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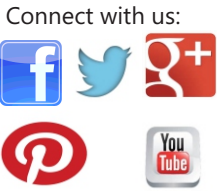
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EXPERIENCE
LIVE THEATRE!

ACT PRESENTS



AREA COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS
Santa's Letters
Directed by Steve Jones
FLYING TO STAGE THIS NOVEMBER 3 to 13

Box Office opens
October 24, 2016
Monday - Friday
2:00 - 5:00pm
and one hour
before each show
online tickets at
tickets.TomahAct.com

The Cast

Cale Ollendick as Edward Krieger
Roger Jones as Brian Krieger
Haddie Georgeson as Maureen Krieger
Nevin Hawver as Ingrid Krieger
William Clyma as Santa Claus/Mr. Barlow
Marcus Rowan as Tim Grimm/Vinnie
Brynn Rowan as Betty Schmall
Makayla Ueeck as Shannon Lund
Connie Chapple as Rachel VonDer Ehe
Jaden Jones as Kurt Chapple

Thursday, Friday &
Saturday shows
7:30 PM
Sunday Matinees
2:00 PM
Members \$10
Student Member \$5
Non-Member \$15
Students \$7

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A Presidential Address.. Steve Jones

Hello to all our Family and Friends of ACT,
I just want to thank all those who have put so much time and effort into keeping Area Community Theatre vital. Our directors, actors, facility manager, box office volunteer, stage helpers and house crews all do their bests to bring quality live shows to you. We appreciate all who not only donate their time, but money as well! To each and every one of you, I give you my sincerest heart-felt gratitude!

As we move forward, I have learned so many things as President. I think the biggest thing that is always talked about and needed is financial support. Maintaining our building and paying our property taxes takes lots of money. We need more sponsorships and donations to keep the roof over our heads; we recently learned that our roof needs to be replaces, which means we need funds to repair it.

So please come out and support us in our funding raising activities. What can you do to help? Bring your friends to our shows. Buy ACT gift certificates as gifts. Make a tax deductible donation before the end of the year. Ask your favorite businesses to sponsor our shows and purchase ads in our 2017 ad book. Attend the many fundraising activities. Check out our event calendar.

The November show will be Santa's Letters directed by Steve Jones. The dates for this show are November 3-6 and 10-13. Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30pm, Sunday matinees start at 2pm. We need a few backstage hands. If you can help, leave a message at 374-7469. So make it a point to come out and support the show. It has comedy and suspense and around every turn you will wonder what happens next.

Theatre and Improv classes are put on hold until September 2017. We do have some scholarships available. Those that are interested just let me know and I will put you on a list. I'm not sure yet, but I may have a summer class as well. I will know more around March. I do know that the students will have a great time, learning and doing monologues and games, which is so much fun! Registration for September 2017 classes are going on now for grades 4-12 and adults. Anyone who needs help with speeches or where you need to think on your feet would benefit from this class. Contact me for more information and /or application.

In closing I would like to thank all who support us by purchasing memberships and attending our shows. To all who donate to our little piece of the world, we could not do it without you, thank you! God Bless!

Steve Jones
ACT President

From the Director...Steve Jones

Santa's Letters is a comedy with some interesting things that come up. Ten-year-old Eddie doesn't want Santa to stop by this year because there is too much yelling at his house. Santa writes back, "The last time someone told me not to come the guy's name was Scrooge. I had to send out 3 of my best to work him over." Thus begins an innocent correspondence. Santa is very busy, and Edward is busy himself, growing up, and beginning to notice a certain Miss Shannon Lunt, and helping his family though a rough time. Through letters, Santa inspires Eddie to bring Christmas to his family and friends all year long - even when that means telling his big sister that he loves her. Of course Santa picks up a few pointers along the way as well. But Eddies family continues to struggle with loss and new hopes. Eddie asks one more wish from the man in red, this time he needs a miracle. I hope and pray that you enjoy this play as much as we did through all the rehearsals.

We are excited that many actors are making their ACT stage debuts. When Cale Ollendick auditioned he nailed the character. He was younger than I wanted but he hit it home. WOW! I'm glad I have him playing Edward. Nevin Hawver was in the elementary musical last year, but this is her first time on ACT's stage, she just DANCED her way into our hearts, and her way into the role of Ingrid (she loves to dance). Makayla Ueeck, another newcomer to our stage, has been in the District Musical. With her smile, she had to be Shannon! Someone else who is new to our stage (but not afraid of speaking competitions or elementary musicals) is Haddie Georgeson. She tried all the roles, but there was no doubt from the way that she and Eddie were fighting as brother and sister that she was Maureen. New to ACT's stage, but not to the stage is our Santa, William Clyma.

The rest of the cast is known on this stage. Roger Jones who plays Brian K., Marcus Rowan who stepped in to take the role of Tim/Vinnie with only 3 weeks left, Brynn Rowan who plays Betty S., and have made many appearances on this stage as well as Rachel VonDer Ehe who plays Connie C. have each made several appearances on our stage.

One of our biggest challenges was building so many sets and changes with the whole cast and crew. We also did most of the art work ourselves with a little help from Cheri Lipp. Some of the furniture was made by Barnabee's Log Furniture. The other large obstacle is doing the voice overs with sound effects, but it as all been a labor of love.

Now sit back, relax and let your hair down. Let's have some fun and laughter. If you feel a tear or two coming, then we did our job.

Steve Jones
Director/President

Upcoming Events at ACT

Tomah Art Guild:
Make and Take - At Area Community Theare
October 15, 2016 1-4 pm, reservations needed
Call Del Lucka 608-343-0808

Deck the Halls Holiday Sale:
November 19th, 8am-2pm
Fundraiser for Area Community Theatre operational expenses

Steel Magnolias
Directed by Rocky Shutter
Auditions: Nov. 14, 15, & 16 at 6:00pm
Show dates: February 10-12, 17-19 & 24-26 2017
Box Office opens Jan. 30, 2017

Bingo Palooza
ACT's 3rd Basket Bingo Palooza
Event Coordinator Dr. Bridget Owens
January 21, 2017, 7-10pm

Sex Please We're Sixty
Directed by Sharon Larkin
Auditions December
Show dates: April 20-23, 27-30, 2017

Sarah Uthoff presents Laura Ingalls Wilder
A Joint fundraiser with the Tomah Historical Museum
May 20th at ACT, 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Tomah Art Walk 2016

Tomah Art Walk 2016 was a day of great fun and great art! Patrons of the event viewed artisan creations of many kinds such as jewelry, pottery, metal work, paintings and fabric art.

Ellen Roles of LaCrosse was on hand with live demonstrations of watercolor painting.

Below: Event-goers at Tomah Art Walk 2016 enjoyed the many pieces of fine art on display.



Tomah Arts Guild wishes to thank the many volunteers who pitched in and made the day a success! Plans have already begun for 2017. If you'd like to join us and be a part of the fun for next year, you can get more information by calling 608-343-2727.

Grandmothers, Mothers & Kids – 3 Generations of Fun!!
Tomah Arts Guild's next scheduled event is Saturday, Oct. 15, 1-4 pm, for an afternoon of Make & Take Art. Local artists will guide you and your child through specially selected art projects.

ROOM RENTALS

Area Community Theatre is the perfect venue for a wide variety of events. Whether it is a workshop, seminar, business meeting, or a family gathering for holidays, reunions, and graduations we have an affordable space available. The cost of rental for our 1st and 2nd floor meeting room is \$75.00, the smaller area is \$50.00. Call Colleen for availability at 608-343-0430.

Thank you to Our Box Office Volunteers

The Area Community Theatre Box Office is run entirely by volunteers under the direction of Barb Sullivan, Rocky Shutter and Colleen Richer. Typically the box office is open Monday - Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 two weeks prior to the opening of each show, and throughout the run of the show. Thank you to everyone who volunteers, especially these box office workers from The Fox on the Fairway: Natalie Divyak, Melanie Frei, Sharon Larkin, Terry Larkin, MaryLou Mauch, Ruth Ann Schober, and Aimee Yeager. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the box office at 374-7469.



Above: Artist Marilyn Kortbein with a sample of her hand-painted treasures on display at the Art Walk.

Have fun using simple art methods and tap into your artistic side while you create special memories with your child. This is a free event sponsored by Tomah Arts Guild. For more information call 608-343-0808. Seats are limited.

Office Space for Rent

Looking for office space to rent? Area Community Theatre has the ideal space. Good location, one block off of Superior Avenue in Tomah, this 1,364 sq. foot space includes a private entrance, reception area, two private offices and a conference room. Available spring of 2017. For more information call Colleen Richer at 608-343-0430 or our box office.