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BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS, INC.

September 2015

From the President

Welcome to the beginning of our 2015-2016 season!

I'm thrilled to be the new President for BSP because we certainly have a wonderful season for you this year.

Starting off our season is the witty "The Black Bonspiel of Wullie MacCrimmon," directed by Dennis East. Just imagine the sport of curling on stage and a deal with the devil. Please be sure to note that the weekends for this show are a little different this year with productions being held on Sept 18-20 and then on October 2-4.

In November, we will be presenting a bill of hilarious One Acts about dating and couples, including "Check, Please," "Sure Thing," and "I'm Herbert." However, instead of our usual venue, we are excited to be hosting these one act productions at three local establishments in Bowling Green: the Cla-zel Theatre (Friday, Nov. 13); the Veteran's Hall at the park (Saturday, Nov. 14), and Simpson Garden Meeting Room (Sunday, Nov. 15). We want to get BSP out into the community, so we can raise awareness and funds for our new scholarship program, the Kirk Wray Memorial Scholarship, which we will award to a graduating senior/BSP participant at the end of the year. We also want to create a more intimate and entertaining evening for you by having wine and appetizers for the evening productions, and coffee and dessert for the matinee. Look for more information in this newsletter for ways you can get involved to help our fundraising endeavors!

Of course our season would not be complete without our February musical. This year we are excited to have Keith Guion directing the ever popular and nostalgic, "Seussical." And last but not least, we will end our season with the hilarious, "Getting Sara Married," directed by Willard Misfeldt.

I have been so blessed to have grown-up in such a wonderful organization, surrounded by loyal members like yourself who share a passion for community theatre. I hope that you will join and continue to support us for what will be another fantastic year of theatre!

All the best,

Melissa Kidder
President



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UP NEXT!

The Black Bonspiel of Wullie MacCrimmon

Sept. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., Sept. 20 at 2 p.m.,
Oct. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.



From the Director:

All I can say is, "It's a helluva play." I am talking about "The Black Bonspiel of Wullie MacCrimmon, BSP's first show of the 2015-16 season."

Set in the small town of Wildrose, Alberta, Canada, in the 1930s, "Bonspiel" is a Faustian tall tale by one of Canada's best known playwrights, W. O. Mitchell. The play started as a short story in 1947 and over the years Mitchell adapted it for radio, television, stage, and a novella. As a play it was first produced in 1966 by the Lakeland College School. The first two professional stage productions were staged in 1977 and 1979.

Kathy and I first saw this show in 1994 at the Blythe (Ontario) Theatre Festival, which only features Canadian plays. We've come to love many of the Canadian plays at Blythe but "Bonspiel" is clearly our favorite.

It's a rather simple story: the Devil (Wayne Weber) comes to Wullie's (Lane Hake) shoe and harness shop to get his curling boots repaired. They talk curling and when Wullie expresses a desire to win a curling match in the Canadian brier championship, the Devil (Wayne Weber) proposes a bargain and after some wrangling Wullie agrees to curl a match against the Devil: if Wullie wins, he gets to curl in the national brier and does not lose his soul. If Wullie loses, he has to curl third on the devil's team in hell. You see, the Devil thinks he can win the celestial brier match against God with Wullie curling on his team.

Wullie's team of a pipe fitter- Pipe Charlie Brown (Nate Miller); a blacksmith - Malleable Charlies Brown (Chris Stafford); and Clock Charli Brown, (Hali Malecki) a jeweler, face off against the Devil's team of Macbeth (Joshua Cloyd), Judas Iscariot (Andrew Varney), and Lizzie Borden (Emily Waters). With the playwright's permission, we substituted Lizzie Borden for Guy Fawkes. Plus, I wanted to get more females in the cast.

During the play, Wullie also has to contend with Annie Brown (Peggy Keyes), the wife of Malleable Brown and a crusading, nosey, busy body who seems opposed to almost everything, especially curling on the Sabbath. And Wullie, a "continuing Presbyterian," engages in verbal battles with the Reverend Pringle (Leroy Morgan), who is raising money for his new "united" church, and theological debates about the existence of a devil and an actual burning, crackling hell.

The biggest challenge in staging this play is the curling in act two. The actors seem confident that we can execute the curling match. They really don't want to mime the curling and are making a big effort to curl —albeit not always perfectly . . . We extend our thanks to the BG Curling Club for production and marketing assistance. It's a funny, quirky show, and the cast is first rate. Join us!

Dennis East
Director





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2015-2016 SEASON

SHOWS AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1526 E. WOOSTER ST., BOWLING GREEN, OH



THE BLACK BONSPIEL OF WULLIE MACCRIMMON

September 18,19, Oct 2, 3 @ 8 p.m.

September 20, Oct 4 @ 2 p.m.

Directed by Dennis East

THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS

A fundraiser for the Black Swamp Players Scholarship

November 13, 14 at 8 p.m. and November 15 at 2 p.m.

Directed by Lane Hakel, Deb Weiser and Guy Zimmerman

SeussicalTM

The Musical

February 19, 20, 26, 27 @ 8 p.m.,

21, 28 @ 2 p.m.

Directed by Keith Guion

GETTING sarah married

April 15, 16, 22, 23 @ 8p.m.; April 24 @ 2p.m.

Directed by Willard Misfeldt

MORE INFO AT BlackSwampPlayers.org

BLACK SWAMP ARTS FESTIVAL – DEBUT of THEATRE & DANCE

Saturday, September 12, 12:00pm to 4:30pm

Theatre and Dance performances will be presented in the Atrium of the Wood County Library.

12:00pm-1:00pm—BSP—A sneak preview of the Black Bonspiel followed by a half hour 1940's Radio Comedy Show.

1:15-2:15pm Horizon Youth Theatre will give a preview of their fall show, The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet

2:30-3:00pm—BSP again with a Black Bonspiel Preview

3:15-4:30pm –a Kaleidoscope of Dance from Julie's Dance Studio

Sunday, September 13, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

1:15 -2:15pm-- a Kaleidoscope of Dance from Julie's Dance Studio

2:20-2:245pm—The Bowling Green Middle School Acting Class



NOVEMBER ONE ACTS—NOV. 13, 14, 15

A fun, NEW Theatrical event for the BSP Scholarship Fund.
Friday and Saturday nights—Wine & Appetizers
Sunday Dessert & coffee

Friday, November 13—CLAZEL ~7:30- 9:30pm

Tickets TBA and will include 1 drink ticket and appetizers
Cash Bar and 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sale also available

Saturday, November 14—Veteran's Building, City Park ~7:30-9:30pm

Tickets TBA and will include 1 drink ticket and appetizers from Café Havana
Cash Bar and 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sale also available

Sunday, November 15—Simpson Building MEETING ROOM—2:00-4:00pm

Tickets TBA and include dessert and coffee
Dessert Cash Bar available

Proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle and Sunday dessert go to the Kirk Wray Memorial Scholarship for a deserving BSP graduating high school senior.

Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you there!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The focus of our One Acts in November is all about raising awareness and funds for our scholarship program, the Kirk Wray Memorial Scholarship, we are seeking help from you - our loyal members. We would love to sell bake goods at our Sunday matinee performance as a way to increase our scholarship dollars for a deserving BSP graduating high school senior.

If you are interested in donating your time and baking talents to this worthy cause, please contact Deb Shaffer at 419-575-2259.

Every dollar raised from your bake goods will help support a young BSP thespian who is graduating senior.

Horizon Youth Theatre Update

Horizon Youth Theatre participated in the OCTAFest Jr. competition. There were seven youth theatre groups and their excerpt from "Charlotte's Web" was chosen as alternate to go to the State OCTA conference! Only 2 groups were invited. The following awards were also presented to HYT:

Steve Colon - Merit in Set Design
 HYT - Merit in Ensemble
 Mason Mitov - Merit in Acting as Little Lamb
 Thomas Long - Merit in Acting as Templeton
 Hope Elling - Excellence in Acting as Charlotte
 Bob Walters - Excellence in Acting as Wilbur

"Seussification of Romeo and Juliet"

Thursday, October 1st at 7pm, Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 2pm and 7pm at Otsego High School. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door, at Grounds for Thought or online at horizonyouththeatre.org

Do you know a 6-12 year-old child who would enjoy the chance to try acting? We have added a production to our season. HYT will present the one-act play "Little Red Robin Hood" on Thursday, Nov. 5th, Fri. 6th and Sat. 7th at 7pm at Otsego High School. Auditions will be held Sunday, Sept. 13th from 3-5 at the Woodland Mall and Monday, September 14th from 6-8 at Otsego Elementary.

For details about what to prepare and what to expect, please visit our website horizonyouththeatre.org where you can also sign up to be on the email list for reminders.



horizon youth theatre

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FOR 2015-2016 SEASON**

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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 Deb to take advantage of the deals*



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