

THE GREEN ROOM GAZETTE

All the news that's fit to print!

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Auditions: Summer Show

Director Cheryl Blauer will hold auditions for *The Pirates Of Penzance, Jr.* on May 10, 2008, from 10 AM to 6 PM at the Fort Boise Community Center, 700 Robbins Road.

Young performers ages 12 to 18 should make an appointment by emailing Cheryl at cwblauer@clearwire.net or call 846-9149 or 631-1550.

Auditioners should prepare a 2 minute song; an accompanist and CD player will be available. Dress for a dance to be taught by choreographers Clay and Heather Lee.

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Message From The President

Thank you to all who voted in the March election and thank you to all who ran. Congratulations to re-elected board members Jim Koeppel and John Myers and new member Connie Behee!

I would also like to thank all of the BLT members who volunteered their time to represent BLT at the IPTV Festival: Pat Ryan, Carolyn Crooks, Gennie Ison, Nancy Shankweiler, Diane and Earl Benedict, Joe Posluszny, Aidan Riordan-Buell, Kathleen Riordan, Jo-Ann Jones, Connie Behee, Don & Jody Mummert, Kevin Kimsey, Janet Lizaso, B.J. Jefferson and Chuck Platt.

And now, it's April. It's warm and sunny. It's cold and rainy. It's time for a trip to Italy and BLT has just that! *Enchanted April* opens on April 11. Janelle K. Priest and her cast and crew take us back in time and across the ocean to a castle in Italy. I hope you will all join us there. I'm sure it will be a very enjoyable trip!

We had another injury incident on Tuesday night, April 8, when Duane Holladay fell off the front lip of the stage while working on the special features of the *Enchanted April* set. With the stage lights off, Duane attempted to go into the audience and missed the steps, falling onto the floor. After x-rays at the hospital, it was determined that nothing was broken and Duane is on the mend.

We are again reminded of the many potential hazards present when working on stage. All actors, directors, stage hands and anyone else who sets foot on the stage or back stage: please take your time and pay attention to everything and everyone around you. We certainly don't want anyone to suffer while working with friends on BLT productions.

We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance! -Japanese Proverb

Happy Spring! Wendy



Board Election Results

Two incumbents and the board secretary were elected to serve two year terms on BLT's board of directors. John Myers and Jim Koeppel were returned as incumbents who have done much for the theater and Connie Behee who has served as board secretary for the past five years was elected to serve as a board member.

Connie will sit as an incoming, non-voting board member until she takes her chair at the May membership meeting. The board will meet at the close of that meeting to select a president and a business manager for the next year.

A heartfelt thank you to the nominees who agreed to run as they show a willingness to pitch in and lead our theater. Nancy Suiter, Kevin Butler, Jody Mummert, Tom Poremba, Duane Holladay, and Keith Couch are hereby recognized. Thank you!

Membership Meeting April 21 at 8 PM

Kay Doty Lives In Denver Area

Kay Doty lives with her daughter Allison Sabeh in Parker, Colorado and has been enjoying a little better health since moving. She is on a better diet now and taking her meds regularly along with dialysis.

While Kay has some difficulty writing, she is very much interested in receiving cards and letters from her old friends here in Boise and especially at BLT.

Please send her greetings at:

Kay Doty
17088 Knollside Avenue
Parker, CO 80134



Improvements Keep Coming

The latest upgrade is our light/sound booth improvement. Our tech people will work in a little more comfort with the new carpet and padding and adjustable chairs that match.

The audio was repaired by adding a six channel amplifier to replace the four channel one that had a problem. All the speakers are in good working order, four on stage and six in the audience.

The final light work is completed and members/patrons will notice the eight new source four lights on vertical poles in the auditorium. David Priest, lighting *Enchanted April*, hung these instruments and is making good use of them for that show.

The board and officers of BLT are striving to make the theater a better place for us to work as well as for patrons to enjoy a performance.

Congratulations!! Wedding Anniversaries

Ray and Betty Sackett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 15.

Vera and Don Cederstrom marked 40 years married on March 23.

More Help In The Box Office

Joanna Marshall has begun training to work in the box office. Ruth Stemper has cut back on her hours and Joanna will be a third person to fill in and be the back up to Carolle Skov and Ruth.

The box office is a busy place these days, handling ticket sales in person and on line as well as providing the business manager with the financial recording, check writing, and general bookkeeping for the theater.

Curtain Call

Live Theater in the Valley

Stage Coach Theatre presents *Wonder of the World*, April 18—May 3, in The Hillcrest Shopping Center, Overland & Orchard. 342-2000.

Starlight Mountain Theatre presents *A...My Name Is Alice* April 4—19, at "The Star" 1851 Century Way, Ste. 3 Boise 83709. 462-5523 or ictickets.com.

Prairie Dog Productions presents *The Sword of Zerro or From Z to Shining Z* May 2-Jun 7, 336-PETE (7393) The Alano, 3820 Cassia.

Knock 'Em Dead presents *Tin-types* March 21-Apr 19, 333 S. 9th. www.kedproductions.org.

CAN-ACT presents *Lost In Yonkers* March 28-Apr 12, in the Caldwell Center for the Arts, 603 Everett St., Caldwell, ID 442-0676.

Boise Music Week 2008

Boise Music Week is Boise's oldest Cultural Arts Celebration. Begun in 1919, the event has grown over the past 90 years to become 9 days of musical performances of various venues around the city and all are presented entirely without charge. This gift to the city of Boise has survived thanks to the efforts of nearly 2000 volunteers who generously give more than 35,000 hours each and every year, as well as faithful donors, who support this wonderful time-honored tradition. Visit www.boisemusicweek.org for information.

Boise Music Week was honored with the Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 2005. This year's celebration, with the theme of "Boise Music Week--Priceless for 90 Years," will showcase all of the usual events as well as the addition of a lantern parade in Julia Davis Park directly following the Afternoon In The Park presentations. Featuring lanterns made by Junior High School children this candlelight parade will be a wonderful addition to the festivities. The dates for Boise Music Week 2008 are Friday, April 25-Saturday, May 3, 2008.

Singing In The Rain is the musical theater production this year, performing at the Morrison Center April 30-May 3. Tickets are free and a coupon for reservations appeared in the April 9, Idaho Statesman. Those without tickets can be seated on a space available basis before each performance.

Contact Nancy Suiter with information about any associates who are ailing, joining the big cast in the sky, or due for recognition of achievement. 939-0430.

Members Remember Jay Sherlock

After the business meeting March 17, members reconvened to remember Jay Sherlock with a mini-roast. Several friends took the podium to tell warm and funny stories about Jay, many revolving around his “creativity” with lines during performances.

Jay once remarked that he thought some of his lines were better than the ones the authors wrote and many remember how he brought life to his roles and kept everyone on his or her toes. Jay loved being on stage and never was flustered or panicked when things didn’t go as planned.

Jay was also praised for his helpfulness to other actors and aspiring directors. As a director, he tried to teach, never insulting anyone, open to suggestions, and private in his discussions of character. He believed that the best thing about BLT was the relationship with other people. The theater is a large family where we have our differences but love to work together to produce the wonderful stories that unfold during each performance.



Joe Posluszny and Jim Koepl



Vera Cederstrom and Lynda Snodgrass



Nancy Richards, Carolyn Crooks, & Shirley Lake



Vicki Patterson, Bethel Marshall, Nancy Suiter, & Jim Sturgill



Betty & Ray Sackett also celebrated their 50th anniversary



Barbara Beautrow, John Myers, and Jake Koepl

Photos by Wendy Koepl

The Sunshine Boys Is Cast

Larry Dennis, director of *The Sunshine Boys*, has announced his cast and crew for the May-June production. The Neil Simon play, first performed at BLT in May, 1977, is the story of Willie Clark and Al Lewis, a vaudeville team (Lewis & Clark) estranged for the past eleven years.

When CBS wants them to appear in a History of Comedy, their reunion sparks delirious comedy as they seek to recreate their old routines. Simon based the play on his experience writing comedy for the original “Willie” when he and his brother, Danny, were a team.

Ted Pendleton will play Willie and Jerry Snodgrass, Al. Lee Vander Boegh is nephew Ben, Malinda Gunderson is Registered Nurse, Danielle Byrne is Nurse, Grant Horeczy, the Patient, Duane Holladay, Eddie, and Melissa Montgomery, the TV director.

The crew so far: assistant director, Andrea Haskett, stage manager, Duane Holladay, set design, Jerry Snodgrass, costume design, Elizabeth Greeley, light design, Karl Gautschi, sound design, Melissa Montgomery, production assistant, Kelsie Patterson.

The Sunshine Boys runs May 23 through June 7. Visit www.boiselittletheater.org or call 342-5104 for information and/or reservations.

Supervising house manager Connie Behee welcomes all volunteers who want to help usher during productions! Please call her at 344-8759 or e mail at cbehee@netzero.com.

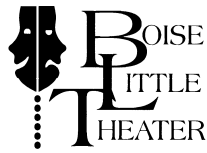
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The news from BLT



★ Membership Meeting ★
★ April 21, at 8 PM! ★

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2007-2008 Season at BLT

Steel Magnolias directed by John Myers
September 8 through 22, 2007

The Desperate Hours directed by Nancy Shankweiler
October 19 through November 3, 2007

A Christmas Story directed by Randy Lord
November 30 through December 15, 2007
With a special 60/50 opening night gala!

It Runs In The Family directed by Kevin Kimsey
January 11 through 26, 2008

In The Rest Room At Rosenbloom's directed by Wendy Koepl
February 22 through March 8, 2008

Enchanted April directed by Janelle Priest
April 11 through 26, 2008

The Sunshine Boys directed by Larry Dennis
May 23 through June 7, 2008

A Castle On Stage

Patrons are in for a treat with the set for *Enchanted April* as a castle in Italy is depicted on stage in changing scenery. The play begins in London and travels on to the Italian castle.

The set builders, Jim Anderson and Duane Holladay have used walls built out of something other than scenery flats to bring the transformation to the stage and move the action. More lighting than usual is used because of the new capabilities which will emphasize the moods, scenes, and settings.

Director Janelle K. Priest's cast and crew for BLT's April production of *Enchanted April* include Nicole Walton as Lottie, Juliana Brenner as Rose, Juliette Noonan as Caroline, Cynthia Tank as Mrs. Graves, Cary White as Frederick, Steven Cronen (Michelle and Mike's son) as Wilding and Michelle Cronen as Costanza. Ben Hamill is Mellersh.

The assistant director is David M. Priest, stage manager is Duane Holladay, and set design is by Jim Anderson. Joyce Van der Eyken is in charge of props and David M. Priest will create the light design.

The play runs from April 11 through the 26th and tickets are \$11, \$9 for students, seniors, and everyone on Wednesday, April 23. Tickets are available at the box office, 342-5104, or visit the website, www.boiselittletheater.org for information and reservations.