Virtual On Line Classes to Begin Feb. 9

**Introduction to Shakespeare**
Teacher: Vicki Stenerson
Length: 1 hour a week for 6 weeks
Ages: 14 - 18
Dates/Times: Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:00
Cost: $48.00

Summary of Class: Shakespeare’s comedy *Much Ado About Nothing* will serve as the basic script in examining Shakespeare’s text, characters, subtext, and values in order to bring the script to life. This class repeats in April.

**Out of the Box Script Writing**
Teacher: Kristine Cannon
Length: 1.5 hours a week for 9 weeks
Ages: 12 - 16
Dates/Times: Thursdays 4:00 to 5:30
Cost: $108.00

Summary of Class: Students will work collaboratively to develop characters and a story line for a play with each student becoming a character in the play.

Participation will require payment of a per class fee, a reliable internet service with email capabilities, and a rudimentary knowledge regarding the use of Zoom. Never used Zoom before? Don’t worry. We will provide training. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate.

Register on the BCT website!

Happy Valentines Day

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**My Best Audition Ever**
(For young people ages 7 - 12)
Teachers: Julie Loxtercamp and Mary Anderson.
Length: 1 hour a week for 4 weeks
Ages: 7 - 12
Dates/Times: Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30
Cost: $32.00.

Summary of Class: Learn how to pick the best audition monologue, song selection, and mindset that will give you the confidence to do your best. Hone and develop auditioning skills and demonstrate them for suggestions and fine-tuning!

**My Best Audition Ever**
(For ages 13 – adult)
Teachers: Julie Loxtercamp and Mary Anderson.
Length: 1 hour a week for 4 weeks
Ages: 13 – Adult
Dates/Times: Mondays 6:30 to 7:30
Cost: $32.00.

Summary of Class: Learn how to pick the best audition monologue, song selection, and mindset that will give you the confidence to do your best. Hone and develop auditioning skills and demonstrate them for suggestions and fine-tuning!

The following will be offered at a later date.
Class Title: *Introduction to Script Performance*
Teacher: Karen Bradley

Class Title: *Scenic Painting Styles and Techniques*
Teacher: Gregg Wilimek

Class Title: *The Origins of Theater*
Teacher: Mary Knox-Johnson

*This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.*
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Building permits are in hand and volunteers are busy. The sheetrock is up, now the process of taping, mudding, and texturing begins. The catwalk which connects the mezzanine and the loft is in place. Preliminary walls for the office are up. New bathrooms are being installed. The next step is the fire suppression/sprinkler system, then general lighting for the lobby, followed by stage lighting, then lots of painting. We’re getting close now!

Donations are still needed. If anyone wins the lottery, remember, Bemidji Community Theater is a 501(c)3 so all donations are tax deductible. But really, thank you to all the volunteers, donors, businesses, and individuals who have supported this process so far. We especially want to thank our foundation and organization sponsors including: the Engelstad Foundation, the Shavlik Family Foundation, the Neilson Foundation, Northwoods Lumber, First National Bank, Paul Bunyan Communications, Harmony Foods Coop, Greater Bemidji, Raphael’s Bakery, KD Floral & Gardens, Lakeland Public TV, and Norbord.

Volunteers are still needed to help with a myriad of tasks. Call Dwayne at 760-0244 to volunteer.

Handmade Christmas Stockings For Sale
Kay Robinson, who used to teach in the theater department at BSU, has generously donated hand made Christmas stockings to be sold to earn money for BCT’s capital campaign. View them in the window at BCT. Inquiries can be sent to BCT’s email: BCT@bemidjicommutytheater.org.

Round Up for Valentine’s Day
Dine at Raphael’s bakery or get flowers for that special someone at KD Floral during February and round up your bill at the ‘til to help with BCT’s renovation project.

Watch Common Ground: Bemidji Community Theater: Part 1
On Lakeland Public TV.

BCT won 1st Place in the Window Display Contest sponsored by the Bemidji Jaycees.

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