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From the President

BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS, INC.

April 2016

Greetings Community Theatre Lovers!

Happy Spring! Thank you to everyone who came out to support our February musical, *Seussical*! Once again, our collaboration with HYT was a success and together we produced a wonderful, entertaining production for our community. Keith Guion and his cast and crew did an awesome job and we cannot thank them enough for volunteering their time and talents to bring such iconic characters to life for our audiences.

Not only were we thrilled with the marvelous production, but we were excited about the success of our online ticketing system. All-in-all, we sold over 1,000 dollars in tickets using our online system! We are certainly on our way to reaching our goal in expanding BSP's impact and we definitely could not have done it without your support and patience during this transition phase.

We are now wrapping up our season with our last production, "Getting Sara Married." There is more information about the show in this newsletter, but I did want to highlight a correction to the dates on the postcards you might have recently received. The Sunday performances were accidentally excluded from the promotional materials, but we **will be** having performances on **Sunday, April 17th at 2pm and Sunday, April 24th at 2pm**. So please note that change on your postcards and know that we will certainly be having performances of the show on Sundays.

A few last comments. First, our nominating committee is out searching for potential new Board members. If you are interested in working with fellow community theatre lovers like yourself, we'd love to have you! Just send an email to president@blackswampplayers.org to let us know. Also, our Swampy Banquet is coming up soon. Be sure to check out our website and Facebook page for more details, which will be posted in the next few weeks. Finally, we are in the process of soliciting applications for our scholarship program. So please pass along the information to anyone you think may be qualified for the award.

As always, thank you for your continued support! We hope to see you at one of the performances!

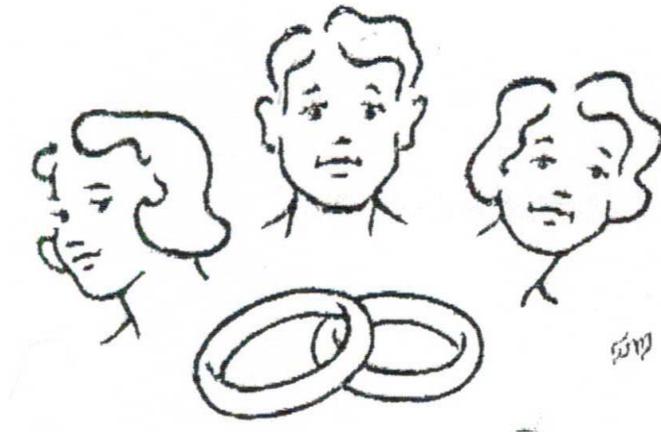
All the best,
Melissa Kidder
BSP President, 2015-2016



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BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS PRESENTS



Getting Sara Married

Written by Sam Bobrick
Directed by Willard Misfeldt

Getting Sara Married is a hilarious comedy written by Sam Bobrick and directed by Willard Misfeldt. The plot revolves around young attorney Sara Hastings (**Caris Cloyd**) who is too busy to think about getting married. Her crazy Aunt Martha (**Fran Weith**) is working overtime on the problem, however, Aunt Martha won't let her plans of finding Sara's future husband get in the way of her exercising or chiropractor (**Andrew Varney**) sessions. Aunt Martha has chosen Brandon Cates (**Joshua Cloyd**) to be her nephew-in-law, despite the fact that he is already engaged to Heather Boyd (**Hali Malecki**). A few bops on Brandon's head by a hired thug (**Leroy Morgan**) are all that are required to make the idea make sense.

Don't miss out on this bright and breezy comedy! It has all the makings of a wonderful date night.

April 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8pm and April 17 & 24 at 2pm
Tickets can be purchased at Grounds for Thought or online at
blackswampplayers.org

Announcing the 2016-2017 Black Swamp Players Season

SYLVIA

September 16-18 & 23-25

Directed by Wayne Weber, new director to BSP

THE STORY: Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after twenty-two years of child-raising in the suburbs. Greg's career as a financial trader is winding down, while Kate's career, as a public-school English teacher, is beginning to offer her more opportunities. Greg brings home a dog he found in the park—or that has found him—bearing only the name "Sylvia" on her name tag. A street-smart mixture of Lab and Poodle, Sylvia becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife. She offers Greg an escape from the frustrations of his job and the unknowns of middle age. To Kate, Sylvia becomes a rival for affection. And Sylvia thinks Kate just doesn't understand the relationship between man and dog. The marriage is put in serious jeopardy until, after a series of hilarious and touching complications, Greg and Kate learn to compromise, and Sylvia becomes a valued part of their lives.

VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE

Nov. 3-5

Directed by Deb Weiser

Performed as dinner theatre at the Clazel in Bowling Green

THIS SHOW WILL NOT BE PART OF THE REGULAR SEASON: THE MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL NOT INCLUDE THIS PRODUCTION. DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

THE STORY: Winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play. Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia share a home in Bucks County, PA, where they bicker and complain about the circumstances of their lives. Suddenly, their movie-star sister, Masha, swoops in with her new boy toy, Spike. Old resentments flare up, eventually leading to threats to sell the house. Also on the scene are sassy maid Cassandra, who can predict the future, and a lovely young aspiring actress named Nina, whose prettiness somewhat worries the imperious Masha.

CRAZY FOR YOU, The Musical

Feb. 2017, 17-19 & 24-26

Directed by Inge Klopping, Musical Director Janine Baughman

THE STORY: CRAZY FOR YOU® is the story of Bobby Child, a well-to-do 1930s playboy whose dream in life is to dance. And despite the serious efforts of his mother and soon-to-be ex-fiancée, Bobby achieves his dream! Memorable Gershwin tunes include *I Can't Be Bothered Now*, *Bidin' My Time*, *I Got Rhythm*, *Naughty Baby*, *They Can't Take That Away from Me*, *But Not for Me*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, *Embraceable You* and *Someone to Watch Over Me*. It's a high energy comedy which includes mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers and classic Gershwin music.

Announcing the 2016-2017 Black Swamp Players Season

DIXIE SWIM CLUB

April 28-30 and May 5-7

Directed by Paul Soska, new director to BSP

THE STORY: Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's Outer Banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's lives. THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years. Sheree, the spunky team captain, desperately tries to maintain her organized and "perfect" life, and continues to be the group's leader. Dinah, the wisecracking overachiever, is a career dynamo. But her victories in the courtroom are in stark contrast to the frustrations of her personal life. Lexie, pampered and outspoken, is determined to hold on to her looks and youth as long as possible. She enjoys being married—over and over and over again. The self-deprecating and acerbic Vernadette, acutely aware of the dark cloud that hovers over her life, has decided to just give in and embrace the chaos. And sweet, eager-to-please Jeri Neal experiences a late entry into motherhood that takes them all by surprise. As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, aging) that life flings at them. And when fate throws a wrench into one of their lives in the second act, these friends, proving the enduring power of

****Notice from the BSP Board**
Open Nominations
for Black Swamp Players'
Board Members for 2016-17**

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

The nominating committee will accept nominations for officers (one year term) and governing board members (two year term), to serve from June 1, 2016 and continuing through May 31, 2017.

It doesn't take much to be qualified to serve on the Board...all you have to be is a current due 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 president@blackswampplayers.org no later than May 8, 2016.

Save the Date!

Swampy Banquet!

Save the date Wednesday, May 18, for the annual Swampy Banquet and Membership Meeting. The event will be at the Bowling Green Country Club, with a buffet dinner at 6:30 at a cost of \$20 per person. The awards program and meeting will follow at 7:30. You can attend the program even if you cannot attend the dinner. The annual meeting of the organization will include the election of officers and board members for the following year. All members of Black Swamp Players have a vote.

Horizon Youth Theatre announces

auditions for students age 8-18 for the musical "Honk"!!

Auditions will take place at the First United Methodist Church on Wooster Street in Bowling Green on April 17th from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and the 18th and 19th from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.. Details and forms will be available on the HYT Facebook page and website at horizonyouththeatre.org.

Join the HYT Drama Club the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on S. College in BG from 4:30-6:00 p.m.. This is open to students ages 6-18 with a fee of \$5 and a different topic each month.

April 14th Topics~

6-9 year olds: Physical Theatre Workshop with Abbey Casino

10 and up: Auditioning Workshop with Jeffrey Guion

Summer workshops will be announced soon!

Sign-up for the email list at horizonyouththeatre.org and

keep checking Facebook for more information!



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**BSP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
FOR 2015-2016 SEASON**

OFFICERS:

**President - Melissa Kidder
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Secretary - Heidi Hakel**

BSP Board Members:

Bob Marzola	Willard Misfeldt
Sara Swisher	Sue Clark
Ben Foreman	Deb Weiser
Dennis East	

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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**

Members can still go to Grounds for Thought to pick up reserved seating prior to the shows. All other tickets are general admissions and can be purchased at Grounds or online at www.blackswampplayers.org.

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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