

## Auditions

*The Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens*

Directed by Wendy Koepl  
 Nov. 5 & 6 at 2 p.m.

Boise Little Theater Green Room  
 Needed: 2 women age 70s - 80s  
 2 women age 40s & 60s  
 1 man age 40s

Check the BLT website or Facebook page for more information.

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## Now Playing

*Odd Couple*

(Female Version)

Directed by Shelby Bay  
 September 2 - 17

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## Next Up

*Dracula*

Directed by Whitney Ulmen  
 October 14 - 29

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## Membership Meeting

September 19th  
 7 p.m.

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## Board of Directors

Lynne Beautrow  
 Wendy Koepl  
 Helene Myers  
 Jay Parker

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## Theater Organization

President: John Myers  
 Business Manager: Kay Mack  
 Gazette Editor: Carolyn Schultz

## Greetings and welcome to the Green Room Gazette.

I'm your host, BLT's John Myers.

September is always a month of contradictions.

It's the end of summer, the beginning of the school year. The end of long weekend vacations, the beginning of long nights studying homework or learning lines. The end of long days drinking cold beers or a nice sauvignon blanc, the beginning of the hunt for the perfect "pumpkin-spiced-flavored-whatever" you can get your hands on.

One thing that's not a contradiction, however, is that despite the fact the previous season is over, things keep moving on.

Sarah Church Carroll and her amazing cast and crew brought Alice and Wonderland friends to BLT in July in a, if you'll pardon the pun, "wonderful" production of Disney's *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* The cast and crew were filled with members of our Student Club, the hardest working and most enthusiastic group of young thespians I've ever had the privilege to work with. Also, the largest group of individuals to make me feel my age, that I've met in years.

Right before that happened, BLT upgraded our lighting system, adding new LED lights and an upgraded lighting board, which you'll read more about later in the *Gazette*. You'll also read about improvements to our box office, and we also added a new storage shed to expand our storage capacity - again with work done by our Student Club. (Dang, those kids are good!)

While all that was going on, Shelby Bay and her cast and crew have been working on bringing a story we at BLT are more than a little familiar with: Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple - Female Version*. Whitney Ulmen has brought together her "Children of the Night" to scare the bejeezus out of you with Steven Dietz' *Dracula*. And to take the edge off, Cheryl Blauer is gathering all the elves and reindeer she can find to bring a BLT premier *A Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*.

It's gonna be a great season - I hope you all enjoy it as much as we enjoy putting it on.

'til next time  
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# Remembering John Elliott

John Elliott, a beloved member of Boise's theater community, passed away May 23, 2016, at the age of 66. A graduate of Boise State University's theater program, John was involved in dozens of productions on just about every stage in town, including Subal Theatre (BSU), Boise Little Theater, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Stage Coach Theatre, Boise Music Week, Spontaneous Productions, and Alley Repertory Theatre. He toured in one-man shows about Teddy Roosevelt and Tennessee Williams, appeared in commercials and film, and helped produce benefit shows for Hulls Gulch and the ACLU. He was an inductee of BSU's Alumni Hall of Fame, an Idaho Statesman Distinguished Citizen, and a recipient of the Mayor's Award for the Arts.

John especially loved Boise Little Theater, where he directed, designed, and performed in over 30 productions over the span of three decades and served as board member and president. Having an uncanny eye for detail, John designed gorgeous sets, and his love for art and beauty carried over into his work and personal life. He owned and operated Elliott's Collectibles and Elliott's Downtown, and for the last several years he worked with his dear friends at Rose Hill Coins and Jewelry. He enjoyed scuba diving, gardening, and visiting with family.

Friends and loved ones gathered at Boise Little Theater in June to celebrate John's life. Emcee Carole Whiteleather and speakers Dr.

Charles Lauterbach and Joe Jacoby shared a wealth of joyful and poignant memories of John, including hilarious accounts of his playful and mischievous nature. The program concluded with the whole audience singing "Life is a Cabaret" in his honor.

Boise Little Theater is grateful to John's family for choosing BLT as the venue for the celebration and for generously designating BLT as the recipient of memorial donations. We will never forget John Elliott and the tremendous creative legacy he left our community.

by Helene Myers



## Lighting & Box Office Upgrades

New upgrades to the lighting and box office will result in expanded lighting options and a friendlier, more efficient ticket buying process for BLT patrons.

After *Flaming Idiots* closed last season, the Backstage Pirates (a local group of professional theatre technicians) spent a week at BLT installing 20 new LED lights in the auditorium, including new Source Fours above the booth, and new Cyc LEDs over the stage. They also set up a rep plot that will not only save us money in electrical costs, but will also cut down the light programming time from days to hours and allow exponentially greater lighting design capabilities.

In the box office, a new all-in-one desktop computer was purchased, as well as a subscription to Microsoft 365, which will ensure BLT stays up-to-date on the newest versions of Word, Excel, etc. A new version of Quicken – the software used for all accounting purposes – was also purchased, and the computer desk was moved to a different wall.

"Now the box office employees will not have their back to patrons while making tickets," explained Sarah Church Carroll. "It should be more customer friendly."

In addition, an iPad was purchased and installed on the wall between the two ticketing windows. Once it's wirelessly connected to the Boca ticket printer, employees can easily input the ticket details using the iPad and then send them directly to the printer.

## BLT Student Club Update

The Student Club wrapped up its first summer by saying goodbye to two seniors: Cameron Uli and Nick Cravens both left at the end of the summer to attend college. Uli will attend Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, and Cravens will attend the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Over the summer, club members enjoyed several educational clinics including Renaissance sword fighting and old age makeup.

New members are welcome and may join the club at anytime throughout the year. Requirements are:

- ages 12 – 20
- maintain good grades
- volunteer at BLT for a minimum of 10 hours/year

A variety of benefits are offered to club members. Students may sign up for monthly clinics to learn new skills such as set design, construction, and painting; lighting and sound; stage combat and sword fighting; improv; makeup and costuming; and more. Also, qualifying students will have the opportunity to apply for scholarships offered by BLT.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the BLT Student Club, visit their Facebook page at Boise Little Theater Student Club, or email [bltstudentclub@gmail.com](mailto:bltstudentclub@gmail.com).

## Winners (and nominees) for the 2015-2016 Season:

### Best Show: *Little Shop of Horrors*

Every Christmas Story Ever Told

Calendar Girls

### Best Director: John Myers in *Little Shop of Horrors*

Cheryl Blauer, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*

Wendy Koepl, *Calendar Girls*

### Lead Actor: Jeremy Gross as Seymour Kelborn in *Little Shop of Horrors*

Bradley Campbell as Bradley, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*

Paul Archibeque as Paul, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*

### Lead Actress: Shannon Foy as Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*

Dena Ruffalo as Isobel Lomax in *Kitchen Witches*

Anastasia Van Allen as Annie in *Calendar Girls*

Becky Kimsey as Chris in *Calendar Girls*

### Supporting Actor:

Gregg Irwin as Dentist, etc., in *Little Shop of Horrors*

Casey Lebold as Twoey (Voice) in *Little Shop of Horrors*

Aaron Olson as Twoey (Puppeteer) in *Little Shop of Horrors*

### Supporting Actress: Nancy Suiter as Jessie in *Calendar Girls*

Jillian Durrant as Ronnette in *Little Shop of Horrors*

Glenda Talbutt as Ruth in *Calendar Girls*

Bryn McDaniel as Betty Parris in *The Crucible*

### Cameo Actor: Galen Louis as Thomas Putnam in *The Crucible*

Kevin Kimsey as Liam in *Calendar Girls*

Joseph Wright as Giles Corey in *The Crucible*

### Cameo Actress:

Debbie Hertzog as Lady Cravenshire in *Calendar Girls*

Mia McKinney as Mercy Lewis in *The Crucible*

Karel Metcalf as Rebecca Nurse in *The Crucible*

### Set Design: John Myers for *Little Shop of Horrors*

Jim Koepl for *Kitchen Witches*

Jonathan Perry for *The Servant of Two Masters*

### Set Dressing: Gary Miller for *Little Shop of Horrors*

Gary Miller for *Kitchen Witches*

Gary Miller for *The Crucible*

### Props: Gary Miller for *Little Shop of Horrors*

Gary Miller for *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*

Gary Miller for *The Crucible*

### Sound Design: Gregg Irwin for *Little Shop of Horrors*

Jim Steele for *Kitchen Witches*

Jim Steele for *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*

### Light Design: Brandon Washington for *Little Shop of Horrors*

John Myers for *Kitchen Witches*

Monae Curtis for *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*

### Costume Design: Elizabeth Greeley for *Little Shop of Horrors*

Jessica Lynn for *Kitchen Witches*

Cheryl Blauer for *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thank you Lynne Beautrow!

After serving as the *Gazette* Editor for four years, Lynne has stepped down. We appreciate her hard work and wish her well in her new endeavors!

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### Actors Forum

I-ACT sponsored Actors Forum takes place every FIRST Tuesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Owyhee. Come see what all the buzz is about!

Everyone is welcome to attend, and it's FREE!

Contact Patti O'Hara at

[actorsforum@cableone.net](mailto:actorsforum@cableone.net) and like us on Facebook (I-ACT Actors Forum) for updates.

See you at the forum!

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### I-ACT Board Meeting

October 8 at 10:00 am at the Boise Library.

Meetings are always open. Come hear about state I-ACT Fest 2017 coming up in February!

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### Attention Directors

Please submit your scripts for the 2017-2018 season to Wendy Koepl at [smbdysmom@aol.com](mailto:smbdysmom@aol.com).

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### House Crew Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to usher this season.

Please email Sarah Church Carroll if you're interested: [sarahchurchcarroll@gmail.com](mailto:sarahchurchcarroll@gmail.com).

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### Membership Meetings Snack Schedule

September: Shirley Lake & Skov

October: Jay Parker & Gary Miller

November: Ruth Stemper

December: Christmas Party

January: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

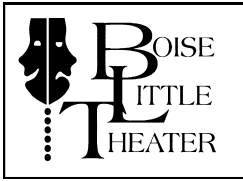
February: Jo-Ann Jones

March: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

April: Jody Mummert & Helene Myers

May: Lynne & Barb Beautrow

Please contact Jay Parker at [dbrat\\_1974@yahoo.com](mailto:dbrat_1974@yahoo.com) to confirm your month and provide your updated email address and phone number. He will send reminders one month and one week prior to your meeting.



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**Coming this Season**

*Dracula*

Directed by Whitney Ulmen  
October 14 - 29

*Miracle on 34th Street, The Play*

Directed by Cheryl Blauer  
November 25 - December 10

*The Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens*

Directed by Wendy Koepl  
January 6 - 21

*A Streetcar Named Desire*

Directed by Larry Dennis  
February 24 - March 11

*37 Postcards*

Directed by Sarah Wright  
April 7 - 22

*Charley's Aunt*

Directed by Paul Archibeque  
May 19 - June 3

**Next Membership Meeting:**

**Monday  
September 19th  
7 p.m.**