

Little Theatre presents the award-winning *Doubt*

Little Theatre of Fall River closes its Firebarn season with the Pulitzer-Prize-winning *Doubt: A Parable*. The playwright, John Patrick Shanley who also wrote the movie scripts for *Moonstruck* and *Joe Versus the Volcano*, is at the top of his game with *Doubt*. The show captured the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play. The 2008 movie starring Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams, and Viola Davis, was nominated for 5 Academy Awards as well as 5 Golden Globes.

Set in the Bronx, New York in 1964, *Doubt* tells story of Sister Aloysius Beauvier, principal at the fictional St. Nicholas Church School, who suspects her parish priest, Fr. Brendan Flynn, of sexual misconduct with Donald Muller, the first African-American student in the school.

In the Preface to the play, author Shanley writes: "I've set my story in 1964 when not just me but the whole world seemed to be going through some kind of vast puberty. The old ways were still dominant in behavior, dress, morality, world view, but what had been organic expression had become a dead mask. I was in a Catholic church school in the Bronx, run by the Sisters of Charity. These women dressed in black, believed in Hell, obeyed their male counterparts, and educated us. The faith, which held us together, went beyond the precincts of religion. It was a shared dream we agreed to call Reality. We didn't know it, but we had a deal, a social contract. We would all believe the same thing. We would all believe."

Starring in *Doubt* are Pamela Morgan as Sister Aloysius, Dave Pizzelli as Fr. Flynn, Jenna Tremblay as Sister James, and Marsha Furtado as Mrs. Miller. Kathy Castro is the production's director, with Ron Caisse as stage manager, and Pat Taylor as asst. stage manager and props. The set was built by The Stage Factory, and lighting design is by Kenneth Joseph Raposa.

Doubt opens at the Firebarn on Thursday, January 16 and runs for 2 weekends through Sunday, January 26. Thursday performances are at 7:30; Friday and Saturday at 8; and Sunday matinees at 2. *Doubt* is an adult-themed show. Single tickets are \$16, with discounts available for seniors and students. \$10 Student Rush tickets will be available 1/2 hour before the production on Opening Night, January 16.

For more information, call the Box Office at (508) 675-1852; email to tickets@littletheatre.net; OR visit the web site at www.littletheatre.net.