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**Highlights from '12-'13: Schoolhouse Rock Live!**

**The Triangle Factory Fire Project**

By Christopher Feieller, in collaboration with Scott Alan Evans

**October 24-26, November 1-3, 2013**

Dinner Theatre: October 25 and November 2

One afternoon in 1911, 146 people – mostly young, immigrant women, some as young as 14 – died in one of the worst industrial tragedies in U.S. history. Using words spoken by real people of the time, this play dramatically traces the events and the labor and safety problems that led up to the fire, the horror of the fire itself, and the trial of the factory owners. Still relevant in today’s world, given recent headlines, this is a “searing play, which reminds us of why theatre exists” (The New York Post).

**Dead Man’s Cell Phone**

By Sarah Ruhl

**February 19-23, 2014**

Dinner Theatre: February 22

One day in a café, Jean’s life is changed forever when she discovers that, at the next table, the owner of an incessantly ringing cell phone is dead . . . Taking the phone, Jean begins a journey through the man’s life and her own, exploring the lines between reality and memory, honesty and fiction, connection and disconnection. Variety called this inventive dark comedy from a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist “a fresh and humorous look at the times we live in.”

**The Heiress**

By Ruth Goetz and Augustus Goetz

Suggested by the Henry James novel

**April 3-5, 11-13, 2014**

Dinner Theatre: April 4 and 12

Set in 1850’s New York City, The Heiress tells the story of Catherine Sloper, a shy and plain girl. When handsome Morris Townsend falls in love with Catherine, her world is changed forever. Catherine’s father believes Morris is only seeking Catherine’s vast fortune and forbids the marriage. Dramatic events follow until finally Catherine realizes only she can control her future. Of the recent Broadway revival with Jessica Chastain (The Help, Zero Dark Thirty) and Dan Stevens (Downton Abbey), the New York Post said, “They don’t write ‘em like this anymore – romance, money, lies, manipulation… THIS PLAY HAS IT ALL!”

**Love, Loss, and What I Wore**

Based on the book by Ilene Beckerman

**February 28-March 1, 2014**

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