

BCP February 2023 Update

Greetings all! Thank-you for your continued interest in our BCP activities. So pleased to tell you our *first-in-a-while-since-you-know-what* Bruce County Playhouse family-friendly **Southampton Sunday Showcase** was a resounding success! We pretty much had a full house! Special thanks to Bruce VanderKleyn, Christine John with talented guitarist/vocalist newcomer Dave Dimmick, incredible pianist Jeanette Steeves, soloist Bonnie Koenig, the melodious Melodies and Memories Ladies Choir, first time and fun-loving Gentlemen's Acapella Quartet *OnQ*, and the height of cute Sandra Belanger Dancers. Sure hope you can come out and support some more amazing local talent at our next Showcase. Do you or anyone you know have a talent to share? Contact Leslie here leslie.mcnamarabcp@gmail.com We are seeking performers as young as 3 and as wise as 90+

We'll be upstairs at the Southampton Town Hall February 26th and again March 26th. Doors open 1:30. Showtime is 2:00pm and generally finishes up by 4:00pm ish. Admission is by donation, snacks and beverages are available, and all in all you get a really lovely, relaxed and entertaining afternoon in good company and in from the cold. So...save the dates: Feb 26 and March 26. Follow our Facebook page for talent updates and **please share any BCP messages you read. You are our best advertising!**

Hear ye'! Hear 'ye! BCP is planning to blow away our audiences, in the funniest sense, March 1 thru 5. Connor Thompson (our funny guy from *Real Estate* last summer) and Devon Hyland are performing their very funny one-act musical *Flight of the Ballooncaster: The Hottest Air*. The guys will be doing an improv act in the second half of the show – and as Second City alumni, you gotta' know they'll be hilarious as they gather audience input. Get your tickets/save the date/come enjoy the show! (And send your friends:;) Please help us get the word out! Tickets on sale now: Adult Ticket \$30 / Youth under 25yrs Ticket \$20

Tickets can be purchased anytime online at brucecountyplayhouse.com or save online charges by enjoying a visit to the Southampton Arts Centre (Weds thru Sun 12-4) and purchasing your tickets while there.

You will note we have added a Youth ticket option this year. Currently the majority of our patrons are seniors and while we appreciate their ongoing support, (and we sincerely do!) in order for us stay viable, we must encourage a younger demographic to also learn about the joys of live theatre. Please help us to grow our audience by sharing this information with your friends and family members.

Also extremely pleased and proud to tell you that we have confirmed two of our three shows for this summer and can now announce that our Opening Night Gala is Thursday, June 22, 2023. (The Gala is an amazing evening and is primarily attended by local residents and business owners.) More info next update.) *Sexy Laundry* by Michèle Riml will run from June 22 til July 8. We will stage the comedy-thriller *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* by Peter Colley from July 20 til August 5. Our August show is yet TBA and we will announce that in the next update along with our plans regarding a Family Series for the kidlets. We hope you agree we are building a smashing season! We won't be able to do it without your support and you can help us out by purchasing and asking your besties to purchase their tickets as soon as they become available, probably in April. We need these advance ticket sales to help launch the season – they help to cover the pre-performance expenses of mounting a professional production.

Just a reminder that we are currently selling advertising for our Summer Theatre Program. If you have a business or know anyone who would like to advertise with us, please let us know.

We believe that a viable arts community embraces individual quality of life and elevates overall community health. Thanks again for following and sharing our info!

Wishing you the best of everything...Leslie