

The Fresnel



BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS, INC.

APRIL 2013

From the President And the Board

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of our season. It wasn't that long ago that I was telling you how great "Enchanted April" was going to be, and now I am saying the same thing about our last show of this season, "Moon Over Buffalo." More on this later in this newsletter. Looking ahead, our annual Swampy Banquet is coming up in May, and there is more on this in this newsletter. Also, our annual membership drive will commence right after our last show closes, so read this edition of the Fresnel and look for more on this in the days ahead. We are also looking for a few good members to become part of our Board of Directors, so if you are interested or have someone in mind, this edition of the Fresnel has information on this.

On a personal note, this is my last note to you as your President. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the best community theater in Ohio, and it is because of you members that I can say that with confidence and pride.

Yours in support of quality community theater,

Leroy Morgan, President, and the 2012/2013 Board of Directors



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****Notice from the BSP Board****

Open Nominations for Black Swamp Players Officers 2013-14 and Three Board Members 2013-2015

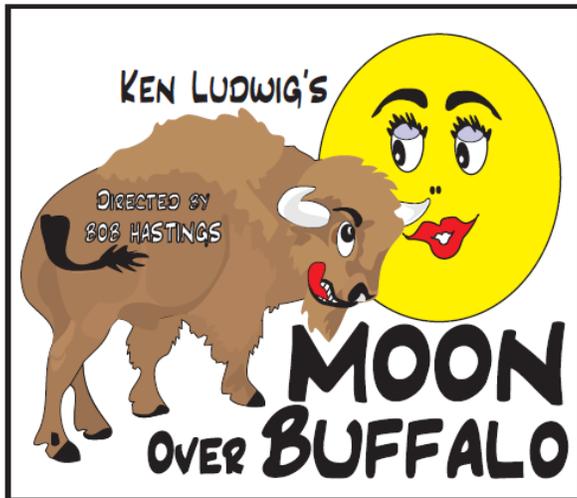
Here is a GREAT way to be more involved with BSP!

The nominating committee will accept nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all one year terms beginning June 1, 2013 and continuing through May 31, 2014. We will also accept nominations for the three governing board members, all of which are two year terms beginning June 1, 2013 and continuing through May 31, 2015.

It doesn't take much to be qualified to serve on the Board...all you have to be is a current dues paying member of Black Swamp Players! So if you desire to nominate a member for any of these positions, or would like to place your own name in contention, please contact us at bsplayer@wcnet.org.

BSP's Very Funny *Moon Over Buffalo* is Next Up!

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You may not have REALLY experienced “belly laughing” comedy theatre until you have witnessed **Deb Shaffer** and **Kent McClary** duking it out as theatrical husband and wife in Ken Ludwig’s 1995 Broadway hit, *Moon Over Buffalo*. *Buffalo* was a Broadway star maker for funny girl Carol Burnett in 1995, and it is certainly going to enhance Deb and Kent’s acting résumés as well. Of course, with the marquee also sporting such trusted BSP names as **Anne Clark**, **Becky Hansen**, **Leroy Morgan**, and **Emily Waters**, together with relatively

new BSPers **Ben Forman** and **Zach Robb**, our two stars can only shine brighter.

Bob suggests that we will see a very funny side of Deb Shaffer when we witness her Charlotte Hay portrayal in *Buffalo*. Deb’s Charlotte is a wincing, would-be-starlet, whose best performances are, alas, several years behind her. Kent, as Charlotte’s stumbling, bumbling actor husband, George Hay, is a has-been *has-been*, which is to say he probably never was! As a couple, they are a comic treasure.

The Plot: In a weak moment, sometime before our play begins, George (**Kent**) has apparently had a one night affair with Eileen (**Emily Waters**) that has had “blossoming” results. While Charlotte’s finding out this fact produces a comic explosion, it is actually only a sub-sub-plot. The real excitement is the supposed arrival of super playwright/director, Frank Capra, to audition George for Ronald Coleman’s role in a Broadway play. Coleman has fallen and broken both his legs. Roz (**Anne Clark**), the Hay’s daughter, has invited her new boyfriend to come to the evening show and meet her parents. The boyfriend, Howard (**Zach Robb**), arrives and is mistaken to be Frank Capra, but is, in reality, a TV Weatherman. Roz’s old boyfriend, Paul (**Ben Forman**) is still in the cast and is resentful when she arrives with a new beau. The Hay’s rich attorney, Richard (**Leroy Morgan**), is secretly in love with Charlotte and wanting to take her away from her second rate theatrical existence. Complicating all of this is Charlotte’s mother, Ethel (**Becky Hansen**) who is hard of hearing and at the center of much of the hilarity.

Director Bob Hastings has felt the need to rate the somewhat risqué mayhem in Ludwig’s laughter, PG for Parental Guidance recommended, despite Pastor Tom Mellott, of our religious theatrical home, saying the plot of *Buffalo* "...is just *life* as it too often *is* in reality." Since the comedy is being presented in the Methodist Church, Bob thought we should give play goers an opportunity to nix youngster’s attendance if they so desire.

Moon Over Buffalo has delighted audiences the world over and even was given in our old Mall digs more than 15 years ago. We know you’ll enjoy this opportunity to laugh away a few cares.

April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, tickets on sale at Grounds For Thought, \$12 Adults and \$10 Seniors and Students.



Black Swamp Players' 2013/2014 Season*



The Black Bonspiel of Wullie Mac Trimmer by W.O. Mitchell

Directed by Dennis East

September 13-15, 20-22, 2013

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

by Barbara Robinson

Directed by Guy and Janet Zimmerman

December 12-14, 2013

My Fair Lady

by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe

Directed by Kevin Cagle

February 14-16, 20-23, 2014

The Fox on the Fairway

by Ken Ludwig

Directed by Bob Hastings

March 28-30, April 4-6, 2014

*Pending licensing rights

We have a great list of shows for you next season, so don't forget to sign-up for next year! 2013-2014 BSP membership letters will be mailed or sent via electronically soon after the last show of *Moon Over Buffalo!*



The 2013 BSP Swampy Banquet and general membership meeting will be held on **May 15th, Wednesday**, at the **Bowling Green Country Club** in [Bowling Green, Ohio](#).

The doors will open at 5:30pm for a social hour and cash bar (soda and alcohol). Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. This year dinner is \$20, which includes a buffet with a choice of beef and a choice of chicken. The meal also includes a salad, potato, vegetable, dessert, and beverage (coffee, tea, ice tea). Vegetarian and vegan meals are available upon prior notice. If you are interested in a vegetarian or vegan meal, please call (419) 575-4201. Thereafter, BSP awards and election of officers will begin at 7:30pm.

Keep a look out for your invitation, which will be in the mail shortly! RSVPs are due May 4th.



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**BSP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
FOR 2012-2013 SEASON**

OFFICERS:

**President - Leroy Morgan
VP - Guy Zimmerman
Treasurer - Becky Hansen
Secretary - Jason Wells-Jensen**

BSP Board Members:

**Bob Marzola Tom Milbrodt
Willard Misfeldt Dennis East
Mark Pike Melissa Kidder**

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Check us out on the web and on Facebook!

TICKET INFORMATION

Plays - \$12 adult, \$10 for Students and Seniors
The Musical - \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Students and Seniors

GREAT GROUP DEALS FOR BSP PRODUCTIONS!

- A) Discount ticket prices for 10 or more attending all together
 - B) Buy the House!!! BSP will Sell the House for an extra show for your group (excepting the musical)
- *Email BSP or contact Leroy to take advantage of the deals*



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