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Tawas Bay Players  
**CURTAIN CALLS**

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**We Celebrate Our 40th Anniversary in Style!**

**“TBP: 40 YEARS IN SONGS” NOW IN REHEARSALS**

The Tawas Bay Players will kick off TBP's 40th season with *40 YEARS IN SONGS*, a music-packed showcase of songs from many of our past musical productions.

Directed by Pat Casey and Penny Zacharias, with Pam Koepke assistant directing, this musical revue features over fifty songs, some of them presented by the original TBP cast members who performed them. Accompanying the singers will be Susan Rook, Jim Diloreto, Gregory Jacot and Brady Jacot.

Look for the standards from classic musicals that have graced our stage such as *Grease*, *Oklahoma!*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Anything Goes*, *Damn Yankees*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and more. But you'll also enjoy the numbers from shows such as *Nunsense*, *Spitfire Grill*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* and others.

And what a cast of singers! There is already over 20 talented people from our ranks of membership and non-members. You'll see some new faces on our stage as they share their talents. They promise to wow you with every song!

TBP: 40 YEARS IN SONGS debuts July 12-13-14 and runs the following weekend of July 18-19-20-21. All shows start at 7 p.m.



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**From the Editor:**

I hope you enjoy getting CURTAIN CALLS in your mailbox again! Pam Frank was unable to continue on as our newsletter editor (funny how life gets in the way of things sometimes). Tawas Bay Players wants to thank her for producing CURTAIN CALLS for many years; she did a terrific job. Take a bow, Pam!

And with that, I'll be taking over and, hopefully, delivering the news to you in a timely fashion. Please bear with me as I figure out what I'm doing. As always, contributions are appreciated! Thank you!

*Michal Jacot, Editor, CURTAIN CALLS*



## PLAYHOUSE HOSTS MURDER MYSTERY!

As many of you know, TBP has been providing a Murder Mystery Evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall as a part of Perchville USA for a few years now. Now we're going to experiment with something a little different and try one in our own home.

On August 2 and 3, we will present an audience-interactive murder mystery in the Tawas Bay

Playhouse. *The Speakeasy Murder*, written and directed by Michal Jacot and produced by Sue Duncan, is set in the Roaring 20's, a time of flapper girls, mobsters ... and murder! And if you keep reading, I'll tell you how to get the best seat in the house to watch the show!

Picture it: A busy little speakeasy during Prohibition in the south side of Chicago (the baddest part of town). Here you'll find an assortment of odd characters, such as ...

- Lucky Gilroy (Bill Archer), the bartender;
- Ross "The Boss" Valentini (Keith del Rio), the mob boss who owns the place;
- Henry Bascomb (Tim Haskin), the musician who plays at the speakeasy;
- Suzette DeVine (Stacy Perrot), the sweet flapper girl, Ross's main squeeze;
- "Flappy Lips" Flanagan (Ray Skiver), the low-rent mobster who dreams of the big time;
- Kenny Kreslin (Carter Chrivia), the dashing silent film star; and
- "Big Bertha" Cannon (Barb Richardson), the holy rolling bane of speakeasies.

When one of them is brutally murdered, it's up to everyone's favorite gumshoe, Detective Scott Reasoner (Michal Jacot) to lead the investigation and find the culprit. The audience gets to interrogate the suspects as well, and those people on stage had better be able to think on their feet because the entire evening is improvised! It promises to be an evening of fun and mayhem, so plan on coming!

Oh, and remember I was going to tell you how to get the best seat in the house? Here it is: all you have to do is play dress-up. That's right, get yourself decked out in your best Roaring 20's style, and if you wish you can take a seat right on stage in the speakeasy. You can be our official "set dressing." You don't have to do anything, you see the show for free since you're not taking up a seat in the audience, you have no lines to learn, and I promise I won't pick on you (too much). All you have to do is be part of the speakeasy clientele and watch the show from the stage! It's the easiest way in the world to break into show business! Those seats will be available on a first-come-first-served basis, so let us know you're attending.

Watch for more news on *The Speakeasy Murder*, coming August 1 and 2! For more information or questions, contact Michal or Sue.

## ODD COUPLE: FEMALE VERSION WRAP-UP

We closed our two-weekend run of *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* in April. I've always said, it's hard to go wrong with a Neil Simon script, and this one was no exception. Practically everyone knows the basic setup for *The Odd Couple* (slob rooms with neatnik, hilarity ensues). The female version not only uses some of the classic lines from the original but adds some new material and, of course, uses the gender-switch for maximum laughs.

Director Rodger McElveen put the talented cast through their paces. The show starred Barb Richardson as Olive Madison and Stacy Perrot as Florence Unger. Also featured were Rebecca Archer as Sylvie, Sheilah Monroe as Mickey, Nancy St. John as Renee, Sharon Langley as Vera, Keith del Rio as Manolo Costazuela and Michal Jacot as Jesus Costazuela.

Congratulations to the cast and crew for a crowd-pleasing production!

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## Look for TBP in the 4th of July Parade! ... and then Look Again!

Celebrate Independence Day by watching Tawas area's Fourth of July Parade. And be sure to cheer for not one but TWO floats from the Tawas Bay Players! We'll have a float to celebrate our forty years of community theater. That float is headed up by Stacy Perrot, and she's on the lookout for anyone who'd like to ride on it, so if you're available and want to have some fun, contact Stacy.

The other float is one that has been pleasing local crowds for many years. The Tawas Bay Players Singers bring new meaning to "traveling musical revue," entertaining the crowd with timeless songs as they travel the parade route down Newman Street and US-23. Pat Casey is in charge of this one.

Both floats can use extra hands to help decorate, so call either one of these ladies and pitch in. And if you can't, then stay on the sidelines and wave as we go by!



## MAKE IT A TBP SUMMER!

July 4: Watch for (or ride on) one of our TWO Parade Floats!

July 12,13 & 14 / July 18,19, 20, & 21: TBP: 40 Years In Songs

July 26 & 27: Michael Jons Psychic Show

August 1 & 2: The Speakeasy Murder



## Michael Jons Predicts Another Fun TBP Show

Michael Jons has been performing his amazing psychic show as a fundraiser for the last two years, and the talented Mr. Jons will be joining us again this year! For those of you who are not familiar with the show, Michael Jons wows his audiences with feats of mind-reading and baffling psychic tricks. He is a wonderful performer, the audience gets involved in the show, and it's a highly entertaining evening for everyone.

We know what you're thinking. "Can psychics really peek into our past and foresee our future?" Michael Jons proves they can! In the course of this fast-paced performance, Michael Jons demonstrates a Sherlock Holmes level of people-reading, astonishes with feats of personal persuasion, and seemingly reads people's thoughts like an open book. But the highlight of the show is the variety of psychic readings that Michael does for members the audience. They are as entertaining as they are amazing.

Whether you're an ardent skeptic or a true believer, you will agree that Michael Jons is an amazing entertainer. We predict you'll love his show!

Catch Michael Jons at the Tawas Bay Playhouse July 26 and 27 at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be sold by TBP locally and online via a link to Michael Jons' site.



The above cartoon is just a sample of what I have to put into CURTAIN CALLS if I have an empty space left over. Now, I know that none of you want to be subjected to bad puns like this all the time, so send me something to use for the newsletter so I don't have to rely on such low-brow material. (Okay, it came off a birthday card and it made me laugh...)

Got an item for CURTAIN CALLS? Got some news on current productions? Want to celebrate personal highlights of our members? Seen some good theater recently? Want to write an ongoing column about theater from your point of view? Have some old photos our memorabilia from past shows? Or do you just want to talk theater? This is the place for *all* of it! Send what you've got to me, Michal Jacot (the new editor of CURTAIN CALLS)! E-mail me at [mljacot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mljacot@sbcglobal.net) or text me at 989-310-0244. Let me hear from you!

# Looking Ahead

## Fall Production: **The Church Basement Ladies**

Musical - Directed by Dennis Szatkowski

October 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27.

Church Basement Ladies is a musical comedy about the ladies that work in the church basement cooking meals for church functions. The musical is inspired by the humorous book Growing Up Lutheran, by Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson.

## Winter 2020 Production: **Wait Until Dark**

Suspense - Directed by Ray Skiver

January 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, February 1, 2

Susy Hendrix is a blind Greenwich Village housewife who becomes the target of three con-men searching for the heroin hidden in a doll in her apartment.

## Spring 2020 Production: **The Messiah on the Frigidaire**

Comedy - Directed by Beth Borowski

April 24, 25, 26, 30, May 1, 2, 3

The small town of Elroy, South Carolina is thrust into the evangelical spotlight when what seems to be the image of Jesus appears on a refrigerator in a trailer park. The discovery by Lou Ann Hightower, her husband Dwayne, and her best friend Betsy, sets into motion a frenzy of conflict, communion and good old fashioned commerce.

## Summer 2020 Production: **I Love Lacy**

Romantic Comedy - Directed/Written by Michal Jacot

July 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19

Lacy Casey is socially awkward, has a goofy sense of humor, and has raised klutziness to an art form. Will she find love with her new boyfriend Bryce (providing he can even survive her whirlwind of clumsiness), and what about her best friend Trevor, who harbors a secret love for her?

## Fall 2020 Production: **Hallelujah Girls**

Director: Dennis Szatkowski

October 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25

A group of friends in this rollicking Southern comedy realize time is precious after the loss of a dear friend, and if they're going to change their lives and achieve their dreams, they have to get on it now! When they launch their new, improved lives, you've got a side-splitting, joyful comedy that will make you laugh out loud and shout "Hallelujah!"

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