

GREEN ROOM GAZETTE

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Now Playing

The Addams Family A New Musical Comedy Directed by John Myers October 13 - 28

Next Up

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

Auditions

Exit Laughing
Directed by Wendy Koeppl

Sunday, December 10, 2 - 4 p.m. Monday, December 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Boise Little Theater Green Room

Needed:

One man and one woman in their 20's Three women: late 50's to late 60's

Contact:

boxoffice@boiselittletheater.org with questions.

Membership Meeting

October 16th 7 p.m.

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.

It's that time again. Fall has... well... fallen. Football, sweaters, Halloween, and pumpkin spiced everything! It's also the time to see some theater, and BLT has that going on in spades!

Diana Holdridge and her cast and crew just finished up *Pride and Prejudice*: pretty ladies in pretty dresses looking for nice young men to settle down with. Okay, maybe that was an oversimplification. Regardless, it was a great show and I hope you didn't miss it.

And right now, my cast and crew of lunatics are working their tails off to bring you *The Addams Family – A New Musical Comedy* opening Friday, October 13th. You are definitely not going to want to miss this – one of the most dedicated, talented casts around. Get ready for a spooky, ooky Halloween!

And just to prove that BLT isn't all pretty dresses and creepy families, Patty Finley has started rehearsals for *A Christmas Story*. That's right, Ralphie and his Red Ryder BB gun are coming back to remind us what Christmas is all about: family, friends, and the perfect turkey dinner.

Be sure to check out the BLT website for directions to get around the wonderful construction going on near the theater.

On the serious side, we lost Joe Posluszny this last month. Joe was a mentor, friend, and leader. He was the President of Boise Little Theater that we all aspire to be. We will be having a toast to Joe at the membership meeting.

Oh yeah... it's my birthday. (Not really a highlight, but it's in October, so there you go.)

Can't wait for November!

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In Memoriam: Joe Posluszny

by Joanna Marshall

Joe Posluszny passed away Monday, September 18, 2017. He became active at BLT after he married theater member Helen Meier. Helen volunteered him to usher in 1981, and he was on the house crew for the next 12 years. He was more than happy to help backstage, but in February of 1995, an actor who was playing a delivery driver quit coming to rehearsals a week before opening. Helen volunteered Joe for that role. We taped his line on a clipboard, and he was awesome!



His favorite role however, was not on the stage, but as Santa Claus. He played Santa for 52 years; a couple times even at the theater! Joe was elected to the Board of Directors, and in 1999 he became BLT's first four-term president. During his presidency,

Joe started the Youth Summer Theater Program in cooperation with Boise City Parks and Recreation Department with Autumn (Haynes) Kersey as the first kids' show director. That program is still going strong.

Joe and Helen moved to Cascade in 2005 and then back to Boise in 2016. Joe immediately ran for and won a seat on the Board of Directors again. Unfortunately, he was soon diagnosed with the cancer that took his life and was unable to complete that term. Joe will be missed by many of us.



by Helen Posluszny

The Posluszny Family Trust Scholarship is proud to report on our three recipients for 2017-2018. These scholarships are directed to young people who have put in time and energy at Boise Little Theater.

Nick Cravens, attending Idaho State University, was awarded \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He is starting his second year, majoring in Music and Vocal Performance. We hope to see his dream realized of performing in opera houses in the US and Europe! Nick has been active at BLT since he was 12 years old. He has piled up hours as an usher, actor, set up and tear down of set, and an active member of the BLT Student Club. After finishing his first year at ISU, he rushed home to participate in this summer's production of *Pollyanna*. Nick put in 68 volunteer hours this year.

Kate Carter-Cram graduated from Sage International School and will be attending Boise State University with a \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship. She has made costumes and worked as assistant stage manager. She has also managed the house as part of the BLT Student Club. She also has done stage construction for Treasure Valley Youth Theater. Kate put in 112.5 volunteer hours this year.

Annie Eismann is going to Southern Oregon University with a major in Theater Arts and wants to become involved with Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She received a \$500 (\$250 per semester) scholarship. She has acted on our stage, worked as co-costume designer, and participated in activities with the BLT Student Club. Annie put in 54 volunteer hours this year.

Headshots Photography Changes

by Jo-Ann Jones

We would like to acknowledge and thank Jim Rupp, who generously volunteered his time, talent, and resources over the past 22 years as BLT's first headshot photographer. Jim, a native Idahoan, has been a professional photographer since 1990. He started out working for several Boise studios, and in 1995 decided to open his own business, Fine Art Photography, with the desire to provide more personalized service to his clients. He is well known for his top quality portraits, landscapes, and event photography. Jim is now relocating to Donnelly, Idaho. We appreciate the amazing service he has provided to our theater over the years, and we wish him the very best in his new adventures.

We would like to welcome Steve Strickland, of Strictly Photography, as our new headshot photographer. Steve has lived in Boise for 18 years, coming from the Puget Sound area and Seattle, where he first started his photography career. He built his own studio in an artist loft space in an old building built in the late 1890's near Pike Place Market. Recently he's done volunteer work with the Idaho Song Writers Association, where he was able to build a nice portfolio of local musicians. Paul Tillotson used one of his photographs for the banner of his website. In addition, Mississippi Marshall and Rob Harding used his photographs on their newest CD. Most recently he was involved with The Tribute to Rosalie Sorrels CD project. Steve specializes in people, public relations, and special events photography. He is very excited and pleased to be partnering with Boise Little Theater.

The Addams Family Cast & Crew

Gomez Addams	Gregg Irwin
Morticia Addams	Carlyn Jones
Wednesday Addams	Shannon Peterson
Pugsley Addams	Reed Adams
Fester Addams	Stephen McKinney
Grandma Addams	Jess Young
Lurch	Andy Renfrew
Mal Beineke	Thaddeus Marks
Alice Beineke	Annie McKinney
Lucas Beineke	Conner Talbot

The Addams Family Ancestors:

Elke Myers, Haley Hill, Katie Garonzik, Carolynne Bremmer, Whitney Ulmen, Katie Shuter-Rompala, Gracie Ward, Christian Grey, Todd King, Nick Nielsen, Wyatt Sherod, Fran King, Dave Falcone.

Director	John Myers
Music Director	JeNeale Gunnell
Choreographer	Kay Mack
Assistant Director	Mike Mullens
Production Assistant	Helene Myers
Stage Manager	Jay Parker
Light Design	Monae Curtis
Sound Design	Gregg Irwin
Costumes	Elizabeth Greeley
Properties	Gary Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Club

Student Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16th, for our monthly meeting. Then students may attend the regular BLT meeting at 7 p.m.

Thank You Refreshment Volunteers!

Refreshment volunteers have signed up for all available spots. Thank you for volunteering!

Actors Forum

Brought to you by Idaho Association of Community Theaters (I-ACT). Whether or not you chose to perform, ACTORS FORUM loves an appreciative and supportive audience! Each month features a variety of show tunes, short scenes, monologues, and a directors showcase. Enter to win tickets to upcoming community theater productions!

Join your Boise community theater family every first Tuesday from 7-9 pm at our new home:

Boise Elks Lodge 6608 West Fairview Ave.

No admission fee. Plenty of free parking. The bar opens at 3pm (M-F!) and serves beer, wine, well drinks, and burgers!

All at reasonable prices!

If you'd like to be part of the line up or have any questions, contact Patti O'Hara at actorsforumis@gmail.com.

House 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.

COMING THIS SEASON

The Addams Family, A New Musical Comedy

Directed by John Myers October 13 - 28

A Christmas Story

Directed by Patti Finley November 24 - December 9

Beer for Breakfast

Directed by Helene Myers January 12 - 27

Exit Laughing

Directed by Wendy Koeppl March 2 - 17

Death of a Salesman

Directed by Frank White April 13 - 28

Once Upon a Mattress

Directed by John Myers May 25 - June 9

Next Membership Meeting:

Monday October 16th 7 p.m.

In keeping with tradition, we'll toast in memory of Joe Posluszny after the meeting.