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Making An Impact

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Impact Theatre. Have you heard the name yet? They say that word of mouth is one of the best ways to spread your name, and so it has been true for Impact Theatre. Now operating in its fifth year, through prayer and God's timing, Impact Theatre has grown from its humble beginnings to a full fledged Christian community theatre for the arts worthy of talking about. Each month the Palmyra Town Hall is transformed into a comfortable, off-broadway type atmosphere complete with a stage, lights, sound and tables that seat just under 100 people. It is a labor of love for the ten or so regular, non-paid troupe members that assemble and disassemble the theatre monthly. Various local artists as well as live, original drama are featured under the direction of Frank Irace. Irace felt God calling him to minister to his community through drama. He began writing scripts and for about two years directed performances at local churches. Then in April, 2001 Impact Theatre was born in the Park and Clubs Rooms on Main Street, Palmyra.

Opening night featured an all drama event with the "In Your Face Players", Impact Theatre's in-house drama troupe. The theatres' slogan, "It's Significant Theatre!" rang true that evening. One Friday night each month the community can enjoy a live performance and drama for free. Local artists such as Tommy Wales, Tamara

Marcella, Dave Bullard and New City Band have performed. There has been dance and poetry and an encore performance by a mime from Connecticut. All performers are Christian artists with a heart to spread God's word through the talent he has given them. The In Your Face Players perform a skit each month also and, starting in 2006, due to popular demand, they will be performing more drama throughout the year. In addition, the In Your Face Players travel locally

to perform at churches and area events. Intermission includes homemade desserts and coffee and time to browse through the many free counseling materials available for those struggling with a life circumstance.

This November 18th, Impact Theatre welcomes back the husband/wife team, BASIC. Local musicians Greg and Jen Campbell came up with the acronym for a name which translates "brother and sister in Christ." Their music is described as acoustic storytelling

songs, delivered in a perfect harmony of two voices. All are original songs and written by Greg, except, of course, when he breaks out in Neil Diamond. The performance is from 7:30 - 9:15 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested. Seats can be reserved by calling 315-597-3553 or visit online at www.impactdrama.com. Impact Theatre closes for the month of December. The theatre is located at 1180 Canandaigua Rd. (Rt.21) in the Palmyra Town Hall. For more information please call 315-597-3553 and wait for the prompt.

