



Kiss Me Kate To Open 2004 Season

Country Gate Players opens its 2004 theatre season March 20, at 8:00 p.m., with the light-hearted musical, *Kiss Me, Kate*, based on the book by Bella and Samuel Spewack, with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The show will be staged at the Country Gate Playhouse, 114 Greenwich Street, Belvidere, New Jersey. Performances will continue March 27, and April 3, at 8:00 p.m. as well as April 4, at 2: 00 p.m.

Based on Shakespeare's comedy, and



presented as a play within a play, *Kiss Me, Kate* follows the lives and loves of a traveling troupe of actors during their run of a musical version of *The Taming Of*

The Shrew. Egotistical actor-producer, Fred Graham,(played by Jeffrey Gilbert of Stroudsburg), and his temperamental ex-wife, Lili Vanessi, (portrayed by Tassie Gilbert, also of Stroudsburg), find themselves thrown together in the production of their lives. Amid the tensions of a romance gone bad, two gangsters (Sal Marchello of White Township, and Vinny Foti of Stewartsville) make a guest appearance to keep an eye on Mr. Graham until his IOU is paid. Songs in the production include "Wunderbar", "Another Openin', Another Show", "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" and "Too Darn Hot."

Other principal actors include Maria Stein and Deb Jacoby of Easton, Scott Reyes of Washington, and Steve Matuszek of Belvidere. The company is augmented by an diverse

ensemble consisting of Beth Crivellaro of Easton, Brenda Kull of Oxford, Mike Benton of Allentown, Juliet Dunham of Pocono Pines, Also included are Stan Wilkins and Marlou Tshudy of Belvidere

The show is under the direction of Gina Scurato of Harmony Township with musical direction by Claudia Revak of Stroudsburg.



Scenery is by Alan Kull of Oxford, Wayne Dotter of Marshall's Creek, and Chelsea Scurato of Phillipsburg.

All seats are reserved at \$15. and are available by calling Country Gate at (908) 475-1104 or at www.countrygate.org

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114 Greenwich Street

Love Letters Reprise

By popular demand, Country Gate will reprise its production of A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* on Saturday, April 17 at 8:00 P.M. at the Country Gate Playhouse, 114 Greenwich Street, in Belvidere, NJ. The play, which features Country Gate vets, JoAnn Mazza and Bill Scurato, is a bittersweet story of two star-crossed lovers who exchange letters over a 50-year span. From their first scrawled valentines of childhood, to the



last guilty goodbyes, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III's letters envelop us in a unique nostalgia. While the images they create bring back youth's universal innocence, fears and fancies, they further reveal themselves, their goals and their dreams in a "love affair" that takes them from grade school through middle

age. And as they ponder opportunity lost and love squandered, we see the very essence of their life-long relationship...all in the letters that were at it's very root. The show played to raves in February, and we've had numerous requests for an additional performance. Ticket information is available at (908) 475-1104 or through our webside at countrygate.org

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