

The FRESNEL



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From the President

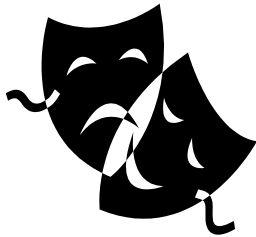
Hello! First, let me introduce myself. I'm Leroy Morgan, and I'm the new President of the BSP Board for this season. I would like to welcome you to that season, which promises to be an excellent one. Our first show, a stage adaptation of the classic Jane Eyre, done in collaboration with Horizon Youth Theatre, is already in production under the direction of Kevin Cagle. The Psychic, our second production, under the direction of Hephzibah "Nicky" Dutt, is in October, again at the historic Pemberville Opera House. Please watch the Fresnel, our website, and other media outlets for future announcements concerning these and the rest of our 2011-2012 season.

From last season, our OCTA selection, Lend Me a Tenor, acquitted itself very well. It won 4 regional awards and was very well received, and we congratulate all concerned for doing BSP proud.

As mentioned, our continued affiliation with Horizon Youth Theatre continues to grow, as evidenced by our first show this season. We look forward to strengthening our affiliation to the benefit of both organizations and theater-loving patrons within our area.

It goes without saying that our members are the strong foundation of BSP. You should be receiving your notice to renew your membership in BSP so we can continue to provide the award-winning community theater productions you have come to expect from us. We THANK YOU for your past and future support, and highly encourage you to help us spread the word about BSP and HYT and the quality work we do.

Yours in support of quality community theater,
Leroy Morgan



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ATTENTION BSP MEMBERS

Seen any good plays lately? Help the BSP board create our future season!

The BSP board is currently reviewing ideas for the 2012-13 season and we'd love to hear your suggestions. If you have a play that you'd like to see produced by BSP, please send your suggestion to bsplayer@wcnnet.org. Please tell us a little about the play and why you think it would be a good choice for BSP. You can also send suggestions to: Black Swamp Players, PO Box 601, Bowling Green OH 43402. The deadline for submissions is **October 1, 2011**.



Charlotte Brontë's
Jane Eyre

Adapted by Thomas Hischak
Directed by Kevin Cagle

Hello everyone! I am excited to be a part of BSP's first show of the season: Jane Eyre, the Charlotte Brontë's timeless coming-of-age story of one of literature's most independent and strong-willed women. Recognized as a masterpiece when it was first published in 1847, Jane Eyre remains a startling modern blend of passion, romance, and suspense. This will be my first time directing a BSP production and I cannot think of a better show to start off with than one of my personal favorite stories of all-time.

The play is narrated by an adult Jane Eyre, who is looking back at her unhappy childhood and the adventures that followed. As a young orphan, Jane was sent to live with her uncle, who died soon after her arrival. As a result, Jane is left in the care of her cruel aunt, who eventually sends her to Lowood School to become a governess. Though the conditions at the school are very poor, Jane makes friends there and finishes her education. Wishing to see more of the world, Jane eventually sets out and comes a governess to the young Adele at a house called Thornfield. While at Thornfield, Jane falls in love with the master of the house, Edward Rochester. Edward is enigmatic and passionate; however, he is haunted by secrets of the past that will threaten their love and happiness.

With the recent success of Anne of Green Gables, for this production BSP and HYT have decided to once again join forces. I was both thrilled and humbled with the turn out for auditions! Because we have so many talented young kids, we wanted to utilize as many of them as possible, so we decided to split three of the roles. One set of actresses will perform the first weekend and the second set will perform the second weekend.

Being a member of BSP, I want to again thank you for your continued support of BSP and HYT. We have such a talented cast and we're looking forward to seeing you in the audience!

Jane Eyre: Maggie Long

Young Jane: Scarlet Frishman

Jane: Katelyn Huffman

Helen Burns: Skylar Frishman

Miss Miller: Hailey Clifford

Lowood School Girls: Carrisa Zirbel, Marissa Shook, Sophia Hachtel, Maddie Shook, Tori Pasquarette

Georgianna: Hannah Morey/Lily Krueger

Eliza: Mackenzie Fleshman/Madeline Peek

Adele: Emma West/Megan Carmen

Edward Rochester: Eric Hayes

Leah: Alyssa Pike

Maria Rivers: Sara Avery

Mary Ingram: Megan Kerr

Diana Rivers: Cara Brosious

Blanche Ingram: Grace Easterly

Bessie/Bertha Rochester: Allie Needles

Mrs. Reed/Grace Poole: Erin Hachtel

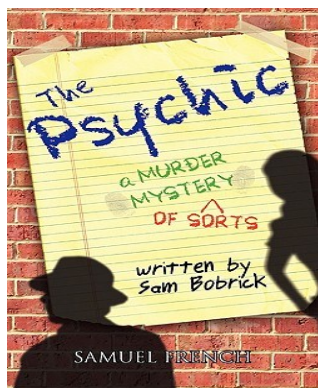
Miss Temple/Lady Ingram: Kate Frishman

Mr. Brocklehurst/Richard Mason: Stephen Becker

St. John: Anderson Lee

Mrs. Fairfax: Melissa Kidder





THE PSYCHIC

Written by Sam Bobrick

Comedy, romance and mystery vie together in Sam Bobrick's *The Psychic*. In a desperate attempt to make rent, down and out mystery-writer, Adam hangs up a sign offering psychic readings. In spite of his admission that he is not really a psychic, Adam continuously blurts out predictions which not only surprise himself, but bring a string of bizarre and possibly dangerous characters to his doorstep. There's Laura, his first client whose cheating husband, Roy *might* be trying to kill her, and Rita, Roy's mistress who has a secret or two of her own. Throw in a detective with a taste for the finer things in life and a gangster (who is also a lover), all bursting in on Adam while he tries to write his novel, and you have the makings of a quirky murder mystery (of sorts).

Adam derives inspiration for his novel from the strange events which follow his psychic attempts and literally writes them down as they happen. However, for the sake of his story and in real life, the murderer must be found and that's when the line between fact and fiction begins to get a little blurry.

Roles:

- Adam Webster - a mystery writer in his late 20's early 30's
- Laura Benson - an attractive/intelligent woman late 20's early 30's
- Roy Benson - Laura's husband in his mid 30s
- Rita Malone - Roy's sexy girlfriend in her 20s
- Johnny Bubbles - A gangster type in his late 30s
- Norris Coslow - An NYPD Detective in his 30's-40's

Audition dates: Sunday, August 28, 2-4pm; Monday, August 29, 7-9pm

Audition location: Bowling Green Covenant Church, 1165 Haskins Rd, Bowling Green, OH

Performance dates: October 27, 28, 29 at 8pm, October 30 at 2pm

Performance location: Pembroville Opera House

Horizon Youth Theatre

Peter Pan

The everlasting classic account of two boys and a girl who follow Peter Pan and the invisible fairy, Tinker Bell, into Never Land, where children never grow old and where Captain Hook and his pirates are outwitted.

20-22 roles

Audition dates: Monday & Tuesday, August 29-30, 4-6 p.m.

Callback date: Thursday, September 1, 4-6 p.m.

****Please plan to attend the entire audition/callback time****

Show dates: Friday & Saturday, October 14-15, 7p.m. Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m.

Directed by
Katie Grilliot

Auditions and performances at First United Methodist Church, 1526 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green. Room number will be posted at the main entrance for auditions/callbacks.

Tickets will be available at Grounds for Thought October 1st

*****A signed liability waiver will be required in order to audition. Students must either be accompanied to auditions by a parent or a signed liability waiver must be presented in order to audition. (Waivers will be available for download soon.)*****



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TICKET INFORMATION

Plays - \$10 adult, \$8 for Students and Seniors
The Musical - \$12 for Adults, \$10 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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FOR 2011-2012 SEASON**

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Bob Marzola	Tod Butler
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Mark Pike	Melissa Kidder

OCTA AWARDS

This year BSP took Lend Me A Tenor to the Regional OCTA competition and received the following individual awards:

Lane Hakel, Excellence in Acting
Zach Lahey, Excellence in Acting
Bob Marzola, Excellence in Acting

The show also received a Merit award in Stage Set-up and Tear Down to the crew for their work in setting up the set at regionals.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of LMAT for doing such an outstanding job representing BSP!



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