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Sterling Lions stage quirky comedy at Seymour's Strand

By Patricia Villers

SEYMOUR - There's a saying that timing is everything in life. After decades of living I tend to agree with that old adage.

Being in the right place at the right time, meeting the right person at just the right time in one's life ... I've come to believe there are no coincidences.

My husband, Ralph, I attended an amusing play staged by the Valley's own Sterling Lion Theater Company last weekend at the Strand Theatre in Seymour.

The show featured five one-act plays, and was aptly called *All in the Timing*.

The scripts by David Ives draw the audience into a world of word play and literary fun while dealing with universal issues of love and death.



Three of the plays they performed were:

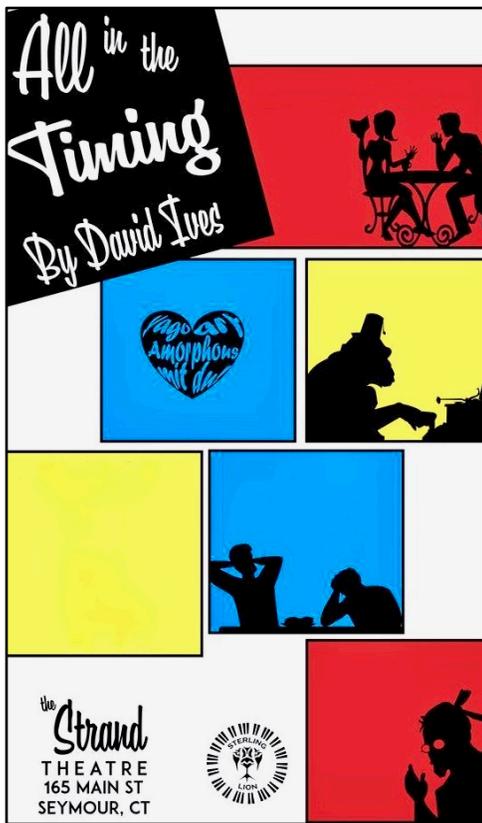
Sure Thing, about a couple meeting for the first time in a cafe on a rainy Friday evening. They talk about reading the works of William Faulkner, but their cringeworthy conversation goes around in circles. At one point the woman starts crying and elicits laughter as she blows her nose in the tablecloth.

The Universal Language: A man welcomes a woman who stutters into a language-learning course. However, he's the only one who speaks language Unamunda. He tells her the "language will unite all humankind." He eventually reveals that it's "a fraud, a con," and starts to fall in love with her. The upshot is that speaking the invented language cures the woman's stuttering.

Words, Words, Words: Three chimpanzees who are caged together as part of an experiment are expected to write Hamlet. They chit chat, eat bananas, and wonder if they are being watched. This play was hilariously acted by Glenn McGarvey as (Jonathan) Swift, Phil Burke as (John) Milton, and Karen Adamczyk as (Franz) Kafka.

Kudos to troupe members David Macharelli, Shannon Sniffelin, Kristen Kingsley, Burke, McGarvey, and Adamczyk, on their often understated comedic performances.

We enjoyed seeing it at the Strand, a venue that allows the audience to be close to the actors.



And I enjoyed getting out for a few hours and seeing live theater as part of my recuperation from recent transplant surgery. It's always good to get out!

The Sterling Lions will perform July 28 at a Downtown Sounds festival at Veterans Memorial Park in Shelton. The event runs from 5-9 p.m.

See more at <http://sterlinglion.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/>



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Ansonia Summer Concert Series for 2017

ANSONIA - The Ansonia Cultural Commission is announcing its Summer Concert Series for 2017. There are five bands bookd so far, and the Commission is looking for up to two more bands for the series to be announced.

All concerts will be held at Veteran's Park next to City Hall from 7-9 PM. Rain dates will be the following day.



July 12 - All Funk'd Up



July 19 - Mark Lanzieri



July 26 - Bob's Fault Band



August 2 - Southern Voice Band



August 16 - Smply Swing

Literacy Volunteers has moved



Literacy Volunteers has moved to its new office at TEAM Inc, 30 Elizabeth Street in Derby. They may be reached at 203-736-5420 ext. 267. See more at their [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#)

Duck race in Derby to benefit Spooner House

SHELTON - Have a good time watching your duck and help support Spooner House from now until June 23.

The Housy River Duck Race takes place June 24 at 2 p.m. starting at the Derby/Shelton Bridge on the Housatonic River.



The enter-to-win tickets are \$5 per duck of which \$2 will support Area Congregations Together Spooner House. Tickets may be purchased at Spooner House, 30 Todd Road weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each duck ticket will give you an opportunity to win a prize for the first 65 ducks to cross the finish line.

The prizes and contest are sponsored by the St. Mary-St. Michael School Development Committee in Derby.

A list of all prizes and winners will be posted on the St. Mary-St. Michael School website at: <https://stmarystmichaelct.eduk12.net/>.

Area Congregations Together, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization that helps fill gaps in the Lower Naugatuck Valley's social service network. Spooner House, operated by ACT, is a facility that provides food, shelter and support services.

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