



Curtain Calls

October-November 2022

DISASTER! Arrives In Two Weeks!

Disaster!, TBP's fall show, is an outrageous musical spoofing the disaster films of the 70's. You remember those great movies: *The Towering Inferno*, *Airport*, *The Poseidon Adventure*, *Earthquake* ... anything that could happen, happened! In addition to paying homage to that film genre, *Disaster!* is loaded with iconic songs from the 1970's.



The show is directed by **Suzan Nemeth** and **Ed Krebs**, and produced by **Jolene Grusecki**, with musical direction by **Tracee) Lentz**.

Disaster!'s cast features **Brendan Sowerby, Walter Sanborn, Gino Vasquez, Stacy Perrot, Carol Kushion, Pat Casey, Pam Koepke, Mendy Shmina, Penny Zacharias, Tom Shmina, Jeff'Ej cf y lem'F wpecp'Y gcxgt. Savannah Utter, June Hudgins, Jillian Howey, 'Vlpc'F cnqp.'Uj gkr'O cgy unc.'Dct d'J wpgt.'Et cli 'Uc{ gt. Marjory Leas, 'William Archer, Hope Bellows, 'Mc v' 'Dw\ lp.'Cf co 'F cxku'cpf 'Ej t kl'O wpf { 0 Rk'lpemf gu'Dale Harwood.'DLP gwgp hgf v.'Tc{ 'Unk'gt.'Vt cegg)'Ngpv\ .'cpf 'M[rg'Mlpi 0**

Disaster! comes to the TBP stage October 14-15-16, and October 20-21-22-23. Don't miss it!

***DISASTER!* PRODUCTION CREW: READY FOR THE SHOW!**

By Tara Western

Disaster: the Musical is coming soon. This huge Tawas Bay Players production opens on Friday, October 14, running that weekend, and the next. (October 14-16 and October 20-23). The Playhouse at 401 Newman Street in East Tawas has been a beehive of activity since mid-August and now the next group of workers have arrived.

Hair/Make-up Designer **Melissa Street** has been active looking at wigs, 70's makeup and hairstyles, charged with the total transformation from the neck up of the 27 actors.

House Managers **Heather Whitford** and **Kirsten Nordin** are discussing decorations and tasty concessions for Hudgins Hall (the refreshment area) and recruiting ushers for our 70's themed event.

Lori Bayne, art extraordinaire, designed the amazing posters for *Disaster*, shot cast photos and created our gorgeous lobby "mural".

Writing over 30 biographies, **Cady Mounts** and **Devan Bridget** have been hard at it, meeting the deadline for **Pat Casey** to produce the programs.

Gearing up for running the box office, working with our new online ticket system, chairperson **Pam Koepke** and her team of **Beth Borowski**, **Nadeen O'Meara**, **Judy Quarters**, cpf **Vickie Szatkowski** are getting ready for opening night.

Getting the word out about any show is a multi-faceted job. Publicity has several parts. **Tara Western** is in charge of all radio, print, and online venues. **Sarah Groff** handles the posters you have seen around town. **Judy Quarters** is the face of Facebook, posting photos from the many activities that take place in the ongoing work that generates the production.

Get your tickets now. So easy now with our new Ticket provider Ludus...thank you **Pam Koepke** for setting us up. Go to **www.tawasbayplayers.com**.

THIS JUST IN!

by Tara Western

Needed: Loose Change, 70's Icons, and Generous Gamblers

Levora hits it big on a slot machine so lots of coins need to spill out. We are asking people to donate loose change at the theatre. Look for the container in Hudgins Hall on the membership desk. After the show, the money will be given to Coats for Kids.

For this production, Hudgins Hall will be turned into a casino. It's 1979 and we are inviting our audience to join in the fun by dressing in their best 1970's outfit. Every night someone will be named "Best Costume". A photo of the winner will be displayed on the "Hall of Disaster Fame" bulletin board.

At intermission, a 50-50 raffle will be held. Tickets will be sold before the show and at intermission. The winning ticket will be pulled at the end of the show along with the announcement of the costume contest.

TBP Annual Meeting

TBP's Annual Membership Meeting on August 12 at Rushman Hall was well attended. We discussed accomplishments of the past year and plans for the upcoming season.

After a delicious dinner, we got to the meeting, overseen by President **Keith Frank**.

Highlights from the previous season

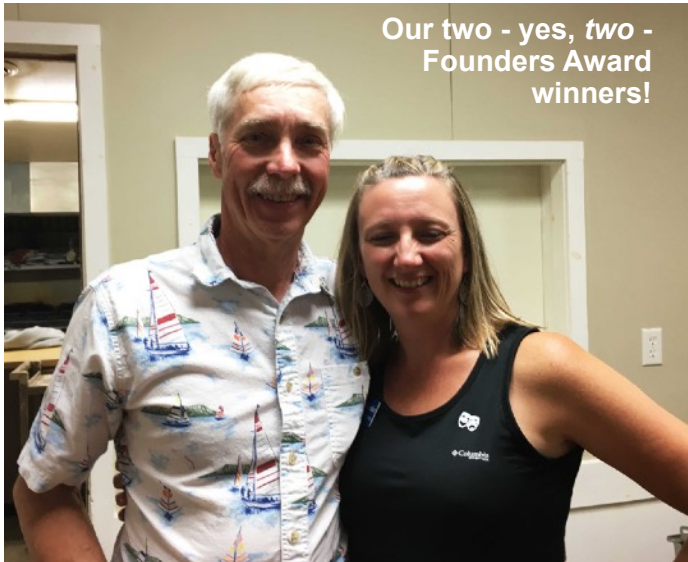
- **June Hudgins** stated that we had 127 members during the 2021-2022 seasons. At the meeting we already had 72 people sign up for membership for the 2022-2023 year.
- **Pat Casey** reported on activity from the Tawas Bay Players Singers; they were in the Fourth of July parade, sang at Tawas Village, and will be doing the Christmas Songs and Stories on Dec. 13, 2022.
- **Michal Jacot** was the third Tawas Bay Player to receive the Dorothy Arnett Volunteer award from CTAM.
- The \$2500 lighting project was completed by **Ed Krebs**.
- A new Marquee sign was installed at the theater.
- The board agreed to increase the budget of a play from \$100 to \$500 for a production. After \$500 spent, the producer needs Board approval to spend more on the production.



- We bought a new refrigerator from Cole's Appliance.
- The Board has approved an ad exchange package with WKJC. This package gets us extra ads before tryouts as well as in between the two shows.
- CTAM Zoom meeting and May 7 workshop with Mary Jo Denolf on membership.
- TBP hosted *Orphan Train* presented by the WE players in August. We also hosted the Friends of the East Tawas Library speaker Irene Miller (Holocaust Survivor). In October, we will host the Iosco Arenac District Library's program with Peter Fletcher (Classical Guitarist).
- **Pam Frank** took on the position of Volunteer Coordinator. She will reach out to our new volunteers.
- The Board hosted a Business After Hours on June 29th, 2022

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- The Board increased membership dues to \$15 per adult member and \$5 for youth members under 18. Our ticket prices for our shows have increased to \$13.
- A parent Coalition for Iosco County will be presenting a show in November called the Shining Stars. They will hold the show in November at the playhouse.
- Starting this year all adult shows in our regular season will be adjudicated. Teen shows will be adjudicated by director's discretion.



- **Judy Quarters** put together a production manual to help the future producers/directors.
- The Board decided to switch to Ludas for our ticket sales program. This program allows us to do more things and is better for our size theater.

Board Positions

There were three board positions open, and all were filled by incumbents **Keith Frank, Pat Casey, and Jolene Grusecki.**

2022-2023 Season

Disaster - October 14-16; 20-23

Christmas Songs and Stories - December 13, 2022 with the TBP Singers.

Emma – February 17-19; 23-26, 2023- Emma is a WE

Players production directed by **Jeff Chadwick.** It will be hosted by TBP at the playhouse.

Always a Bridesmaid - May 5-7; 11-14. Directed by **Becky Archer.**

Run For Your Wife - July 21-23; 27-30, 2023. Directed by **Roger McElveen.**

It's My Wedding, Dear Grandpa - October 13-15; 19-22, 2023. Directed by **Michal Jacot.**

Founders Award

Covid cancelled our 2021 activity, and so the Founders Award was not given last year. So, this year, we were fortunate enough to have two people who deserved recognition for their work. The 2021 Founders Award went to **Ed Krebs,** and the 2022 award went to **Stacy Perrot.** Thanks to both Ed and Stacy for all their service for our group.

Next Year's Meeting

The Annual meeting for 2023 will be on August 11, 2023 at Rushman Hall.

That's our report for the year! Put next year's meeting on your calendar right now and make plans to attend! It's a great way to stay on top of events going on in the TBP, as well as a terrific way to connect with all your theater friends!



Garage Cleanup

Our thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers who gave up a few hours to do a massive cleanup of our storage garage. It looks terrific!

OUR TBP CLEANUP CREW:

Bob O'Meara
Penny Zacharias
Keith Frank
Pam Frank
Pat Casey
Pam Koepke
Stacy Perrot
Eric Perrot
Ed Krebs
Barb Hunter
Michal Jacot
Laurie Jacot
Lyle Groff
Jeff Chadwick



When's the last time you saw the upstairs of the garage look THIS good!?!?

Auditions
**December 5th,
6th, & 7th**
Auditions will be at the
Tawas Bay Players Playhouse
from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

EMMA
A POP MUSICAL
By Eric Price

WE Players, Inc. Hosted by Tawas Bay Players

Radio Redo

By Michal Jacot

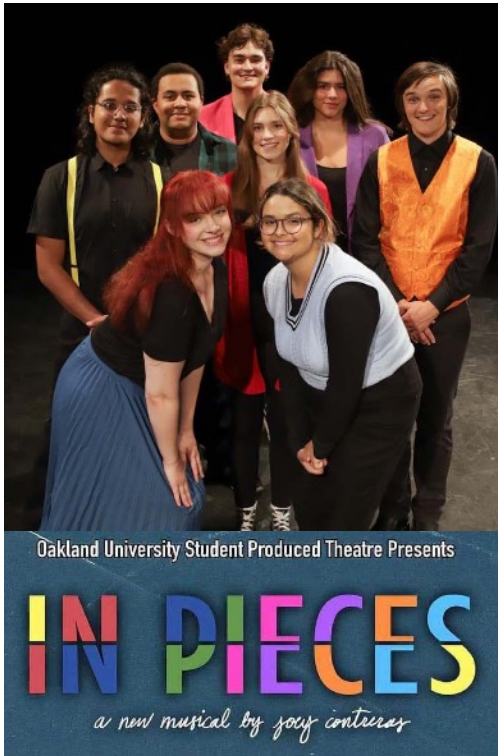
During our garage cleanup we came across a 1940's-style radio, Kind of dusty and scratched up, and heavier than the dickens because it still had all that radio junk inside it. I figured, we're never going to need a working radio on stage (not many plays call for a live broadcast from WKJC), but it would be a beautiful period-piece prop.

So I took the thing home and gutted it, reducing it to nearly one-third of its previous weight (from 70 pounds to a more manageable 25) I fixed up little dents and scratches and polished it up. It was a fun project, and now we have a cool prop the next time we do one of those old-timey plays!



Brady Jacot Keeps Busy On Stage

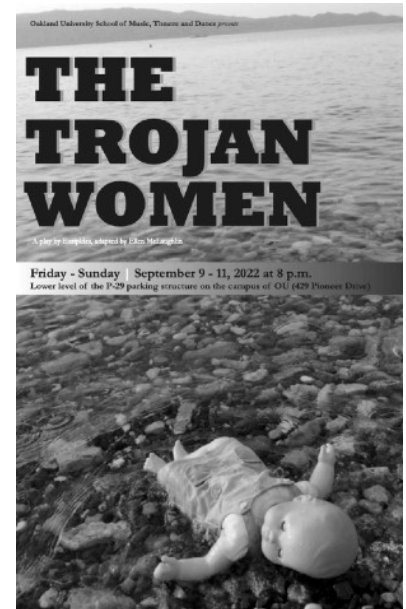
One thing you can say for **Brady Jacot**, he's staying active in theater! A junior at Oakland University, Brady recently appeared in a new musical, *In*



Pieces, where he displayed his singing talents in several songs and a couple of solos. Oakland also presented *The Trojan Women*, an intense drama that Brady performed in this last summer in Greece. His emotional portrayal of a soldier brought tears to the eyes of the audience!

Brady is currently stage managing a play to be presented at Oakland later this fall.

If you know of any TBP alumni who are still working in theater, *Curtain Calls* wants to hear about them! Drop me a note with an update so everyone can see what the TBPers of tomorrow are up to!



Send YOUR contributions to CURTAIN CALLS to Michal Jacot! E-mail your articles, photos, and any items of interest to Michal at mljacot@sbcglobal.net or mail it to 606 Locke Street, East Tawas, MI 48730!

LAST MINUTE ITEM

Gregory Jacot (of the TBP Singers) is now a music teacher at Fairview Schools. He will be heading up a Trivia Night fundraiser to get his band program up and running. It's a great way to help an area school, help out a fellow TBP, and have some fun in the process. Trivia Night is November 12th; contact me for details!



And speaking of trivia ... This TBP musical was presented at about this time of year 25 years ago, with **Jeff Chadwick** in the lead role. It was the second-to-last musical the TBP presented in the old Community Building (The last was "West Side Story", which immediately followed this one.) Any guesses? The answer below. See you in two months!

Answer: Godspell