is not her biggest threat.

1/2/2024 **The Birds** by Aristophanes

A 414 B.C. comedy dusted off to include current references. Two movie moguls abandon an increasingly vain and shallow society, wandering into the desert to live among the birds.

2/6/2024 **Gidion's Knot** by Johnna Adams

A grieving mother and an emotionally overwhelmed primary school teacher have a fraught conversation about the tragic suicide of the mother's son.

3/5/2024 **Women Doing...Shakespeare**

Excerpts from Shakespeare's lesser-known plays, with all the drama, humor, and intrigue found in his more popular plays!

4/2/2024 **Love and Baseball** by Jerry Montoya

Intelligent, humorous, and loaded with fun. Sparks fly but love and baseball are sports of luck, skill, and timing.

5/7/2024 **Oleanna** by David Mamet

A college student accuses her professor of sexual harassment. Voted one of the "10 best plays of 1992" by Time Magazine, this drama still holds relevance today.

6/4/2024 **The Squirrels** by Robert Askins

A boundary-pushing, darkly satirical look at wealth inequality. Also, you can watch actors play squirrels.

7/2/2024 **Murder at the Howard Johnsons**

by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick Is all fair in love? Even murder? A light and funny suspense comedy about a love triangle in a Howard Johnson Motor Inn.

8/6/2024 **Ghosts by Henrik Ibsen** An intense, witty and concise adaptation of this harrowing and thrilling 1881 classic which generated strong controversy and criticism and is now considered a play that historically holds a position of immense importance.

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9/22 – 10/1/23 **The Originalist** by John Strand

A liberal Harvard Law School graduate discovers Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia to be both an infuriating sparring partner and an unexpected mentor. This critically acclaimed drama depicts passionate people risking heart and soul to defend their version of the truth. Set in 2012.

11/10 – 11/19/23 **Three Viewings** by Jeffrey

Hatcher Three comic/dramatic monologues set in a midwestern funeral parlor over a three-day Christmas weekend. Emil, the mild-mannered undertaker; Mac, a beautiful Los Angeles drifter who steals jewelry from corpses; and Virginia, the widow of a wheeler-dealer contractor who has left her in debt to the banks, her family, and the mob.

1/12 – 1/21/24 **Mere Mortals** by David Ives

Six short comedies from the playwright of "All In The Timing". This critically acclaimed evening of laughter combines satire, wit, hilarity, and intellect—a winning combination.

3/15 – 3/24/24 **Moscow Moscow Moscow** **Moscow Moscow** by Halley Feiffer

Ever since their brother gambled away the family fortune, Olga, Masha, and Irina have been doomed to the boredom of the Russian countryside and hope, one day soon, to return home to Moscow and live the exciting lives they were meant to live. A contemporary twist on Chekhov's *Three Sisters* wherein a delightfully dysfunctional family navigates the absurdity of class, culture, and love.

5/31 – 6/9/24 **Grand Horizons** by Bess Wohl

Bill and Nancy want a divorce fifty years into their marriage. While they seem unfazed by the decision, their family is forced to reexamine everything and grapple with their new reality. A clever truth bomb of a play that is extremely funny, while also asking a few tart questions about comedy itself.

7/26 – 8/6/24 **District Merchants** by Aaron

Posner Love, loss, litigation, and predatory lending are examined in surprising ways in this uneasy comedy, which wades fearlessly into the endless complexities and contradictions of life in America. Set among the Black and Jewish populations of an imagined time and place that is simultaneously Shakespearean, Reconstruction-era, Washington, D.C., and today. *District Merchants* is a remarkable tale of money, merchandise, and mercy.

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