

UP NEXT!

The Book of Will

By Lauren Gunderson
Director: Paul Archibeque
August 27 - September 11

ANNUAL PICNIC & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, July 19, 2021
5:00—9:00
Julia Davis Park
(see article inside)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, All:

Our renovation project is nearly finished! The concrete has been poured and sealed, and the seats have been re-installed. We have new safety railings in front of the first row and in our new ADA row! For your safety, we also installed a new GPS filter in the heating/air-conditioning unit, which not only neutralizes odors, but it reduces airborne particles, kills pathogens, and saves energy. It is said to deactivate COVID-19 air particles by 99.4% within 30 minutes. There is new lighting in the aisles and we are in the process of purchasing new, ADA approved, assistive listening devices. All this has been done to ensure you, our patrons, of a more enjoyable theater experience. Our new seating arrangement provides more legroom and better sightlines to the stage. All in all, some very necessary changes were made possible by grants and some very generous donations. We hope you will be pleased with the results. All that's left is the installation of new carpeting and the hanging of new stage curtains. All of which will be completed after our current production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in June.

Thank you to all of you who donated to us through Idaho Gives. We are grateful to the State of Idaho for the grant to replace our stage curtains with new, permanently fireproofed curtains. The Jeker Foundation helped fund the new carpeting, and the majority of the construction project was funded by the Beautrow family. Barb Beautrow's daughter Lynne, explained, "When my mom passed away, I knew I wanted to do something to honor her. I remembered that she always wanted to get the seats in the auditorium spaced out. As I went through her files, I came across a letter she'd written in 2000 to Joe Posluszny (then BLT Pres) and the Board about her 'pet project,' as she called it. It's something she'd been thinking about for a while--during her own presidency or when she filled in for Skov at the Box Office in 1988, she wasn't sure when it all started--but it was always something she hoped would happen. Sadly, her passing gave me the means to help make her dream become reality."



So, there you have it. This project has kept me, and the rest of the Board, occupied during the "COVID Closure" and we hope you all will be as happy with our "facelift" as we are! Many of the shows that we were forced to cancel in Season 73 will be on our stage for Season 74, along with some new ones. We're looking forward to a great season and hope you will join us at our Picnic & Membership meeting on Monday, July 19th. It will be fun to be together again!

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of "A Midsummer Night's Dream!" Their opening weekend shows were both SOLD OUT! Looking forward to more of the same. Break all the legs!

See you soon,

Darin

KUDOS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF

FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS.
BY ALAN BALL
DIRECTED BY WENDY KOEPPL

What began as a full-run of this show, became two streaming performances, which then became two more weeks of live (socially distanced and masked) performances. Thanks to a wonderfully flexible cast, crew, and director, we were able to have our first public performances since the “Covid-19 Closure.” Everyone involved did a wonderful job! Thank you and those who attended the show for your support!

Congratulations to Diana Holdridge and her cast and crew for an outstanding production of

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

Megan Archibeque, Jake Atkinson, Aubrielle Holly, Isaac Green, David Ybarra, Jasmine Saldana Diaz, Ted Williamson, Katie Shute Rompala, Darin Vickery, Jeanna Vickery, Rob Love, Shannon Peterson, Ryan Craker, Brynn LaFluer, Justin Tharpe, Danielle DeVall, Taryn Nicely, Elke Virden, Eliza Archibeque, Linnae Werhane, Lilian Thornes, KD Cooper, Suzanne Kromer, Jay Parker, Jessica Cooper, Elizabeth Greeley, Machaela Burt, Kevin Maker, Sam Hansen, Gary Miller, Joanna Marshall, Teresa Tuttle Sorensen, Nicholas Sorensen, Paul Archibeque, John Myers, Mike Mullens, Jim Anderson, and the set-building cast members!

STUDENT CLUB SUMMER NEWS

This year's summer show will be six original one act shows of 15 minutes each, with each show having a different director. Students aged 12 - 20 years old that want to participate will have the opportunity to perform in one of the six shows. Auditions will at the end of June. (more information for auditions to come) . At this time we are looking for scripts. Here is the information if you want to write a show ,or know of a friend or family member who would like to write a show. Shows not chosen for summer production may be used for a September production in the park.

SUMMER SHOW SCRIPTS NEEDED:

WRITERS needed - Have never written before?...here is the time to try it.

We are looking for original scripts to be performed as part of the Boise Little Theater Summer Show.

- The criteria we are looking for is: Family friendly
- Up to 5 characters
- Performance time between 13 – 18 minutes
- Minimal Set requirements
- Performing and Workshopping Rights

Scripts need to be submitted by June 1, 2021 to bltstudentclub@gmail.com

New to writing? Here is an email from Heidi Kray regarding help with formatting guidelines:

“Final Draft is a good software that I use, though pretty expensive. Scrivener has software that many use that serves all kinds of writing disciplines and is less expensive. I haven't used that but plan to try it soon. Others have used Celtx, less expensive still, but I'm not a big fan. Many still use Word and some use Google Drive, and create templates themselves, though I find that more time consuming.

As for formatting guidelines, see this resource from the Dramatists Guild: <https://www.dramatistsguild.com/script-formats>. Let me know if you have any questions - bltstudentclub@gmail.com

The performances will be July 22 - 24.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED BLT WEATHER THE FINANCIAL STORM!

We had two Cabaret streaming performances with virtual auctions!

We streamed a performance of “Vintage Hitchcock” - A Radio Play!

We had a successful Rumage Sale of costumes, props and furniture!

You all helped by participating in Idaho Gives!

Thank you!

BOARD NEWS UPDATE

ELECTION RESULTS (Based on the membership's approval of the Bylaws amendments our Board now has six(6) members, with no more than 4 being the same sex):

Elected, 2021:

Paul Archibeque (re-elected)
Kim Carter-Cram (Newly elected)
Jillian Durrant (re-elected))

Returning Members:

Clay Lee
Joanna Marshall
Jay Parker

The Board met and elected **Darin Vickery** to serve as **President**, and **Patti Finley** to serve as **Business Manager**.

The Membership voted to approve the By-Laws Amendments as presented, most notable: (Note: the below are not word-for-word copies of the amendments. They present the basic intent of the change)

- ◆ Two classes of membership: **Voting** and **Supporting**
- ◆ **Voting** members must: complete membership application, indicating a desire to actively participate in the work of the theater, and pay the appropriate dues; complete 2 sessions of work for the theater (participate in set build. Attend a membership meeting, serve as an usher, participate in a show as an actor, or director, or member of the creative team; OR serve on a committee for a special project.
- ◆ **Supporting members** are not eligible to vote or hold office.
- ◆ **Supporting members** may become a **Lifetime Member**: a **Lifetime Member** must complete two work sessions to be eligible; Presidents become Lifetime Members at the end of their first term and also need to complete the work session requirements to vote.
- ◆ Elections: only **Voting** members are eligible to vote.
- ◆ The **Business Manager** shall be the treasurer and have general supervision of the Box Office staff, a publicity chairman, and an accountant.
- ◆ **Term Limits**:
 - 1) **Board Members** are limited to two (2) consecutive terms (4 Years) at a time; They may be re-elected to the Board after a minimum wait period of one (1) year.
 - 2) **The President** shall be limited to four (4) consecutive terms at a time (4 Years) They shall again become eligible for President after a minimum wait period of one(1) year.
 - 3) **Business Manager** shall be limited to five (5) consecutive terms (5 years) at a time. They shall again become eligible for Business Manager after a minimum wait period of one (1) year.

YOU ARE INVITED



BLT's (Almost) Annual Picnic & Barbecue!

WHEN? MONDAY, JULY 19 5:00-9:00 PM

WHERE? JULIA DAVIS PARK (near the tennis courts)

WHAT? Barbecue (bring your own drinks, side dishes, etc)

ANNOUNCING OUR 2021-22 SEASON!

THE BOOK OF WILL BY Lauren Gunderson, Directed by Paul Archibeque

Presented August 27—September 11, 2021

HEATHERS, the MUSICAL BY Kevin Murphy & Laurence O’Keefe, Directed by Todd King

Presented October 8—30, 2021

ROALD DAHL’S MATILDA, the MUSICAL Book By Dennis Kelly, Music & Lyrics by Tim

Minchin, Directed by Patti Finley

Presented Nov. 26– Dec. 18, 2021

NOISES OFF BY Michael Frayn, Directed by Jeanna Vickery

Presented Jan. 21—Feb. 5, 2022

THESE SHINING LIVES BY Melanie Marnich, Directed by Sarah Wright

Presented March 11—26, 2022

GOD OF CARNAGE BY Yasmine Reza, Directed by Bradley Campbell

Presented April 22—May 7, 2022

PUFFS BY Matt Cox, Directed by Katie Shuter Rompala

Presented May 5—June 18, 2022

Season 74 Opening Show

The Book of Will by Lauren Gunderson, Directed by Paul Archibeque, which was scheduled to be our Season 73 opening show, and which we were forced to cancel due to the pandemic, is back with the cast intact! *The Book of Will* is a lively, funny, poignant love letter to theatre and the printed word. It will bring tears of both laughter and sorrow to audience members as we follow some of The Bard’s closest friends and fellow actors three years after the author’s death. You won’t want to miss this stellar cast which includes: Bradley Campbell, Justin Tharpe, Curtis Ransom, Courtney Ransom, Diana Holdridge, Darin Vickery, Suzi Kromer, David Ybarra, Isaac Green, and Jonathan Perry. There will not be any additional auditions for this show. The show will run August 27 through September 11.

Information Regarding Membership Meetings

Beginning this month, we will no longer be Zooming our Membership Meetings!

Come to the theater and attend in person!

Season Tickets will go on sale soon!

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