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SEASON 75! NEXT UP

The Mad Ones (formerly known as The Unauthorized Autobiography of Samantha Brown) by Kait Kerrigan and Bree Lowdermilk Directed by Machaela Burt

The Play That Goes Wrong by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer & Henry Shields Director – Curtis Ransom

Disney's Frozen JR.

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Robert Lopez Book by Jennifer Lee Director – Maren McCaleb, in conjunction with Boise's Parks and Recreation Department

THEATER ORGANIZATION

President: Darin Vickery Business Manager: Patti Finley Legal Counsel: Glenda Talbutt Gazette Editor: E. A. Greeley Box Office: Kelliey Chavez Performance Box Office Manager Maren McCaleb & Jay Parker Usher Manager: Sarah Church Carroll

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Archibeque Kim Carter-Cram Jillian Durrant Elizabeth Greeley Jonathan Perry Katie Shuter-Rompala

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All,

I wanted to take this moment to let everyone know of some exciting developments at BLT. We are in the process of putting on the final touches of our conversion of the rehearsal hall into the new black box theater. Yes, it's big, black, and beautiful. Well, maybe a little smaller than the main stage, but that's the idea! We have finished installing lighting and sound for this intimate space. We are on the verge of having seating and a curtain. This space will hold approximately 50-75 patrons, depending on arrangement and will be perfect for productions that won't play very well on the main stage. We expect to have performances, readings, workshops, and the like when the main stage is dark or on off performance times. The process has begun with selecting scripts, shows, and ideas for this space. You can submit ideas to http://qrco.de/scriptsubmission. We look forward to your ideas. We hope to have things in production by the end of the summer, but depending on the project, we could start sooner than that!

This coming Monday is our board elections. We have seven wonderful people that have stepped up to say that they are willing to serve, more so than they already have. We are fortunate to have people like Paul Archibeque, Kim Carter-Cram, Sarah Church-Carroll, JeNeale Hill, Diana Holdridge, Christina Ivey, and Annie McKinney in our clan! If you haven't seen their <u>bios/statements</u>, please check them out. A ballot is attached to this newsletter, please vote absentee if you are unable to attend Monday's meeting in person. I want to extend a great big thank you to the cast and crew of *An Inspector Calls*. I can't remember a show that had as many reviews and comments that included the phrase, "it made me think." Thought provoking and entertaining. Well done Bradley Campbell, cast, and crew!



Up Next is *The Mad Ones* by Kait Kerrigan and Bree Lowdermilk, directed by Machaela Burt. "18-year-old Samantha Brown sits in a hand-me-down car with the keys clutched in her hand. Caught between a yearning for the unknown and feeling bound by expectation, she telescopes back to a time before her world had fallen apart. As she relives her senior year, we meet Sam's well-intentioned helicopter mother Bev and her high school sweetheart of a boyfriend Adam, but it's her painfully alive best friend Kelly that haunts her. Kelly was everything Sam is not – impetuous and daring. She pushed Sam to break rules and do the unexpected." It's a great story, has beautiful music, and gives you emotions galore! Bring the young person in your life to experience this one with you. This show opens April 7 and goes for three weeks. Tickets are, of course, on sale now.

That's all for now! See ya'll Monday!

ELECTIONS MONDAY MARCH 20 We are proud to announce our slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. Vote absentee if you are unable to attend in person. Bios of Candidates are available at this link and absentee ballot is page 5 of this newsletter. Absentee ballots must be delivered by Monday 7pm TO THE THEATER. Image: Comparison of Candidates are available at this link and absentee ballots is page 5 of this newsletter. Absentee ballots must be delivered by Monday 7pm TO THE THEATER. Image: Comparison of Candidates are available at this link and absentee ballots is page 5 of this newsletter. Absentee ballots must be delivered by Monday 7pm TO THE THEATER. Image: Comparison of Candidates are available at this link and absentee ballots is page 5 of this newsletter. Absentee ballots must be delivered by Monday 7pm TO THE THEATER. Image: Comparison of Candidates are available at this link and absentee ballots is page 5 of this newsletter. Absentee ballots must be delivered by Monday 7pm TO THE THEATER. Image: Comparison of Candidates are available at this link and absentee ballots must be delivered by Monday 7pm TO THE THEATER. Image: Comparison of Candidates are available at this link are av

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ALWAYS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Do you like to play in Theater Land, but don't consider yourself an actor, or director or otherwise on-stage personality? Have we got a deal for you!!

Boise Little Theater is a volunteer-run organization and we need volunteers in a number of positions and for committees.

Anyone can volunteer for the following:

Director/Assistant Director: If you are interested in directing a show for BLT, you will need to have previous community theater directing experience and have served as assistant director at BLT.

Back Stage Crew: Stage manager, designer, lights or sound operator, costumer, or other crew position? Please email <u>boxoffice@boiselittletheater.org</u>

Refreshments: If you would like to volunteer to bring snacks to a membership meeting, please contact Jay Parker at <u>dbrat_1974@yahoo.com</u> to coordinate refreshments.

Ushering: BLT needs ushers to help with programs, water bottles, & guiding patrons to their new seats for in-person shows. BLT has new protocols to protect patrons & volunteers while welcoming audiences back to BLT.

To volunteer, please review our procedures [boiselittletheater.org/covid-19-update] & email Sarah, our Supervising House Manager at sarahchurchcarroll@gmail.com, or call 208-342-5104.

Members can fulfill the "working" requirement by volunteering for any of the several committees:

*Fundraising *Asset Management *Community Outreach *Volunteer Coordination *Script Committee

OR

By volunteering to work on a production. Though Experience is a plus, training is provided if you're interested in a backstage position like running lights or sound, dresser, set-builder/painter, costuming.

The curtain has fallen, the set is struck, and the stage is swept. Bradley Campbell's thoughtprovoking drama has wrapped up to positive reviews and healthy attendance. A big thanks to Bradley, cast and crew for another excellent production.

An Inspector Galls

The Mad Ones

The Mad Ones rehearsals are well underway and the cast has moved into the theater. Machaela's gifted cast includes: Elena Maddy as Samantha Brown, Shelby Deboard-Ulrich as Kelly Manning, Eric McCaleb as Adam and Hannah Metzger as Beverly Brown. Crew members are: Amber Amoureux-Stage Manager, Sam Murphy-Intimacy Director, Moira Rogers-Costumes, and Caitlin Fiedler, Hailey Rogers, Bella Sorenson and Devon Holst helping backstage.

Machaela says, "I'm REALLY happy to be working with such talented, hardworking individuals. It's a beautiful, albeit heartbreaking show, and being able to tell this story with vulnerable honesty has been a joy."

April 7 -22, 2023

The Play that goes Wrong

Prepare to laugh! Auditions have been held and the players have been chosen for *The Play that Goes Wrong*, winner of London's Olivier Award for Best New Comedy of 2015. Director Curtis Ransom introduces the following:

Annie-Carlyn Jones Trevor-Greg Sico Chris-Tim Pakutka Jonathan– Mikey Mattice

Robert-Matthew Melton

May 19 – June 10, 2023

Dennis-Chance Fuerstinger Max– Jon Lyons

Sandra-Jordan Gray

FINAL PRODUCTION OF SEASON 75

DISNEY'S FROZEN JUNIOR

Frozen JR. is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

July 14-22, 2023

Announcing our Board Nominees!

At our last General Business Meeting we had our Nominating Committee present six names and one nomination from the floor to be considered for a two year term on our Board of Directors. The Board consists of six people and they are the decision makers for budgeting, procedure, show selection, and overall direction of Boise Little Theater.

You must be a working member to vote!

On Monday, March 20, 2023 7:00 PM you can cast your vote if you are a Voting Member of Boise Little Theater. You can vote in person or you can vote in absentee. Absentee ballots are on the next page. They can also be requested from boxoffice@boiselittletheater.org.

Nominees (in alphabetical order)

Paul Archibeque Kim Carter-Cram Sarah Church-Carroll JeNeale Hill Diana Holdridge Christina Ivey Annie McKinney

MEMBERS' CORNER

BENEFITS OF A WORKING MEMBERSHIP A vote in board elections and bylaw changes Hold elective or appointed offices Membership in committees to foster the theater's development Subscription to the Green Room Gazette Play in TheaterLand-Act, crew, usher (Twice qualifies for *working* member) Supporting memberships available for those who are unable to make the twice/season commitment. COST: \$10/Individual Working Membership \$20/Family Working Membership

\$75/Lifetime

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Come to the March meeting! VOTE! NEXT MEETING: APRIL 17 (TAX DAY!)



ABSENTEE BALLOT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION MARCH 20, 2023

- Ballots must be received by the Box Office <u>BEFORE</u> the March meeting
- Write your name on the outside of the sealed envelope containing your ballot
- By-Laws state: ". Voting members sixteen (16) years of age and older are entitled to vote in person or by signed absentee ballot."

Vote For One, Two, or Three People

- O Paul Archibeque O Kim Carter-Cram
- Sarah Church-Carroll JeNeale Hill
- O Diana Holdridge O Christina Ivey

O Annie McKinney

These are some of the expectations of board members currently:

- Actively participate in monthly meetings but more often if warranted. In addition to these, the board often (especially since COVID) communicates via email to try to get business done between meetings.
- Serve on committees to accomplish projects for the theater. Committees could be a mix of board members and/ or working members. Examples:
- Fundraising committee solicit donations from community members and identify alternate sources of revenue (beyond ticket sales)
- Bylaws Review committee review and suggest revisions to bylaws
- Be an ambassador for BLT in your daily life by actively representing the theater positively in the community and promoting our shows.
- Participate in the production of our season in some capacity.
- Assist with special events and fundraisers for the theater.
- Appoint the President of BLT.
- Leverage your network for the theater when needed. *EX: If BLT is getting bids for carpeting and you know some*one in the field, ask your connection to bid out the job (and maybe ask for a discount for nonprofits).
- Approve the budget and expenditures.
- Contribute to the financial health of the organization. This might be by donating your personal funds, including BLT in your estate planning, asking your company for matching funds for grants and donations, or asking friends, colleagues, and even strangers to donate to Idaho's longest-running volunteer-oriented community theater!





OUR 75TH SEASON!! "Something Old, Something New...An Exciting Season is Planned for You!"

Twelfth Night-By William Shakespeare; playing September 2-17, 2022 Directed By Diana Holdridge Arsenic & Old Lace-By Joseph Kesselring playing; October 14-29, 2022 Directed by Frank White White Christmas— Music & Lyrics by Irving Berlin; Book by David Ives & Paul Blake; playing Nov. 25—Dec. 17, Directed by Wendy Koeppl The UnXmas Story - By Jeff Goode playing Late Night Performances Nov. 25 - Dec. 17 at 11:00 PM Directed by Shannon Peterson (NOTE: One Act Comedy; adult content & language. Not included in Season Tickets) The Gods of Comedy-By Ken Ludwig; playing January 13-28, 2023 Directed by Jonathan Perry An Inspector Calls-By J.B. Priestly; playing February 24- March 11, 2023 Directed by Bradley Campbell The Mad Ones-by Bree Lowdermilk & Kait Kerrigan; playing April 7-23, 2023 Directed by Michaela Burt The Play that Goes Wrong- By Henry Lewis, Henry Shields, and Jonathan Sayer; Playing May 26—June 11, 2023 Directed by Curtis Ransom