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October 23 Halloween Bingo
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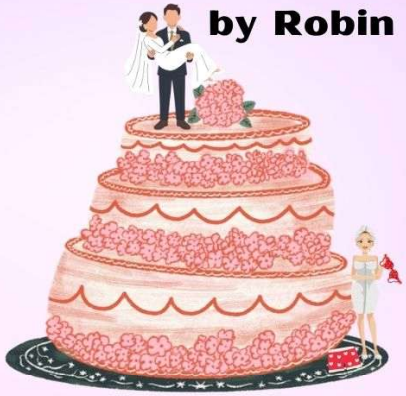
AREA COMMUNITY THEATRE
Embracing the Future

October, 2026

ACT NEWSLETTER

Perfect Wedding

by Robin Hawdon



Directed by: Molly Shields & Sam Komay

NEW DATES:

SHOW DATES:
NOVEMBER 5-8 & 19-22, 2026

Tickets at www.tomahact.com or call 608-374-7469

You're Invited

This November, you are cordially invited to the social event of the season—a Perfect Wedding! Bill and Rachel are getting married. Guests have arrived from all over the country—and filled up an entire hotel—to see these longtime sweethearts tie the knot. With mistakes being made, secrets being kept, and mistaken identities confusing everyone, this hilarious farce from playwright Robin Hawdon will keep you laughing from the first scene to the last. The cast features Mitchell Bugni (of The Mousetrap), Amy Kleespies (most recently of Little Shop of Horrors), Dani Davis (of Bunco Squad and Moon Over Buffalo) and newcomers Chad Logan, Amanda Bugni, and Stephine Pawlitschek Rehearsals have begun in earnest and we're all having a wonderful time putting this show together for your entertainment. Please join us for our performances on November 5th, 6th, 19th, and 20th at 7:00 pm, and November 7th, 8th, 21st, and 22nd at 1:00 pm. RSVP by buying your tickets, and feel to bring a guest. We look forward to seeing you there!

Directors Sam Komay & Molly Shields

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We would like to thank the following for donations from November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026

These donations will be put towards ACT's building fund and to help cover costs of putting on shows.

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Donations at any level are greatly appreciated and help to defray the operational costs of our theatre. If you would like the opportunity to have your name on our beautiful sculpture, a cumulative donation of $3,000 through the past years is required.

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Chris & Myra Anderson
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Thank you to everyone who donated to ACT's Name a Chair-Leave a Legacy Theatre Renovation Project! We could not have completed this project so quickly without your support!
**Donated a Chair*
Donations will continue to fund this new Digital Marquee Campaign as well as many plans we have for 2026!
+Donated toward Marquee

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January 1 - December 31, 2026

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Your membership is important to us. Many grants to improve the theatre ask for membership numbers to prove community engagement. We appreciate you. Get your 2026 ACT Membership today by calling 608-374-7469, go to our website at www.tomahact.com or stop by the Business Office at 901 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah. Office open Monday to Friday, 10am-5pm.

From the Director of Development: Sharon Larkin



Do things really happen in threes? I never believed they did, but lately it seems that way. Our personal experience over the last few days included the following;
We have a condo in Branson , MO where.....
1. Our dishwasher broke and had to be repaired.
2. Our fireplace had to be serviced.
3. Our garbage disposal locked up and we had to replace it.

Then we came home to.....
1. A call from our credit card company informing us that our card has been compromised and we needed to get a new one.
2. The spring on our garage door broke last night.
3. We had some concrete poured which turned out to be a bad batch!

The terrible 3's have hit ACT as well. We have been trying to raise money for a new digital message board when.....
1. The roof over the main hall entry leaked so bad with the last rain that it MUST be repaired soon, at a cost of $21,570!
2. The front entry is in desperate need of cement work before someone falls. That will cost over $10,000. The work is scheduled for September,
3. Some of the front sidewalk also needs to be replaced and the outside lighting isn't working and should be fixed ASAP.

There is always a silver lining if you prepare for some of these emergencies. We have two boards of directors now. An Artistic Board and a Financial Board. The people who represent your community theatre are fiscally responsible individuals and have been setting aside a proportion of every donation for the last several years for such emergencies. We are prepared to face the challenges as best we can. That is NOT to say, "We don't need your help"! We CERTAINLY DO and will appreciate donations of any amount!!! Thank you for supporting ACT!

ACT Needs a New Marquee

ACT is seeking your financial support to purchase a new digital LED marquee to replace the old one on the side of the building. It is too dangerous to climb on a ladder in the winter to change out the sign. Please consider ACT when planning your end of the year donations. Contact the ACT Office or send your donation in at: 901 Kilbourn Avenue, Tomah. Be sure to put: ACT Sign on memo line. Thank you!

2027 Season Underwriters & Sponsors

Did you know that ACT relies on individuals and businesses to sponsor their season in order for them to be able to create such amazing live theatre here in our community?

As a Season Underwriter your donation supports all five shows for the entire 2027 season! In becoming an underwriter, your business is listed on our website, in all programs, posters and advertising for the season. You will also receive 2 free tickets to each show and be guaranteed that we will not come back around to ask for more donations!

As a Show Sponsor your donation wil support one specific show at a time. Your business name will also be placed on all publicity for that show and will receive 2 free tickets to that show. It will also guarantee that once you agree to sponsor a show, we will not come back and ask again this season! The best news of all is ACT has their 2027 show season lineup completed and you can even pick in advance which show you would like to sponsor!

It is businesses and individuals like yourself that keep ACT going and able to continue performing great shows! Thank you for all of your support of ACT and live community theatre!

2027 Membership Drive

It's time to renew your ACT membership. Without your support we could not have such quality shows being performed! Be sure to get your membership before the end of the year by going to the ACT website (www.tomahact.com), call the office (608-374-7469), stop by the office (901 Kilbourn Avenue), or come to see "Perfect Wedding" - memberships are sold in concessions and at will call!

<u>Memberships cost $20 and include the following:</u>
Half Off Your Opening Night Ticket ($50 value)
One Free Small Popcorn at Each Show You Attend ($30 value)
5 Newsletters a Season
Opportunity to Become an ACT Board Member
Ability to Vote at ACT Annual Meeting
And Many More Specials Throughout the Season

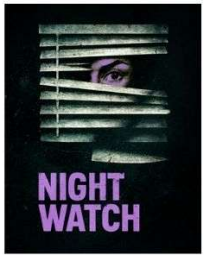


UPCOMING PLAY READINGS

ACT does two play readings a month to read potential plays and musicals to put into the upcoming seasons. All play readings will now be on the 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm in the ACT Library unless otherwise noted. Come anytime! Want to join us? Call Lisa at the ACT office at 608-374-7469 or boxoffice@tomahact.com to get on the contact list! Know of a great show for ACT? Request a play reading at tomahact.com!



October 21



October 28



November 18

There will be no play readings on November 25 and December 23 in observance of the holidays

Flex Packages

Purchasing a flex package is such a great bargain!
6 tickets for the price of 5 tickets! Plus, they never expire!

New flex ticket codes will be sent out in early October!

We know that the codes have changed a lot this year and we are sorry for any incovenience or confusion this may have caused you. If you struggle with reserving your tickets, please call the office and we can help you out!

2027 ACT SEASON

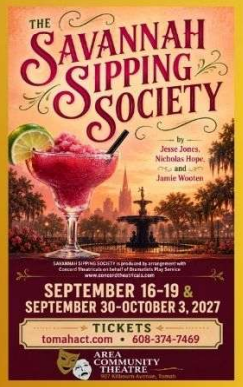


Same cast with more great laughs and tears!

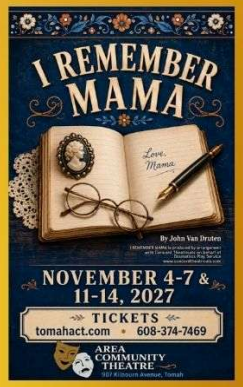




Audition dates coming soon!



Follow the ACT facebook page or the website www.tomahact.com for the latest updates on auditions, cast lists and show details!



Be watching for our new 2027 poster display area!

DR. B'S BINGO SPOOKTACULAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 7PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

Bingo cards $20 each or 3 for $50

RESERVE A TABLE AT WWW.TOMAHACT.COM OR CALL 608-374-7469

Costume Contest with prizes from Murray's on Main!

Win Baskets Donated by Local Businesses When You Bingo!

Bingo Cookie Raffle

50/50 Raffle

Beverages & Popcorn For Sale!

Projects Around ACT this Fall



Anticipated Start Dates:
Entrance Project - October 5
Roof Repairs - End October

You might have noticed that the front of the ACT building has begun to deteriorate. We will be tearing up the front entrance to replace the steps, ramp and uneven sidewalks. We also have had a leak in the ceiling at the entrance from the parking lot. When these projects begin, we will have to temporarily close these entrances and use a different one. We will place signage up to direct you to the open entrance. Sorry in advance for any inconvenience this may cause! We will remain open through all construction!

House Manager & Crew Meeting
Thursday, October 15
6:30pm in Kitchen, 2nd floor

Who Must Attend? Everyone Who Volunteers as House Crews & Managers (Concessions & Ushers)
What Will Be Discussed? New Procedures, How to Handle Situations, & More

RSVP to Connie Hurd
momgo92@gmail or text 608-387-0251

KEN LUDWIG'S
MOON OVER BUFFALO



"Moon Over Buffalo" opened to great audiences enjoying this classic play about all things theatre! A show full of drama, chaos, drunks, love triangles, fights, tears and loads of laughter! Congratulations to the cast, crew and directors for a fabulous run!

ACT – Area COMMUNITY Theatre Community Outreach Committee

Feed My Starving Children





Tomah Community Table Meal

ACT gives back to the community in big ways! The Community Outreach Committee does many events throughout the Tomah area to give back to the community that supports the theatre! You may have seen them at the Tomah Community Table preparing and serving meals 3-4 times a year. They also packed meals at Feed My Starving Children, they helped out at Squirrelfest, walked in the 4th of July parade, and more! Want to help support ACT and the Tomah community, let us know and we will get your connected with our amazing volunteers!





First row: Isabella Hilt, Jason Schmock, Lisa Kirschbaum, Lori Ripley, Amy Kleespies
Second Row: Amanda Mills, Amanda Schmock, Loren Sauter, Shannon Wilcox, Bonnie Hilt



Cast of "Peter and the Startcatcher" at the 4th of July Parade

MR. LEGS 2027





Mr. Legs AND Mr. Moves 2027 Dr. Jairus Houston

Save the date for ACT's biggest fundraiser, Mr. Legs 2027 and Taste of Tomah! We are looking for the greatest legs in town! New this year we are opening it up to couples! Wives we know how you can convince your hubby to do anything! Join us at ACT for a rip-roaring good time! *Thursday, April 1st at the Cranberry Country Lodge*. Contact Lisa at the ACT Office or Bridget Owens at Active Health to be our next Mr. Legs 2027!

TASTE OF TOMAH

Such a delicious part of this fundraiser! Local restaurants prepare samples of their greatest delicacies and we vote on who has the best food! Trophy and bragging rights for a year! Have a favorite restaurant or food truck? Ask them to participate with us! Call the ACT office to sign up!



Taste of Tomah Winner 2027 Jac's Steakhouse



IN DOWNTOWN TOMAH

Kriskindlmarkt

WHERE COMMUNITY SPARKLES

ACT is asssiting the Tomah Chamber with creating entertainment options for the upcoming Kriskindlmarkt in downtown Tomah. If you would like to participate in a skit, sing a few Christmas songs, or provide another type of entertainment, contact Lisa at 608-374-7469 or at boxoffice@tomahact.com. More details will come as they are available.

New Accessible Chairs Are Here!

To complete the new theatre chair project, we ordered 4 matching individual chairs without arms for our guests who have a wheelchair, prefer a chair with no arms or just need a little more accessiblility. They match the colors of the new chairs perfectly and look beautitul! Thank you to the Frank Andres Foundation for their donation toward the new accessible chairs! If you would prefer these chairs, reservations for these seats must be made through the ACT Office by calling 608-374-7469.





Rent Space at ACT for Your Next Large Event!

Two large meeting rooms available!

Cabaret - seats 125

Gatsby - seats 180



Cabaret contains small kitchen

Rectangle or Round Tables Available

You are welcome to bring in all of your own food & beverages!



Audio Visual Available



2nd Floor Full Size Kitchen

Call us today to check availability and pricing!
608-374-7469

2027 Ad Book Sales

AREA COMMUNITY THEATRE

$200 Half Page Ad

$300 Full Page Ad

One way to support the Area Community Theatre is to place an ad in our Ad Book. This is a very high quality booklet with a square binding, full color pages and customized art work for each ad make this book extraordinary! Plus it's a fabulous way to display your business for over 3000 people to see in a year!

Call Lisa at 608-374-7469 for more information!