

# CURTAIN CALL



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## Fall into "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery"

The area premiere of Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* will be presented at the Little Theatre for nine performances opening October 4th through October 19th. Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* is the hilarious adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. The playwright transforms this famous mystery into an all-out comedic theatrical adventure full of humor and mystery as Sherlock Holmes and his trusty sidekick Dr. Watson face their most puzzling and dangerous case yet.

A cast of seven actors take on nearly 40 characters searching for the truth complete with a dizzying web of clues, outlandish accents, and disguises. "Ken Ludwig's script conveys a real love of theatrical storytelling," states director Don Irven. "It offers the perfect blend of mystery and comedy. And the unique thing about his delightful script is that he creates a fun blend of laughs and mystery by writing over 40 roles for multiple actors." The cast of seven includes Shawn Clay as Sherlock Holmes, and Shannon Mitchell as Dr. Watson. Also in the cast are Jerry Marlowe, Roxie Long, Chester Boffo, Kate Johnson and Alex Walker.

The production team includes director Irven; Elizabeth Lehigh Thomakos, assistant director; Jack Pottmeyer, set & special props design; Steve Albery, lighting design; Kathy Bergstrom, sound design; & Machel Miller, costumes.

## "Baskerville"

Additional staff includes, Debi Devore, wigs & makeup; Halle Holmes, stage manager; Elizabeth Lawson Holmes, dialect coach; Amy Luxemburg, rehearsal prompter; Michael Brindley, producer and Allison Morris, photographer. The stage crew and additional assistance includes Danielle Blair, Dawn Brogan, Taylor Brogan, Lily Gao, Trish Green, Sally Holmes, Sherrel Rieger, Monica Scott, Sheila Samson-Witt, Amy Vance and Bart Herman.

Performances are on the weekends from October 4th - 19th. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm with matinee performances on Sundays at 2:30pm. There is a Thursday performance scheduled on October 17th at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling the KSU PAC box office at 330-308-6400 or in person by visiting the PAC box office from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and from 10am to 2pm Saturdays as well as online at [www.TheLittleTheatreOnline.org](http://www.TheLittleTheatreOnline.org).



## Patrons & Memberships

Memberships and patronages for the 2019-20 season are still available by calling 330.308.6400 or visiting us online. Memberships at \$15, and Patron Packages are available at the following levels: Cast Member \$65, Stage Manager \$130, Director \$200, Producer \$300, Single Show Corporate Sponsor \$500, and Full Season Corporate Sponsor \$1000.

Additionally, tickets are now available for purchase for all of our remaining shows. Secure your seats for the rest of our season online or by calling the PAC Box Office. Little Theatre is very excited to offer this opportunity for the first time this year.

## 2018-2019 Season Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2018-2019 Season at The Little Theatre! We had another successful season and are thrilled with the productions we were able to share with our community.

Our six mainstage productions last season included "My Name is Rachel Corrie" directed by Kait Gallagher-Wilsterman, "Sabrina Fair" directed by Kathy Blair Bergstrom, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" directed by Lisa Sommers, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" directed by Bart Herman, "Company" directed by Don Irven, and "Mamma Mia!" directed by Tom Morris and Pat Potter. If you had a favorite from this season, feel free to let us know on our Facebook Page!

In addition to our mainstage productions, we completed some improvements around the organization including: updated WiFi for the Box Office, new doors in the workshop are, coded locks were added to the Box Office and back door near the wardrobe, new lighting in the House and in the Workshop, and our Parking Lot was regraded and graveled.

We also want to recognize Allison Morris as our 2019 Marquee Club Inductee! Allison has dedicated countless hours to Little Theatre over the years, as a choreographer, Board Member, actress, and all-around constant volunteer in any capacity needed! Congratulations to Allison on receiving this honor!

Finally, we were well represented at the Ohio Community Theatre Festivals this year. "My Name is Rachel Corrie" performed an excerpt at the Regional Festival, where Sarah Jane Spies earned an Excellence in Acting Award. Kathy Blair Bergstrom and Jack Pottmeyer received Excellence in Set Design for "Sabrina Fair" and Kathy also received a Merit in Brochure Design.

Thank you for another great season, and we look forward to seeing you again this year!



# 2019 Children's Workshop

Another successful year for the Kids and Teens Theatre Workshops are in the books! Coordinated and directed by Pat Potter, the workshop takes place over two weeks. Workshop participants learn different aspects of acting, singing, dancing, that includes being treated to theatre games, improvisation and special guests.

32 children attended the workshop for first through fifth grades, while 25 were in the teen workshop. "More than half of the kids had been involved in workshops before and were eager to learn more while having fun with the gifted volunteers," stated Pat. "The workshops cannot be done without our dedicated volunteers who are either in college, are college graduates or in high school. The volunteers gain experience in directing and teaching while having the opportunity to add to their resumes."

Choreographer Maddie Dummermuth created an exhilarating dance to "You Can't Stop the Beat" from Hairspray while Music Director, Noah Carpenter taught the attendees vocal exercises, blend, and "Thank You for the Music" from Mamma Mia. Volunteer directors were Dylan DeMonte, Shay Gautier, Dylan Dunn, Sarah Jane Spies, Conner Limbaugh, Michael Antonelli, Cozette Torrence, and Garret Davis. Volunteer assistants with the kids' workshop were Belle Fockler, Logan Oreto, Grace Williams, Noah Morris, Luke Morris, and Rachel Ress.

The workshops are a wonderful way to introduce kids to all of the aspects of theatre and bring the community together to see well done evenings of entertainment. It's a win-win for all involved! Look for registration for the 2020 Children's Workshop to open this spring.



## 2019-2020 Calendar of Events

### ***The Uninvited***

Directed by Elizabeth Lawson Holmes  
Auditions – June 30th & July 1st  
August 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24 & 25

### ***Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery***

Directed by Don Irlen  
Auditions - August 18th & 19th  
October 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20

### ***Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells***

Directed by Kathy Blair-Bergstrom  
Auditions – September 21st & 22nd  
December 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15

### ***Legally Blonde: The Musical***

Directed by Bart Herman  
Auditions - November 24th & 25th  
February 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23

### **Community Caring Variety Show**

Directed by Kait Gallagher-Wilsterman  
Auditions - To Be Announced  
March 14 - 7:00pm

### ***The Diary of Anne Frank***

Directed by Jared Sparks  
Auditions - February 17th & 18th  
April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and May 1, 2, 3

### **Disney's *The Little Mermaid***

Directed by Lisa Sommers  
Auditions - April 18th & 19th  
July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

### ***Almost, Maine***

Directed by Melanie Slabaugh Clay  
Auditions - July 12th & 13th  
August 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30

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