

SEASON 75!

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Book by Jennifer Lee

Director – Maren McCaleb, in conjunction with Boise Parks and Recreation Department
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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All!

Happy Summer! Season 75 is winding down and one of the things we've seen is how much talent has developed in this community. I am flabbergasted as to what we have in our valley. Old and young, alike, the creative juices are flowing! Each audition, meeting, or performance has a whole new makeup of people who want to participate. I am energized and excited for what our next season holds in store.

But can we take a second to talk about these last couple of shows? The Play That Goes Wrong, directed by Curtis Ransom, far exceeded how a show normally does in the May slot. And what a show! It was well cast, directed, and executed. Congratulations to all involved! And it seems like The Play That Goes Wrong just threw down a gauntlet, a frozen gauntlet, I might add. Disney's Frozen Jr, directed by Maren McCaleb, in conjunction with Boise Parks and Rec, has blown the tickets sales away. And it is a wonderfully done production! Beautiful voices, choreography, and acting bring this show to life. Wonderful, wonderful job!

Summertime also means that the next season is on its way! Ken Ludwig's Sherwood, directed by Curtis Ransom, is already in rehearsals and shaping up to be a classic comedy, complete with dashing heroes and blushing maids. Get your tickets now!

Make sure you mark your calendars for October 7. We will be having our Roaring 20's themes night of dining, dance, music, and fundraising. It will be at The River Club, formerly Plantation Golf Course. So, make sure to bring your appetite and your dancing shoes!

If I haven't said so, lately, I'm sorry. I appreciate each person that has dedicated their time, talent, and treasure to our theater. This thing we do could not be done without all of you. Thank you, thank you, thank you. See you soon!

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AUDITIONS

Want to play in Theater Land! Here is your opportunity to unleash the thespian within. Auditions for upcoming plays commence NOW:

Agatha Christie's *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* (a Hercule Poirot mystery), directed by Frank White.

Be prepared to do a cold reading.

August 19-20, Boise Little Theater Green Room, 12pm

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The classic Dickens story, adapted and directed by Aubrielle Holly

September 23rd –24th, Boise Little Theater Green Room, Times TBA

NEW COVID GUIDELINES

The Board has modified the Theater's Covid Policy to coincide with that of the City of Boise regarding new hires. Henceforth, volunteers in any production will not be required to be vaccinated, though everyone who is medically eligible is still strongly encouraged to be so. The Board will continue to monitor the Covid situation in our area and respond accordingly. Recommendations regarding masking and isolation if one is ill are strongly encouraged in order to maintain the health and well-being of all our volunteers. The last thing we want to do is have to shut down a show.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We ALWAYS need volunteers—that's what makes our organization run, and we have had a great success for the last 75—going on 76—years. This season is no different. There are SO many ways to become involved in one of the longest-lived community theaters west of the Mississippi.

USHERING: A great way to see a show, support the theater, and meet the theater family. An usher's meeting will be held Monday, August 14, 6:30-8:30pm at Idaho Pizza Company, on Overland and Orchard. If interested, please contact Sarah Church Carroll at sarahchurchcarroll@gmail.com

PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE: With term limits, this will be Darin's last year as President. To insure a smooth transition to the next administration, we are now searching for our future president. If you would like to be a part of the team conducting the search (or be considered for the position of President), please contact one of your board members. **MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED BOTH TO BE ON A COMMITTEE AND BE CONSIDERED FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.**

GALA: A committee has been formed. If you like to plan parties, are great at soliciting donations, enjoy decorating, or just helping out in general, please contact Patti Finley. The party will have 1920's theme.

And of course, with a new season just around the corner, we are seeking volunteers for all the regular performance -support activities—Back Stage Crew, Refreshments, and Ushering, or rehearsal activities like set building/painting, helping with props or costumes, and the committees: Fundraising, Asset Management, Community Outreach, Volunteer Coordination, and Script Committee.

The Play that goes **Wrong**

For *The Play that Goes Wrong*, everything went right. Audiences howled with laughter from the opening scene to the closing line. Curtis Ransom and his excellent cast did an outstanding job with a technically complex set that was a star in its own right. If you missed out on this production, you missed out on a huge dose to your overall health—laughter.

FINAL PRODUCTION OF SEASON 75

DISNEY'S FROZEN JUNIOR

Maren McCaleb and her cast of talented youngsters have been working hard over the last few weeks to bring Frozen JR. to life. Based on the 2018 Broadway musical, the story of Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle continues. 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. Remember that the summer show has an abbreviated run, and is sure to be popular. An extra performance has been added on July 15, but tickets are selling SO fast. Get yours before it's too late!

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Sherwood-The Adventures of Robin Hood

Curtis Ransom, having directed the final play of the regular season 75, is starting us off directing the opening play of regular Season 76 with *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood*, a story about fighting for what your conscience requires.

The story begins with a young man who believes in nothing but a good time, who then comes face to face with the kind of greed and inhumanity that won't let him sleep at night. Suddenly he's an outlaw hiding in Sherwood Forest where he joins up with a band of followers including Little John, Friar Tuck, and a feisty adventuress, Maid Marian Fitzwalter, who steals his heart and won't give it back. A story for all time, the light-hearted comedy reveals a message more profound

This classic story of courage is based on the English ballads of the 14th and 15th centuries and is filled, like its hero, with thrills, romance and a deep belief in social justice.

Cast members are: Justin Marshal Elias as Robin; Camilla Shell Boylan as Marian; David Falcone as Friar Tuck; Alexander Sproule-Fendel as Little John; Cat Miller as Deorwynn; Michael Mattice as Sir Guy of Gisbourne; John Lyons as Sheriff of Nottingham; Chance Fuerstinger as Prince John; Jodi M.W. Falcone as Ensemble.

September 1-16, 2023



BLACK BOX THEATER NOW OPEN

Boise Little Theater is proud to announce our Black Box Theater is now available!

52 Seat Theatre Space with Lobby and Guest Parking

Over the last few months, due primarily to the dedicated Paul Archibeque, we have transformed the old rehearsal hall into a swanky Black Box space. Perfect for small events, readings, or shows; the space comes with all the benefits of using the theater in a more intimate space! It is available to other groups and

individuals who wish to perform in a smaller setting. Fully functional with stage, lights and sound.

So far, our first scheduled performance is *Christmas II, It's a Wonderful Nativity*, but wouldn't you or your group like the honor of breaking it in first?

Use the link below, or visit our website to learn more!

[www.boise littletheater.org/blt-black-box-theater](http://www.boiselittletheater.org/blt-black-box-theater)



JIM BRANSON AWARDS PICNIC

JULY 17, 6PM, JULIA DAVIS BANDSHELL PAVILION

Please let us know if you are going to be attending and eating at the BLT Picnic. We will be having entertainment as well as the presentation of the Season 75 Beulah Awards. The theater will provide the traditional burgers and brats, plus hot dogs for the kids as well as sodas and waters. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and if you have a particular beverage you prefer, bring that, too. The theater does have an alcohol permit, so if you prefer adult beverages, you're covered, but please avoid glass containers, per park policy.

Please tell us how many in your family/party will be attending, so we don't run out of food.

To RSVP, please use [BTT Annual Awards Picnic RSVP \(office.com\)](http://BTT Annual Awards Picnic RSVP (office.com))



SPEAKING OF AWARDS.....

The Board has been considering the idea of retooling the criteria for the awards given at the end of each season. Membership input is desired. Some local theaters have never given awards, others have recently discontinued awards. What are your thoughts on the Beulah Awards? How would you like to see the contributions of our many talented artists recognized? How can we make the Beulah Awards a way to recognize, appreciate, and uplift our many community members who give so much of their time and talents to make our productions the quality experiences that they are?

Your thoughts are welcome. Watch for a survey on this topic, or share your views with any of your board members.

Passing of Earl Benedict

With great sadness, we learned recently of the passing of Earl Benedict on June 26, 2023. Earl and his wife, Diane, were very active members of the theater for decades before old age and illness curtailed their activities. Those who knew Earl will remember his sense of humor, propensity for a good visit, reported knowledge of the best fishing holes around, and his Veterans ballcap.

Earl and Diane were married on August 30, 1954, and have four children, Debra, Robyn, Forrest and Georgette, 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Diane often performed in plays, and Earl was always helpful backstage and served on several committees and otherwise supported the theater.

Services were held July 10 at the LDS Chapel and interment was at the Veterans Cemetery. Link to obituary: [Tribute for Earl Forrest Benedict | Relyea Funeral Chapel](#)

Good-bye Earl. Thanks for all your support.



OUR 76TH SEASON!!

“Lots of shows that will entertain you, make you think, laugh, cry, try to be better, despair, and love.”

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**JIM BRANSON AWARDS PICNIC, MONDAY, JULY 17, 6 PM, JULIA DAVIS PARK PAVILION
(BETWEEN THE POND AND THE TENNIS COURTS, LEFT OF THIRD STREET ENTRANCE)**