Bemidji Community Theater
Building Community Together

Capital Campaign Update
The Engelstad Foundation has provided BCT with $50,000 in the form of a matching grant; thus, BCT will only receive that amount when they have raised another $50,000. Funds will be used to install a fire suppression system and handicapped accessibility. No donation is too small.

Volunteers Needed:
Renovations have begun. Call Dwayne at 218-760-0244 or Mary at 218-760-5457 for details or stop by!

Become a member!
$15 individual $20 family
Membership entitles you to 1 free ticket per season and 10% off the cost of boutique items and workshop fees. T-shirts only $10.00.

Silent Auction Sept. 14-19
Items will be featured on Facebook. If you have items to donate or need them picked up, contact Hannah Fletcher at: 218-368-3069

Contributions received as of 9/3/2020. More will be coming.

Kurt Kuha
Queen Bees
Loide Oils & Vinegar
Keg N Cork
Marsh Muirhead
Best Western
Kistine Cannon
Starbuck’s
Cantabria
Del Sol Tanning
Books N More
Applebees
Big Apple Bagels
Brigid’s Pub
Bonnie Smerud
Downtown Meats

Patterson’s Clothing
Tutto Bene
Thunderbird Graphics
Living Touch
Julie Loxtercamp
Formalities
Gallery North Art Gallery
Shannon Lucas Westrum & Wildflower Cottage
Ken K. Thompson Jewelry
Living Touch Massage
Corina Whiting
Marketplace Foods
Bemidji Dental
Lynda Moe

The BCT Silent Auction is a fundraiser to offset income lost by limits on live theater due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. You can bid in person by coming to the BCT Performing Arts Center at 316 Beltrami Avenue NW or by emailing bct@bemidjicommunitytheater.org.

Bids must include name, telephone number and bid. Please note the minimum bid. Any bid not in the proper increment will be rounded to the next available bid. If you are bidding by email, be sure to identify the item you are bidding on by number or by description.

BCT will be open for in-person bidding and review of items
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (14th, 15th, 16th) from 1-4 p.m.; on Thursday the 17th from 5-7 p.m. on Friday the 18th from 3-6 p.m. and on Saturday the 19th from 10-3 p.m.
E-mail bidding may occur any time from Sept. 14 at 8:00 am through September 19 at 3:00 pm.

Once daily, at the close of in-person bidding, the high bids will be posted on Facebook. On-line bids will be added before the doors open the next day. If two online bids for an item are the same, both parties will be informed and given an opportunity to increase their bid. No bids will be taken after 3 p.m. on Saturday. You may email any questions to BCT or ask the Board member in charge during the open hours.

After close of the auction, winners will be notified by telephone. Winners will need to pick up and pay for their items at BCT on Monday the 21st from 3-6 p.m. Items over $30 may be paid by credit card, but cash or check is preferable. A 3% processing fee will be added to credit card charges. Anyone unable to pick up their item at that time must call Kristine Cannon (218) 556-0959 to arrange a pickup. Items not picked up by Friday the 25th will be held for future fund raisers.

Silent Auction Details

Your generosity supports:
- six production a year: a children’s show in the State Park, three comedies or dramas, a dinner theater, and two large musicals. The spring musical is designed for school matinees seen by approximately 2,000 children each year.
- the new BCT Performing Arts Center (purchased in September of 2018) for rehearsal, storage, scene shop, workshops, and smaller performances.
- BCT Jr., a two-week children’s theater camp, in conjunction with City Parks and Recreation for children ages 8-14, offering various levels of stagecraft and technical skills.
- internship opportunities to allow young people to gain skills in areas such as Stage Management, Set Design and Painting, Set Construction, Costume Management, and Directing.
- a “Studio Works” project to allow new writers and directors the opportunity to produce new and/or experimental works.
- a Puppet Ambassador group that teaches students how to make puppets and write scripts.
- BCT Caroliers, a singing group available to area schools, churches, and nursing homes to provide entertainment and theater education.
- workshops, training classes, and other community involvement.
- Kidz Clubhouse which gives theater kids an opportunity for ownership in organizing theater activities such as Storybook Breakfast and the Easter Eggstravaganza.
- Project Genesis—a combination memory/theater initiative that connects the energy of young people to interview residents in assisted living facilities to unlock memories.
- The “Playing it Forward” program which gives back to the community and fosters a spirit of volunteerism including the following projects:
  ✓ Made over 1500 face masks for the community.
  ✓ Collected food for the local food shelf.
  ✓ Made and sold items to support Evergreen Youth and Family Services, St. Jude’s and MN Children’s Hospitals, Elephant rescues in Tennessee and Thailand, Great River Rescue.
  ✓ Collected over 8000 books to donate to children attending the children’s shows.
  ✓ Sponsored Community activities during Christmas, the 4th of July, the Bemidji Sculpture Walk etc.