

GREEN ROOM GAZETTE

Next Auditions

Auditions for the Summer Youth Show

Alice in Wonderland, Jr., directed by Sarah Church Carroll, will be May 7 & 8.

Check out

<http://www.eventsbot.com/events/eb957152426>

for more details.

The Crucible

runs

April 8 - 23

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Greetings and welcome to the Green Room Gazette. I'm your host, BLT's John Myers.

It's April and that mean Spring has officially Sprung, which in Idaho means: rain, wind, snow, hail, sunshine and warm afternoons (sometimes all in the same hour). So basically it's like December, only without the Christmas carols and with shorter skirts.

I hope everyone got the chance to see **Calendar Girls**, a fantastic show, and Wendy Koepl and her cast did an amazing job. There are still calendars available for purchase at the Box Office if you haven't grabbed one yet. The calendars are now \$10 and proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

The Crucible is opening soon, so I hope you all get down to see what Frank White and his cast and crew have come up with.

Flaming Idiots has been cast and is in rehearsals. Please keep a spot in your schedule open for this show and come see it. This insane farce is the perfect way to start off your summer.

The New Board Members were elected at the last membership meeting: welcome (back) aboard (no pun intended) Wendy Koepl, Jay Parker, and Joe Posluszny.

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**Membership Meeting:
Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Summer Youth Show Gearing Up

By Carolyn Schultz

Why did little orphan Annie burst into tears during “Annie, Jr.” on the BLT stage in 2009? Because Sandy—her real, LIVE dog—had just darted off stage, and Annie hadn’t rehearsed for *that!*

“Luckily the audience was very forgiving, and Sandy did eventually return,” remembers Autumn Kersey, one of the founders of the Boise Parks & Recreation and BLT Youth Summer Theater Program.

The summer youth program is coming up on its 17th year of providing an artistic outlet to kids in the Treasure Valley, and auditions for “Alice in Wonderland, Jr.” will take place in May.

Typically about 30-40 kids are cast in the all-youth program, though many more audition. The program gives kids from across the valley the opportunity to put on a show together, while learning valuable theater skills from local community theater volunteers.

“I’m very proud of this program for its longevity and the memories it has created for so many kids in the valley,” says Kersey, who grew up in Twin



Grease— 2007. Directed by Autumn Kersey.

Falls. “Without summer theater, I would have been a troubled kid. I like to think that the youth program is, in some small way, a safe-haven for kids who are like me.”

The program was founded in 2000, when Kersey was working for Boise Parks & Rec as a seasonal drama teacher. She was surprised Boise didn’t already offer a summer youth program. With approval from BPR Arts Program Director Kay Mack, Kersey called then BLT President Joe Posluszny and asked if she could rent the theater—and what the cost would be. Posluszny called her back 10 minutes later to say she could have the theater all summer for free, and BLT would partner to produce the play and provide a set designer, builder, costumes, props, and a light designer.

“That was the beginning of the now 17-year tradition and not much has changed, except we now perform with recorded music,” says Kersey. “The first three years we used live music with an all – student orchestra and THAT was a challenge!”

Once founded by Kersey, Mack, and Posluszny, the program’s continued success is due to the hard work of many tireless volunteers including: Jim Anderson, John Myers, Clay Lee, Cheryl & Shirley Blauer, Becky Duggan, Sean Magnusson, Brandon Washington, Alies Watson, Jim & Wendy Koepl, Whitney Ulmen, Larry Dennis, Sarah Church Carroll, and many more.



Anne of Green Gables — 2011. Directed by Cheryl Blauer.

Go to <http://boiselittletheater.org/auditions/> for information and audition signups for the 2016 summer youth show, “Alice in Wonderland, Jr.” Directed by Sarah Church Carroll.

AACT and I-ACT UPDATE

by Debbie Hertzog

2017 is around the corner which means so is AACT Fest 2017: The National Community Theatre Festival, June 26-July 1, 2017, in Rochester, Wisconsin (a village in Racine Co.)

What does that mean for our state affiliate, I-ACT? I-ACT will be hosting the second sanctioned state theatre festival, I-ACTFest 2017! I-ACT will also host the Region IX Theatre Festival, which includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The winners of those four states will participate in the Region IX festival in Boise. We are especially excited about this opportunity for Idaho since our state winner will not have to travel to participate in the regional festival since it will be held right here! Please note the following dates:

I-ACTFest 2017
February 17-18, 2017
BSU Special Events Center

Region IX Theatre Festival 2017
End of March 2017
BSU Special Events Center

We are reaching out to community theatre boards statewide in hopes of generating enthusiasm about these exciting theatre opportunities! The shows from the theatre seasons of 2015-16 and 2016-17 are options for entries into the state festival. We were proud of the three entries in our inaugural 2015 I-ACTFest, but hope to increase that number next year. Our state winner in 2017 may even become a regional and national winner!

Please share all this good news amongst your board and directors.

Contact Jonathan Perry (jonathanesquire@gmail.com)
or
Debbie Hertzog (debaleegv@aol.com) with questions.

A Thank You to BLT

Annie Church shared her thanks in a note to BLT: The family wishes to thank BJ's BLT friends for all their help for her Celebration of Life Service and the heartfelt condolences that were extended. BLT was her world and home-in-her-heart for decades. She would applaud all that is done to continue the art of community theater. Keep up the good work.

Spring I-ACT Meeting

Idaho Association of Community Theatre
Saturday, April 23, 2016
10 am-12
Boise Library, Gates Conference Room
It's Shakespeare's Birthday! Come celebrate!
Important topics:
Additional board members for I-ACT
State Festival
Fundraising
See you there!



Actor's Forum

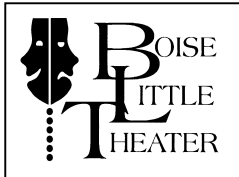
Up and running at the The Owyhee!
"First Thursday" 7pm-9pm
Next one: April 7th (and then May 5)
Come on down and give it a try. Monologue, Show tune, or 2-person scene
Contact actorsforum@cablone.net
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Flaming Idiots directed by Brad Wm. Ooley. May 20-June 4, 2016.



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