

The Newsletter of the Barnstable Comedy Club

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OUR AMAZING 97TH SEASON CONCLUDES WITH A FUNNY AND POIGNANT PLAY



The Barnstable Comedy Club is thrilled to present *Calendar Girls* by Tim Firth. Our Play Reading committee had hoped to stage the play for a couple of years but were not able to secure production rights until last year. Carol McManus and Ann M. Ring decided to combine their extensive experience and are co-directing the piece.

Calendar Girls is funny, quirky and poignant. The play is based on a very inspiring true story. When Annie's husband John dies of leukemia, she and best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee for the sitting area in the local hospital waiting room. A group of extraordinary women persuade one another to pose for a charity calendar, their modesty spared only by artfully placed cakes, knitting and floral arrangements, thus sparking a global phenomenon. The calendar is a success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame.

In a talented cast of veterans and newcomers are Marsha Yalden as Chris, Ruthe Lew as Annie, Lisa Taylor as Cora, Sandra Basile as Celia, Kathy Hamilton as Jessie, Gillian Norton as Ruth, Heather Pannell as Marie, Marti Baker as Lady Cravenshire, Amy Kraskouskas as Brenda, Emily Zinck as Elaine, Bud Hammond as John, Jim Ring as Rod, and Joey Lank as Liam and Lawrence. Included on the production team are Patti Hughes, stage manager and props, Ann M. Ring, Producer, Dennis Marchant, set design, and with Linda Stevens, set construction, Martha Jason, scenic design, Henry F. Morlock, sound design and operation, Christine Norton, stage crew, and photos and poster Design, Ann M. Ring.

Calendar Girls opens on Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. and continues on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through May 19. Tickets are \$22, and \$20 students and seniors 62 and older, and may be purchased with cash or check. For reservations please call the box office at 508-362-6333.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YOUNG THESPIANS! CAPE COD KIDS ON BROADWAY RETURNS TO THE BCC

The BCC is pleased to announce the return of Cape Cod Kids on Broadway this summer! Gwen Bainier will be directing the program. The Summer Musical Theater Workshop season details are as follows:

3 different 1-week workshops for kids 5 +

Week #1 will be 'Disney Musicals' from June 24th – June 28th (9am – 12pm)

Week #2 will be "Annie" from July 1st – July 5th (9am- 12:30pm - no class 7/4)

Week #3 will be "Willy Wonka" from July 8th – July 12th (9am – 12pm)

The full-length musical theater production this summer will be

Roald Dahl's MATILDA THE MUSICAL

This workshop is a four week commitment and runs July 15th – August 12th For registration and more information visit www.CapeCodKidsOnBroadway.com, or call (508) 648-6868.

BCC RECEIVES GENEROUS GRANT FROM HYANNIS ROTARY CLUB

(Correction from previous CALLBOARD)

The Barnstable Comedy Club thanks the Hyannis Rotary Club for its grant of \$2995.00 to replace the heat exchanger on one of our HVAC units. Organizations like the Hyannis Rotary help us maintain our building and we are very grateful.

CALLING ALL HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS!

Want to see one of our fine productions for free?? We are currently looking for volunteers to greet patrons at the door and run concession. If you are interested, please call Chair Nancy Nyland Whiteley at 508-428-2290 or send an email to <u>whitranq@comcast.net</u>.

CHEESE AND CRACKERS! RESILIENT CAST AND CREW MAKES RADIO HOUR AN INSTANT CLASSIC

Our March hit, *The 1940's Radio Hour*, was a very special production for the BCC and all involved. The cast and production team faced many unexpected obstacles and came out with flying colors to put on a memorable and entertaining show. Local reviewers offered these praises: "The 1940s Radio Hour" is an entertaining tribute to a bygone era." Paul Babin, Cape Cod Times. "The whole show, with its humorous and enlightening look at how entertainment worked when listening and imagination took precedence over watching, seems like fertile ground for a great escape evening of music and humor." Barbara Clark, The Barnstable Patriot. The BCC congratulates Director Corinne Cameron, and talented cast: Larry Zalis, Frank Hughes Jr., Rob Minshall, Paul Eason, Kevin Kenneally, Sarah Sharkey, Rachael Kenneally, Katie Beatty, Brandon Prentiss, Michele Richardson, Sonia Schonning, and Michael White. Kudos to the production crew as well: Music Director Lisa Taylor, musicians Michael Dunford, Justin Torrellas, Vicki Marchant, Pat Farrell, Steven Koglin, and the many cast members who pulled 'double duty' and assisted with numerous production tasks. Also, a special thank you to Linda Kelly who provided our audience with open captioning our March 10 performance. *The 1940's Radio Hour* is definitely 'one for our books.'

FULL BOARD MEETING: MAY 14, 7:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: JUNE 11, 7:00 P.M.