



## From The President

Dear Theater Lover,

Wasn't *Sylvia* amazing? What a great show with wonderful performances and production values. I'm so proud of the quality of theater that our humble little group was able to produce on our humble little stage. It just goes to show that you don't need a fancy building and corporate endowments to put together a memorable performance. A huge thank you to our first time director Wayne Weber for his above and beyond efforts which combined his time and expertise with his passion for live theater. There is no doubt in my mind that without his effort and attention to detail *Sylvia* would not have been the stand out show that it was. And of course, as Wayne would be the first to point out, he couldn't have done it himself. Thanks to the production staff and cast for their hours of effort.

The next show of our subscription season is "Crazy For You" directed by Inge Klopping. Inge is a veteran of large musicals having directed for other area theaters. She directed *Death by Golf* for us the year before last. Auditions for *Crazy* are Monday, October 10 and Tuesday, October 11. Details available at our website!

Our next performance will be our second show presented at the Clazel since it's reopening as a bar. If you missed the *One Acts* last year at the Clazel you missed a treat. The atmosphere was amazing as these funny one acts unfolded in front of an audience that had already been enjoying each other's company and the hors d'oeuvres and full bar. This year's show *Vonya and Sasha and Masha and Spike* is hilarious and won a Tony for best play just three years ago. Director Deb Weiser has a cast of newcomers and a couple BSP veterans (who have never played opposite each other) that are hard at work to make another stand out show. Get a table of your friends together and make sure you get your tickets in time to see this one weekend only show presented on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, November 3-5 at 7:30.

Finally, if you've read this letter this far, would you be willing to do one more thing for us? Those of you who have been attending BSP shows for any length of time have probably noticed that the sizes of our audiences have been gradually shrinking. While audience size and therefore tickets sold have declined, our expenses have not. I'm hoping you might help us get the word out. Either by word of mouth or by social media, let your friends know that you don't have to go to New York, Chicago, or even Toledo to see good theater. We have it right here. Please like us on Facebook, comment on and share our posts with your friends, and help us build our audience so we can maintain our ticket prices as the lowest in the area.

See you at the show!

Lane

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## Dennis East Remembrance

The Black Swamp Players invite our friends to a Dennis East Remembrance on **Wednesday, October 12th** at **The Stone's Throw Tavern & Grill** beginning at 7:00pm.

We will tell stories, share memories, listen to music, laugh with Kathy and friends, and raise a toast to our friend, Dennis. The evening will be held in conjunction with The Hump Day Revue which is the regular live music show on Wednesday evenings at Stone's Throw.

Please be a part of this special night whether you knew Dennis well or not. We will be raising funds for our theater, enjoying each other's company, and remembering a great friend of The Black Swamp Players.

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*"Dennis is missed by many, not least by our community."*



## Thank you from the East Family

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your kind words, encouraging thoughts, beautiful cards and your generous donations in support of Black Swamp Players to honor Dennis!

He certainly enjoyed his years of association with BSP, whether he was acting, building a set, putting together a cast, attending a Board meeting or directing a play. And he cherished the people...all who helped make every production become a reality...right down to the audience!

Continue to play your part!

Kathy, Brian, Brad,  
Brayden and Erin

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## Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike

Cabaret theatre features Tony Award-winning play

We are excited to bring a fun experience to Bowling Green! It's a three-night run of Tony Award winner "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" at the Clazel Theatre.

Starring Lane Hakel, Deb Shaffer, Sara Lezdianowski, Kiefer Eller, Joyce Coutinho and Kristin Forman, the show is directed by Deb Weiser. It's a truly funny play with some seriously raucous bits. Here's the story: two siblings slide into middle age while their sister becomes a (slightly sleazy) movie star. She arrives at the family homestead with boy toy Spike in tow. Voodoo housekeeper Cassandra tries to warn everyone of impending doom, including Nina, the good girl next door who's seen as a threat by the aging actress Masha. And the characters are going to a costume party!

Combine this great show with a complementary buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee and it could be the most fun you've had in town in ages! The Clazel's bar will be open for purchasing wine, beer, and spirits.

Only three nights: November 3, 4 and 5. Tickets are \$25 and available at Grounds for Thought and online at [www.blackswampplayers.org](http://www.blackswampplayers.org). Let us know if we can reserve a table for you and your friends.

## Horizon Youth Theatre News

The Horizon Youth Theatre will present "The Fabulous Fables of Aesop" written, adapted, and directed by Keith Guion on November 11, 12, and 13, 2016 at Otsego High School. For more information, visit the theatre's web site at [www.horizonyouththeatre.org](http://www.horizonyouththeatre.org).



## The Pemberville Opera House

November 12, The Juggernaut Jug Band

December 3, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones

January 7, Silent Movie Night

February 4, Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic

March 4, Dodworth Saxhorn Band

April 1, Christine Lavin

May 6, Wild Carrot

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## Crazy For You Auditions

**DIRECTOR'S NOTE:** Come prepared to sing at least two minutes of a musical theater song that shows your best range. Bring your sheet music; a pianist is provided. We are looking for dancers who know how to tap; bring your tap shoes with you to

auditions. Everyone should come in shoes and clothing that is easy to move in for the dance portion. The show is performed at the First United Methodist Church on February 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26. Rehearsals are normally Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Director is Inge Klopping, music director, Janine Baughman, and choreographer, Terry Watson. Questions contact Inge at [ikloppe@bgsu.edu](mailto:ikloppe@bgsu.edu).

Suggested by the 1930 hit GIRL CRAZY, this "new" Gershwin musical is about a well-to-do young New Yorker, Bobby Child, who is sent to Nevada to foreclose on a theatre owned by the family business. Falling in love with the local postmistress, Bobby decides to produce a show to save the theatre. The production received the 1992 Tony Award for Best Musical and continues to be produced in multiple companies around the world. CRAZY FOR YOU also won the Olivier Award (London) for Best Musical, 1993.

\*Check out [www.blackswampplayers.org](http://www.blackswampplayers.org) for information about specific roles.

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