

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS August-September 2021



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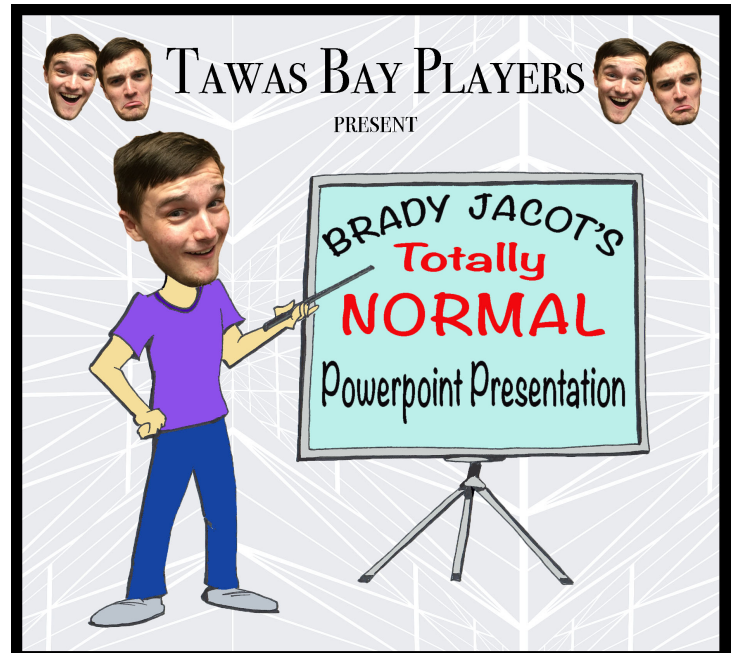
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“Brady Jacot’s Totally Normal Powerpoint Presentation” Returns TBP to Stage

Brady Jacot’s Totally Normal Powerpoint Presentation kicks off TBP’s return to the stage, and is sure to provide our audiences with plenty of laughs!

Slated for August 6-7-8, *BJTNPP* is an hour (more or less) of original comedy from the creative and somewhat warped mind of Brady Jacot. He guarantees you will learn something new from this show (although he isn’t sure what that is).

The show starts at 7:00 pm each night, with doors opening a half hour before showtime. Admission is \$5 per person (cash only, no credit cards) and seating is first come, first served. A lot of people around town are talking about this show, so plan to get there in time to snag a seat.



PICKING UP THE PIECES

By Michal Jacot

While we are all excited to get back on stage with *Brady Jacot's Totally Normal Powerpoint Presentation*, the Tawas Bay Players are keeping a realistic outlook for 2021 and 2022. Our last season pretty much crumbled away; now we are picking up the pieces and putting it back together, hoping we don't have to endure another hit.

As of this writing, the pandemic has not yet disappeared. While we are cautiously moving forward, we still cannot guarantee what direction COVID will take us, and future plans must still remain up in the air. Several shows got put on the back burner last year, and here is an update on them.

VIRGIL'S WEDDING

Virgil's Wedding was the first casualty of the pandemic; it got through its opening night, then was forced to cancel. The cast and crew got together after several months and managed to complete the show's run this last spring at the high school.

MESSIAH ON THE FRIGIDAIRE

Directed by Beth Borowski with an assist by Barb Richardson, *Messiah on the Frigidaire* had just been cast and was into its second week of rehearsals when it was stopped. Beth is planning for a fall revival of this show. She is hoping to get as many of her original cast back, but will need to hold tryouts to fill in some parts.

This quirky comedy is about the residents of Elroy, South Carolina, who are thrust into the evangelical spotlight when what seems to be the

image of Jesus appears on a refrigerator in a trailer park. When the National Investigator turns the appearance into front page headlines, their trailer park becomes a mecca for miracle seekers and disciples with a decidedly political agenda.

Tentative production dates are October 29-30-31 and November 4-5-6-7.

CHRISTMAS SONGS AND STORIES

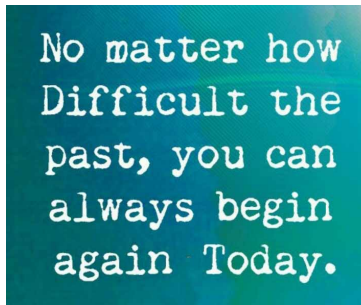
Another casualty of the pandemic, the 2020 Christmas offering was cancelled. Our annual holiday gift to the community will return on December 14th.

I LOVE LACY

Originally planned as a summer 2020 offering, then moved to summer 2021, *I Love Lacy*, written and directed by Michal Jacot, is now scheduled for summer 2022. Dates are July 22-23-24 and July 28-29-30-31. *I Love Lacy* is a light romantic comedy about socially awkward Lacy Casey and her friends. Lacy is dating Bryce, but her best friend Trevor has a secret crush on her. It's a fun, frivolous time, with a dollop of mistaken identity, in the life of a lovable train wreck as we find out who loves Lacy!

I Love Lacy has a cast of six people, and five of them are in the twenty-something age range, so talented college and high school age actors and actresses are welcome. (The sixth character is Lacy's father.)

Again, everything in this article is tentative; we're really hoping the COVID numbers go down and stay down. Nobody wants another lockdown, and we at TBP just want to get back to business. So hope for the best and mark these dates on your calendar!



No matter how
Difficult the
past, you can
always begin
again Today.

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 13 at 6:30 At RUSHMAN HALL (former K of C Hall) in East Tawas
After this last year we have a lot to catch up on, so please plan to attend!
Watch for your email invitation!



Those of you who saw the Tawas Fourth of July Parade no doubt noticed the Tawas Bay Players Singers entertaining the crowds on their float. They had people singing along, clapping their hands and even dancing in the streets with their patriotic music! Great job, TBP Singers!



Pictured here are (l to r) Pam Koepke, Pat Casey, Penny Zacharias, Laurie Jacot, Pam Frank, June Hudgins (seated), new TBP Singer Greg Jacot, Bill Archer, and Chris Mundy.

And a float is only as good as its driver, and that's our man Bob O'Meara hauling them down US-23!



Pitching In Where It's Needed



Many thanks to Laurie Jacot, Pat Casey and Gregory Jacot for their cleaning spree! They tackled our file cabinet, organizing all of the sheet music for easy access, and straightened up the office. It looks terrific! Good job!



YOUR THEATER WORD FOR THE DAY

I receive daily “Word of the Day” emails from wordgenius.com, and today’s offering made me think of the man who taught the word to me ...

Claque (klak): A group of people hired to applaud (or heckle) a performer or public speaker.

Back in Tawas Bay Players’ very first year, I heard Vincent Weiler jokingly say “we need to get some clagues in the audience for this show,” referring to a farce he was directing. (Fortunately, we didn’t need clagues as the show was pretty funny without artificial help!)

Do you have any theater words or phrases that you learned from someone in TBP? Let me know and I’ll put your story in a future issue of CC!



Plenty of Laughs In “Is He Dead?”

Earlier this month the WE Players presented the comedy “*Is He Dead?*”, directed by Suzan Nemeth and featuring many young people who have worked on or behind the TBP stage. Neil Peterson, Brady Jacot, both longtime contributors to TBP, were included in a cast of talented

performers. The script was a hilarious farce, and the entire cast kept the audiences laughing. Congratulations to our TBP actors and to everyone in the cast and crew of “*Is He Dead?*”!

I did this caricature of the cast for *Twelve Angry Jurors* (from 2016), and the cast responded with a group photo in the same poses as in the cartoon! -

Michal Jacot

