

GREEN ROOM GAZETTE

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Now Playing

Charley's Aunt Directed by Paul Archibeque May 19 - June 3

Auditions Summer Youth Show

Pollyanna Co-Directed by Cheryl Blauer, Greg Finley, and Patti Finley

May 20 Ages 10 - 18 Fort Boise Community Center Anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. No appointment necessary

> Membership Meeting May 15th 7 p.m.

BLT Awards Picnic

July 17th 6 p.m. Julia Davis Park

Board of Directors

Paul Archibeque Wendy Koeppl Patti O'Hara Brad Ooley Jay Parker

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.

Well here it is, the last Green Room Gazette of the 2016-2017 season!

It's springtime in Idaho and the weather is...well, it's springtime in Idaho, but there is one more show left in the season...*Charley's Aunt*!

Most shows have a formula that everyone is familiar with. Whether it's a drama, farce, comedy, or musical, most experienced theater-goers know generally where a show is going to end up. The fun is in the journey.

Every once in a while, we get the opportunity to experience the show that originated the formula, the show that created the genre with a storyline that has been emulated, duplicated, and/or basically ripped off for over 100 years.

Charley's Aunt is the original British Farce. The original "cross-dressingmistaken-identity-chaos-and-mayhem-all-for-the-love-of-a-girl" British Farce. Without *Charley's Aunt*, you don't have *Some Like it Hot*, *Dame Edna, Mrs. Doubtfire*, or one of my favorite lines from *Firefly*.

It's a perfect end to the season that the whole family can enjoy. Paul Archibeque and his cast have been working literally day and night getting ready for the show. "And I swear, by my pretty floral bonnet, you will have a good time."

Next up is the BLT Awards Picnic on Monday, July 17th, at Julia Davis Park starting at 6 p.m. and going till whenever. Of course, Jim Koeppl and I will be starting up the grill for burgers and brats early, so come by as soon as you like. We'll have the usual festivities: awards, membership sign-up, and the "mocking of the President."

As I do every year at this time, I like to look back at the current season and try to figure out what we did right and what we maybe didn't do so right. And I was struck by the realization that it doesn't really matter what I think what was right or not so right, 'cause at the end of the day (or season) what really matters is: did we entertain people, did we learn something we didn't know before, and did we have fun while we were doing it?

As I think about all the new people who came to auditions, acted onstage, or worked behind the scenes, and about us "old timers" who keep coming back year after year, and the patrons who came back multiple times

to see the SAME show, it's pretty clear to me: we have an amazing bunch of volunteers and patrons.

I guess, to make a long story short (too late!)... we're doin' all right!

See ya' at the picnic! J



Student Club Wraps Up a Year of Learning, Service, and Fun!

by Carolyn Schultz

The BLT Student Club will wrap up it's 2016-2017 year having provided a long list of opportunities, events, and workshops to its 22 official members.

The club formed in January 2016 and offers hands-on training and leadership opportunities through a wide variety of theater activities, as well as college scholarships, to students between the ages of 12 and 20. In return, students must volunteer at least 10 hours a year to help out at BLT.

2016-2017 Club Events

Helping Hand Pet Fundraiser First Folio at BSU Spirit of Boise Boise Depot Masquerade Open House Villains in the Village Christmas Caroling in Downtown Boise Canyon County Festival of the Trees Boise Depot Holiday Open House Will Act 4 Food 2017 I-ACT and AACT Play Festivals "It's a win-win arrangement," says founder and Club Director Cheryl Blauer. "Our students gain experience and knowledge through hands-on training and opportunities, while the theater benefits from the hundreds of volunteer hours put in by the students."

Workshops offered the past year taught students about contour makeup, Renaissance sword fighting, specialty gore makeup,

fighting, specialty gore makeup, wound makeup, and stained glass window props.



In addition, Student Club members served as ushers and house staff for all BLT dress rehearsals the past year, and worked the Posluszny Gala for the youth summer show last July. Club members also helped paint the shed, in addition to helping out in many other areas around the theater.



In the fall, Blauer hopes to offer speakers on a monthly basis, and also has some exciting plans in the works for the coming year. Workshops and events will continue to be offered, as well.

Student Club members graduating from high school this year are Kate Carter-Cram, Annie Eismann, Sam Heidelberg, and Carlin McCullough.

For more information about Student Club, including club requirements, please email: <u>bltstudentclub@gmail.com</u>.

The Board will elect the next President and Business Manager at the May 15th membership meeting.

BLT is moving to email marketing and will now be distributing the Green Room Gazette,

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show postcards, and brochures electronically.

Members, season ticket holders, and flex pass holders will continue to receive electronic marketing materials automatically – no action is needed. HOWEVER, if you are a current member, season ticket holder, or flex pass holder, and you have NOT received any electronic forms of the *Gazette* in the past, please contact us and provide us with your email address so that we may email you these materials.

Additionally, if you are NOT a member, season ticket holder, or flex pass holder, you need to contact us and ask to be placed on the electronic marketing list. Regardless of your connection to BLT, if you want to receive paper editions of these materials, please contact us and ask to be placed on the paper marketing list.

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Charley's Aunt Cast & Crew...

Director	Paul Archibeque
Assistant Director	Bradley Campbell
Jack Chesney	Ryan Craker
Brassett	Darin Vickery
Charley Wykeham	Jonathan Fine
Lord Fancourt Babberley	Isaac Green
Colonel Sir Francis Chesney	Mike Mullens
Amy Spettigue	Mia Raymes
Kitty Verdun	Molly Koenig
Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez	Anastasia Van Allen
Ela Delahay	Savannah Slater
Stephen Spettigue	Jonathan Adams

...and Rehearsal Pictures, Too!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Courtesies Reminder

When you hear of a member or a friend who needs recognition from BLT, please contact Nancy Suiter at 631-7139 or the box office at 342-5104.

New Recycling Bins

There are three new recycling bins in the lobby and Green Room. Please think twice before you throw your aluminum, plastic, cardboard, and glass into the trash cans around the theater. Take a moment and put them in the appropriate (marked) recycling bins. Help BLT and the planet!

Actors Forum

Actors Forum will continue on the first Tuesday of the month through the summer, with the exception of July. So summer Actors Forum will be held June 6th and August 1st from 7-9 pm at the Owyhee!

Don't miss the opportunity to perform or practice your favorite show tune, monologue, or short scene! Sign up in advance for the next Actors Forum by contacting <u>Actorsforum@cableone.net</u>. Or just take a chance on participating in the ever-popular side shows! Actors Forum is still the hottest FREE ticket in town (but donations are always welcome!) You're welcome to *bring your own soft drinks*, or pick up a special something at the Owyhee Tavern.

Contact Patti O'Hara at <u>actorsforum@cableone.net</u> for additional information. Meanwhile, spread the word - your participation and continued support for I-ACT events, including Actors Forum, have meant so much!

Facility Funds Still Being Accepted

BLT needs a new roof, carpeting, and some minor fixes and repairs. It takes quite a bit of funding to keep up a building of this size and shape, so any and all monetary gifts would be appreciated...and are tax deductible! If you are able to help, please drop off monetary donations during box office hours, or mail checks to: BLT, 100 E Fort St.,

Boise, ID 83712-6321. Thank you!

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.



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Please direct your comments, questions, and constructive criticism to: boxoffice@boiselittletheater.org.

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COMING NEXT SEASON

Pollyanna Co-Directed by Cheryl Blauer, Patti Finley, Greg Finley July 14 - 22

> **Pride and Prejudice** Directed by Diana Holdridge September 1 - 16

> > *The Addams Family* Directed by John Myers October 13 - 28

A Christmas Story Directed by Patti Finley November 24 - December 9

AND MORE!

Next Membership Meeting

Monday May 15th 7 p.m.

Annual Awards Picnic

Monday July 17th 6 p.m.

Burgers and brats provided.

Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share.