



From The President

Dear Theater-Lover!

We have an absolutely packed newsletter for you to close out our 49th season providing the Bowling Green area its best opportunity to view and participate in community theater. Highlights include news of this year's Swampy Banquet, a sneak peek at our next show, *Dixie Swim Club*, more news about our exhibition in the Four Corners building, a sneak peek at our Golden Anniversary and the very first word on next August's Golden Anniversary Gala and All-Show Reunion! Be sure to read elsewhere in this newsletter to learn more.

I would like to take a moment to draw additional attention to our Golden Gala and All-Show Reunion. The event will take place the day after the opening of our exhibition celebrating and remembering our fifty years of live theater in Bowling Green. A reception for the opening will take place on Friday, August 25 and on Saturday, August 26 we get serious about celebrating. The party will be at the Clazel and we will be searching to invite everyone who has ever been in, helped with, or attended a BSP production! This turns out to be a lot of people. Light hors d'oeuvres and entertainment are included in your ticket price and, of course, the cash bar will be available as well. Turns out the Clazel has a stage and a piano! So, we are hoping we will be able to find someone, somewhere, or maybe even a number of people who might be willing to sing a showtune or two, recite some Shakespeare (just kidding!), or share a funny story. More details will be released when it is time to sell tickets, but save August 25 and 26 for the Black Swampabration!

I've attended a few rehearsals of *Dixie Swim Club* and it is going to be a terrific show. I'm really excited that Aggie Alt has stepped in to direct our final show of the season. Aggie has both degrees and a great deal of experience in directing. Then mix-in a high-level of talent with a great script and this show is sure to entertain and well represent what BSP can do. Tickets are currently available!

Memberships for our 50th season will be on sale soon. Please consider renewing and/or upgrading your membership. And thank you so much to our current members.

Volunteers + \$ = Better World

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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 (Deb Weiser), the spunky team captain, desperately tries to maintain her organized and "perfect" life, and continues to be the group's leader.

Dinah (Deb Shaffer), 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 (Nicole Tuttle), 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 (Monica Hiris), 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 (Ellen Bean Larabee) 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 "teamwork," rally 'round their own with the strength and love that takes this comedy in a poignant and surprising direction. The Dixie Swim Club is the story of these five unforgettable women—a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever...

The production is directed by Aggie Alt. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. They are available online at BlackSwampPlayers.org, Grounds for Thought, and at the door. Reserve seats can be purchased and membership cards redeemed at Grounds for Thought. The show runs two weekends: April 28-30 and May 5-7 at First United Methodist Church, 1526 E. Wooster in Bowling Green.



Auditions

Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

Black Swamp Players is proud to announce that we will be kicking off our Golden Anniversary 50th Season with the northwest Ohio premier of Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery. A comedic retelling of the traditional Conan Doyle tale, a cast of 5 actors deftly portray over 40 characters through a combination of accents, physicality, and quick costume changes.

Auditions will be May 15 & 16 from 7-9 pm at First United Methodist Church, BG.

Cast:

Sherlock Holmes – male, 30-60; English accent

Dr. John Watson – male, 30-60; English accent

Actor 1 – male, 20-50; Scottish, Swedish, Castilian, and various English accents

Actor 2 – male, 20-50; Texan and various English accents

Actress 1 – female, 20-50; Scottish, Irish, German, Swedish, and various English accents

Performances will be September 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and October 1.

Contact director Ben Forman at zed4man@hotmail.com for more information.

Black Swamp Players Membership

We are always happy to welcome returning and new members to our organization.

Levels

Student/Senior: \$35
 Individual: \$45
 Patron: \$80
 Sponsor: \$110
 Angel: \$150
 Archangel: \$210
 Star: \$260
 Director: \$300
 Producer: \$500

Member Benefits

- Tickets to each season show*
- * There is one non-season show each fall
- Priority seating
- The portion of the membership above the ticket costs is potentially tax deductible
- Recognition in the program
- An invitation to and vote at the annual banquet
- Be a part of providing vital support to our community theater

THE BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS

GOLDEN GALA & ALL SHOW REUNION

Saturday, August 26th, 7:00 pm

We are inviting everyone who has ever been to or been in a Black Swamp Players production to attend our 50th anniversary Golden Gala and All-Show Reunion at the Clazel in downtown Bowling Green!

We are planning a great night of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, memories, rekindling friendships, and entertainment!

More details later including ticket prices and availability in the coming weeks and at our Swampy Banquet on May 17.

Our Golden Anniversary

Black Swamp Players will celebrate our first fifty years with an exhibition at the Four Corners Center gallery in downtown Bowling Green, Ohio, August 28-September 29.

This golden anniversary will present BSP's history in a composite of significant highlights that will spotlight various aspects of our amazing history as a self-supporting community theater which has provided a theatrical outlet for all of BG's citizens. There will be photos of actors and performances, outstanding sets and publicity (programs and posters). People who have made significant contributions will be featured.

While the committee has tracked down much important material, there is still time to submit other items for considerations. Please contact Black Swamp Players at president@blackswampplayers.org.

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Auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella, The Enchanted Edition" will be held at St. Mark's Church, 315 S College Dr., on Mon. April 24 & Tues. 25 p.m. from 6-8 with callbacks on Wed. 26 from 6-8 p.m. The audition packet is available at www.horizonyouththeatre.org. Performances will be in June.

Saturday, April 22 from noon to 1 p.m., you can see HYT students perform various plays and monologues on the east steps of the Wood County Court House on East Court St. in Bowling Green as part of the Court Street Connects Festival.

Saturday, April 29 from 12:35-12:55 HYT kids will perform on stage the Perry Field House at BGSU during the Literacy in the Park event. We will also have an activity booth from 10-1 to reach out to those enjoying the events of the day.

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