

Martin McDonagh's *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*

Davey: *So all this terror has been for absolutely nothing... Four dead fellows, two dead cats... me hairstyle ruined!*

"*The Lieutenant of Inishmore* is a sort of cautionary fairy tale for our toxic times. In its horror and hilarity, it works as an act of both revenge and repair, turning the tables on grief and goonery, and forcing the audience to think about the unthinkable." (*New Yorker*)

"*Lieutenant* is brazenly and unapologetically a farce. But it is also a severely moral play, translating into dizzy absurdism the self-perpetuating spirals of political violence that now occur throughout the world." (*NYT*)

Footlights starts its new season of dinner-discussions with Martin McDonagh's very black – and very bloody – comedy, *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* on Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 p.m. at **Alfio's**. Our guest is **Jeremy Skidmore**, director of the upcoming Signature Theatre production of *Lieutenant*. Jeremy Skidmore is the former Artistic Director of Theater Alliance where he produced 22 productions in five years that garnered 22 Helen Hayes nominations. Footlights is pleased to have a return visit from Jeremy; we last spoke with him about *Insurrection: Holding History*. Jeremy recently produced DC's Source Festival.

Please contact **Robin Larkin** to reserve for dinner at robinlarkin@comcast.net or 240-669-6300. If you must cancel, please let Robin know by noon on TUESDAY, September 30. Alfio's Restaurant is located in the Willoughby Apartments, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (Friendship Heights Metro stop on the Red Line). Dinner is \$12 (includes tip) with several choices of entrées, as well as salad, bread, ice cream and coffee. Come early if you can but please arrive by 6:15 p.m. to allow sufficient time to get all the entrée orders in to the waiter. The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. You may come just for the discussion, if you wish. We would appreciate a \$5 contribution to Footlights to help cover our expenses. Your voluntary contribution to Footlights is tax-deductible.

Reading *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*

The Lieutenant of Inishmore by Martin McDonagh can be ordered at Backstage Books (202-544-5744) or any bookstore.

See *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* October 25 at Signature Theatre

We will see *Lieutenant* at the small Ark theater at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, VA 22206, on Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Deadline for payment is September 30.

Calendar

- September 30 (Tuesday) Please arrive by 6:15 p.m. for dinner discussion of **THE LIEUTENANT OF INISHMORE** by **Martin McDonagh** at Alfio's in the Willoughby Apartments, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Friendship Heights Metro Stop on Red Line.
- October 20 (Monday) at 6:30 p.m. **Special Event - - An Evening with Ted van Griethuysen** at Alfio's. Tickets are \$40 per person. Make your check payable to Footlights and send with the completed registration form to Robin Larkin, 5800 Nicholson Lane, #L07, Rockville, MD 20852. Deadline for registrations is October 13. (See back page)
- October 25 (Saturday) at 2:00 p.m. - - Performance of **THE LIEUTENANT OF INISHMORE** in the small Ark theater at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, VA 22206. Tickets are \$45; Make your check payable to Footlights and send to Robin Larkin, 5800 Nicholson Lane, #L07, Rockville, MD 20852 by September 30.

Footlights Special Event: An Evening with Ted van Griethuysen

October 20, 2008 (Monday)

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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Please join us for an appreciation of Ted van Griethuysen's masterful work in Washington theaters the past 20 years. This event is open to every one who is interested in the theatre in general and Washington area theatre in particular. The art and intelligence van Griethuysen brings to his leading roles has made him a loved, major presence on the stage. In cast discussions and talks, he has shared a deep knowledge of the roles created by Shakespeare, Shaw, and Stoppard.

Ted van Griethuysen, has received a number of Helen Hayes Outstanding Lead Actor Awards for a broad range of performances - - having portrayed over a dozen different Shakespeare characters and now scheduled to appear in Stoppard's latest play, *Rock & Roll* this April. Van Griethuysen accolades include being proclaimed a "powerhouse performer" in Caryl Churchill's *A Number (PRWEB)* and "Bright Star" in *The Life of Galileo (Washington Diplomat)*. "Princeliest Pairing: Ted van Griethuysen and Helen Carey in *Major Barbara*," said The Post's theater critic, Peter Marks, in listing notable achievements in the 2007-2008 theatre season. Ted van Griethuysen has enriched the theater here the past 20 years in more than 50 productions at The Shakespeare Theatre, Studio Theatre, Folger Theatre, and elsewhere. He has appeared on and off Broadway and on television before and since coming to Washington.

Footlights is proud to host an evening when Ted van Griethuysen will talk about his life in the theater, roles

he has relished, directors he admires, interpretations of Shakespeare and other playwrights and anything else he wishes to share with us. His talk will be followed by a question and answer period. Footlights has never before devoted such an open-ended dinner-discussion with any theater person. In addition, we will contribute all money received above our costs to a theater cause of his choosing.

In order to generate a good amount for van Griethuysen's theatrical cause, we will be selling tickets to this event for \$40. The date is Monday, October 20 at Alfio's. Come early if you can but please arrive by 6:15 p.m. so that dinner can begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and we will end at 9-9:30 p.m. We must receive your registration form and check by October 13. Dinner will not be the usual Footlights dinner but will include white and red wine, a choice of one of four new entrees as well as one of two new desserts, Caesar salad, bread, and coffee or tea. Tax and gratuities are included.

Directions to Alfio's: the Willoughby Apartments, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD, 20815 (Phone: 301-657-9133) two blocks from the Friendship Heights Metro; from its Mazza Gallerie exit look for Chico's across Wisconsin - when you find it you have found Willard Avenue. See attached map. Street parking is limited but valet parking is free at Alfios.

Registration for an Evening with Ted van Griethuysen

Please return the following form indicating the choices for each person with your check. Make out checks to Footlights (\$40 per person) and send them with this form to Robin Larkin, 5800 Nicholson Lane, Apt. L07, Rockville, MD 20852. Deadline for reservations is October 13.

Name(s): _____

Address (if several people, provide info for one contact person): _____

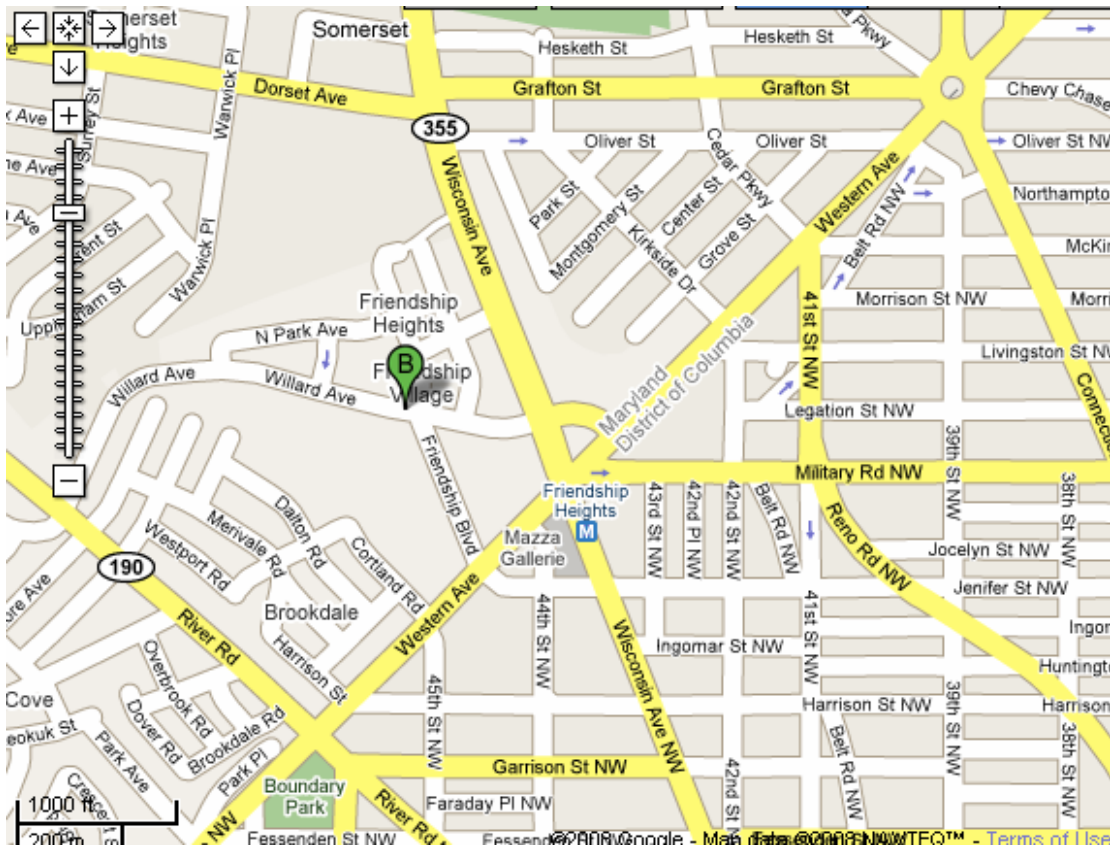
Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Choice of one of these four entrees for each person (indicate number of persons for each):

- ____ 1. petti di pollo dorati (sautéed chicken breast with lemon sauce)
- ____ 2. salmon broiled with dill sauce
- ____ 3. veal piccata (veal in butter sauce with fresh mushrooms and capers)
- ____ 4. eggplant parmigiana

Choice of one of these two desserts for each person (indicate number of persons for each):

- ____ 5. spumoni (ice cream made fresh in the restaurant)
- ____ 6. chocolate mousse cake



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