



BACKSTAGE BUZZ

Your behind the scenes access to all things BSA!

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR: CHILDREN'S THEATRE- MY SON PINNOCHIO JR.



Children's Theatre director Julie Russell shared her excitement about *My Son Pinocchio Jr.*, featuring just under 60 children from across Northwest Ohio, including Bellevue, Castalia, Norwalk, Marblehead, Port Clinton, and Clyde. She described the show as a heartwarming story of Geppetto's journey as a first-time father, full of growth, fairies, and meaningful moments. Julie also highlighted the fun technical elements, teen helpers learning backstage skills, and the amazing volunteers who support the children, sharing how rewarding it is to watch young performers grow and return year after year with BSA's children's theatre. We can't wait to see your show, Julie!



AUDITION ALERT!

Our next auditions will be held February 22-23 from 6:00-9:00 PM (callbacks TBA) for our spring musical- "*Fiddler on the Roof*" directed by Jimy Foreman. Families are encouraged to audition together! For auditions, performers should prepare 16 bars of a song (from *Fiddler* or another show), be ready to cold read, and dress for a movement audition. **Visit us at bellevuearts.net for more information!**



ENCORE HIGHLIGHTS: BRIGHT STAR

Bright Star director Christine Turner shared how joyful it was to work with a cast of 32 actors from Bellevue, Clyde, Johnson's Island, Norwalk, Tiffin, New London, and Cleveland. Despite rehearsing through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, the cast rose to the challenge and delivered an incredible show. Chris chose *Bright Star* for its deep personal meaning to her as an adoptee and expressed special gratitude to those who went above and beyond, including Dave Riegel's beautiful set building, Jimy Foreman's choreography, and Will Mitchell's outstanding tech team, as well as the amazing audience who came out to support the production.



COMING SOON..

Jan 21

Annual Member Board Meeting

Members in good standing (dues paid) are welcome to attend and vote when our Board of Trustees slate is presented, as well as vote on any other member issues requiring a vote.

Jan 30

Karaoke Night

Come share the spotlight for a fun night of karaoke! Music provided by Coops Entertainment. \$5 entry fee, food and drinks available. Party starts at 6:30pm.

Feb 7th

A Taste of Love: Valentines Cabaret

\$25 a person- seating is limited! Text or call 419-892-6339 by February 2nd to reserve your ticket. Doors open at 6:45pm.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Kristen Mildner



Ann Foreman



Dave Riegel

Kristen is always willing to help us run our ticket booth- which is no easy task! We really appreciate your assistance, Kristen!

Ann has taken on the huge task of producing several Cabarets to fundraise for "Fiddler on the Roof" this spring. The community has been so excited to have these back! Thanks, Ann!

Dave has built some outstanding sets for the BSA! His "Bright Star" set was the talk of the lobby after the show. Thanks for making our shows pop, Dave!

GREEN ROOM GAB

Here are some answers submitted to our recent social media question:

"What was your first show with us at the BSA? (on stage or in the audience!)"

Matilda
-Alexis

Little Women, from
the audience!
-Kristen

Freaky Friday
-Anya

Flat Stanley, in
the audience!
-Ivy

It's Beginning to
Look A Lot Like
Christmas
-Joshua

James and the
Giant Peach
-Kendall

STAGE DOOR FUN

Trivia Time!

How many audience seats are in the Hirt Theater?

Hint: there is a "Max Capacity" sign hung somewhere in the house- have you seen it?

Email us (contact information is to the right) with your answer within the next month to have a chance to be featured in the next edition of Backstage Buzz!

SPOILER ALERT!

The "backstage buzz" this issue is that our 31st Season is going to be announced **really** soon! Did you know- we are now starting up our season with the Teen Theatre program? From now on, BSA's seasons will begin in July instead of August. Here's to our season opener: The Little Mermaid!

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