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The Newsletter of the Barnstable Comedy Club

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IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR IN OUR JANUARY WHO-DUNNIT

Three siblings headline a top-notch cast in Ken Ludwig's mystery *The Game's Afoot (or Holmes for the Holidays)*, opening on January 18. When Katie, Paul, and Brian Beatty came to audition for the play it was fate that director Christy Morris found them to be just the right fit for three roles. Katie Beatty, who plays Madge, has performed on the BCC stage in many productions. Most recently she appeared in *Goodnight Desdemona*, *Good Morning Juliet* and *Baggage*. Paul Beatty plays Felix and has also performed in a number of BCC productions. He shared the stage with his sister Katie in 'The Hollow' in 2010. Joining them this time is their brother Brian, who plays Simon and is new to the BCC. Brian has had stage experience in High School and College. The three actors are excited to be performing together for the first time!

The Games Afoot is set in December 1936. Broadway star William Gillette (played by Ian Rubenstein), admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, and has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut mansion for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. Then it's up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays. Also in the cast are Erica Morris as Aggie, Kimberly Monteiro as Daria, Victoria Smith as Martha, and Lizzy Smythe as Inspector Goring.

Performances will be January 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, and February 2 and 3 at 8:00 p.m. and January 21, 28, and February 4 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22, \$20 students and seniors and may be reserved by calling the box office at 508-362-6333. Patrons attending the show on January 18 can enjoy refreshments and meet the cast at our Opening Night reception after the performance.

HELP! Christy Morris is seeking an artificial Christmas tree, 7 1/2 feet (lit or unlit) for the set of 'Games Afoot.' It would be needed after January 1st through the run of the show. If you can lend one please call Christy at 508-778-7568.

ACTORS, EVER WANTED TO PLAY MULTIPLE CHARACTERS ON STAGE? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

The BCC will hold auditions for *Greater Tuna* by Ed Howard, Joe Sears, and Jatson Williams, January 8, 9, and 10 at 7:00 p.m. Director Sonia Schonning is looking to cast two versatile actors (male or female) 18 years or older. Each actor will play men, women, children, and animals that inhabit the town of Greater Tuna, Texas. Please dress comfortably and bring your sense of humor! *Greater Tuna* is a comedy about a small, fictional town named Tuna, Texas' third smallest town, where the Lions Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never died. Production dates will be March 8 – 25, 2018. Please contact the director at sschonning@comcast.net with any questions.

HOSPITALITY HELP WANTED

The BCC's hospitality Chair Jean Jackson is seeking persons of all ages to help welcome patrons, take tickets, and serve concession for upcoming performances in 2018. If you would like to volunteer please call Jean at 508-398-5557.

BCC RECEIVES TWO GENEROUS DONATIONS

The Barnstable Comedy Club expresses its sincere thanks to Alexandra and Richard Clark of Osterville for their large donation of sewing notions. Their generosity will help serve our sewing and costume shop for years to come. Also, The BCC thanks All Cape Appliance in Yarmouth for its donation of a washer and dryer. It is kind donations like these that help our theater grow and thrive.

NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSION FOR OUR 97th SEASON

The BCC is now accepting proposals for productions for its 2018-2019 Season. Directors of experience who would like to submit a show for consideration should contact Play Reading Chair Ann M. Ring at annring@comcast.net.

PIRATES PROVES TO BE A TREASURE

Our fall musical *Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert and Sullivan enjoyed full houses and rave reviews: "a top-notch cast delivers the goods in a fresh and funny production of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance'" - Barbara Clark from The Barnstable Patriot. "After more than a century, the farce remains the thinking theatergoers' answer to musical comedy." Sue Mellen from The Cape Cod Times. "Heading up the cast is veteran community theater performer Robert Minshall as pirate-in-training Frederic, who is thankfully out of his indentures now that he's reached his 21st birthday-or is he? Addie Schonning plays his love interest, Mabel. Ms. Schonning does a nice job with the role. It is easy to forget that while 'Pirates' is above all humorous, there are difficult songs to be sung, and Ms. Schonning tackles them with ease and charm." - Joanne Briana-Gartner from the Cape Cod Enterprise. Congratulations are in order to Director Gwen Bainier, Music Director Lisa Zinck Taylor, and the talented cast: Christopher Schultz, Robert Minshall, Janet Moore, Addie Schonning, Ian Rubenstein, Nikita Schley, Samantha Hurwitz, Susanna Creel, Rachael Kenneally, Dominic Fucile, Christopher Smythe, Jacob Cunningham, Kevin Kenneally, Lizzy Smythe, Joe Egan, Carmen Marie Thomas, Holly Cipriani, Shelby Locascio, and Meghann Sullivan. Praise to the production crew as well: Sue Boberg, Henry F. Morlock, Dennis Marchant, Martha Jason, Linda Stevens, Christy Morris, Jane Wilbur, Vicki Marchant, Marti Baker, Ricky Zitola, John Baker, Jessica Anne McDowell, Joshua Trott, Ann M. Ring, and Jean Jackson.

FULL BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 9, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

*The Barnstable Comedy Club Wishes
All Its Patrons, Members, and Subscribers
The Happiest of Holidays!*

BARNSTABLE COMEDY CLUB presents

THE GAME'S AFOOT

a comedy by **Ken Ludwig**
directed by **Christy Morris**

*or
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