

Bay City Players Newsletter

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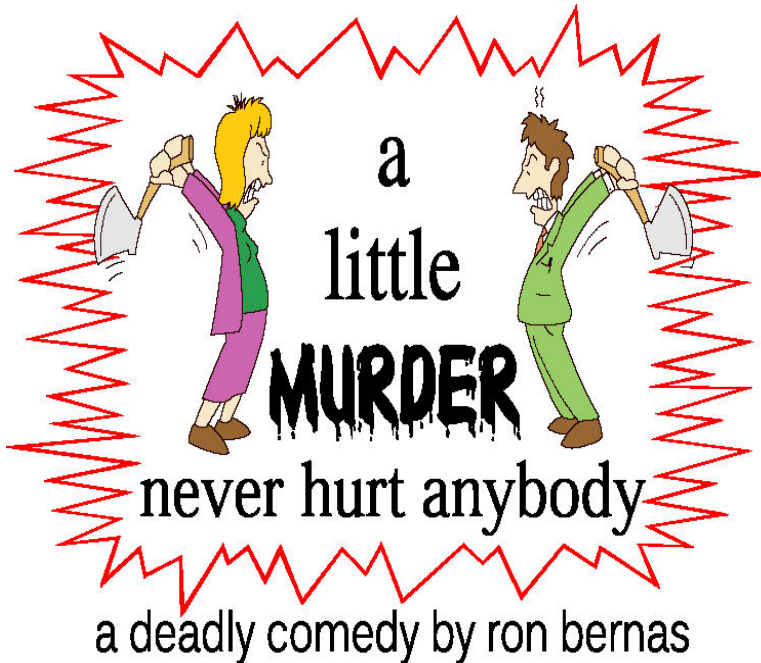
Second Monday

October 10, 2011
November 14, 2011
December 12, 2011

7 PM



Michigan's Oldest Continuously Operating Community Theatre



It's New Year's Eve at the Perry mansion, and Julia and Matthew Perry seem to have it all. But Matthew wants something more -- to be rid of his wife Julia so he can have some real fun! He resolves to murder Julia by the new year's end, and tells her so. She vows to stay alive, and tells him so. And so the game begins -- a hilarious year-long match of wits and the witless. While Julia cleverly dodges Matthew's devious murder attempts, the Perry friends and staff are dying off mysteriously. It seems Matthew is successful in murdering everyone but Julia.

As the bodies are falling, dim-witted daughter Bunny contemplates calling off her wedding to unwitting Donald since all the intended gift-bearing guests are dying. Enter Detective Plotnik -- a Sam Spade reincarnation who suspects everyone, but hasn't a clue. That is, not until Donald stumbles upon Julia and gentlemanly butler Buttram in what Donald mistakenly perceives as a compromising situation. Donald jumps to the conclusion that Julia is the murderer -- trying to murder Matthew!

A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody is an homage to the screwball comedies of the 30's and 40's.

"A delightful surprise . . . an evening of fun just on the proper side of slapstick." - Lansing State Journal

"Comedy packs laughs . . . a delightful play . . . a medley of laughs . . . the play has charm, and is really funny." - News-Herald, Southgate, MI



The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
September 30; October 1-2



Volunteer Winners: 1-r Barb Skowronski, Sarah Lange, Kunio Ouellette (Board Member), Will Lange, Lisa Sternberg

We Recognize our faithful Volunteers! Volunteer of the year award is a distinction given to a person or persons who have offered outstanding service during the past season. Recipients for Season 93 are: Sarah and Will Lange. The Dorothy and Ken Arnett award is the highest award given by Bay City Players.

It is presented for dedication and work that has provided a source of life to Bay City Players. The recipients of this award receives a plaque and have their names engraved on a permanent display in our lobby. This years award went to two volunteers who have given over forty years of combined service to Bay City Players. Barb Skowronski and Lisa Sternberg.

At the Annual Meeting BCP elected officers. Officers for the 2011-2012 year are;

- ★ President—Mike Wisniewski
- ★ First Vice President—Jeanne Cadena
- ★ Second Vice-President—Susan Meade
- ★ Secretary— Nathan Cholger

Also elected were new members of the Board pictured below. Members of the Board include: Vickie Bowden, Greg Burke, Nathan Cholger, Jeanne Cadena, Terri Huebner, Carol Huskins, Susan Lindow, Susan Meade, Judy Miller, Kurt Miller, John Tanner, Tracy Teich, Michael Vasicek, Mike Wisniewski,



Lauren Ouellette-Student Representative, Marty Kovacs and Leeds Bird.

New Board Members;

l-r;
Terri Huebner,
Michael Vasicek,
Kurt Miller,
Lauren Ouellette.



Celebrating
94 years!

Season 94!

**The 25th Annual Putnam
County Spelling Bee
September 22-25 & 29-30;
October 1-2**

**A Little Murder Never
Hurt Anybody**

November 11-13 & 17-20

Almost Maine

January 13-15 & 19-22

All My Sons

March 2-4 & 8-11

The Drowsy Chaperone

May 3-6 & 10-13



Last chance to buy Season Tickets!

(includes five admissions: 2 musicals and 3 for any other show or shows)

Please fill out this form and return it to Bay City Players.

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1214 Columbus Ave
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Regular Membership(s)

@ \$80 each \$ _____

Regular Senior/Student(s)

@ \$70 each \$ _____

Total for Memberships \$ _____

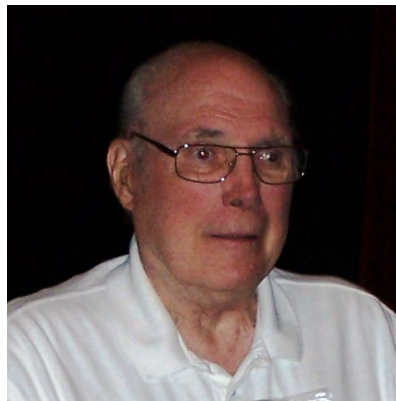
Contribution to Building Fund \$ _____

Bay City Players will participate in the Bay City Tour of Homes, October 9, 2011. Watch for details.

Bay City Players is working on our synergy with other arts organizations. Recently we took the cast of *Spelling Bee* to the State Theatre's "Taste & Theatrics," Thursday night, Sept 8th. They performed a couple of songs from the show as the opening act for Paul Phillips's light show in the theatre.

Did You Know?

- ▶ The smallest cast to any show at Players has been two people, no one person monologues yet. The first of the two-actor shows was *Sleuth* with Richard Colopy and Leeds Bird; next, was *A Walk in the Woods* with Frank Serresseque and John Tanner; and finally, *The Gin Game* with R. Jeanne Gilbert and Steve Steer.
- ▶ The only show to be extended for an entire weekend was the musical *Annie*.



We Remember...

Frank Bradley

Bay City Players turned another page in our long history with the passing of J. Frank Bradley. Another of the core of distinguished volunteers recognized by our Arnett plaque in the lobby, Frank was a Players mainstay for several decades, serving in a variety of positions: actor, director, board member, board president, and all around worker. In recent years, it was a pleasure to talk with Frank after a performance of one of our shows. He never missed one. Always complimentary but not reluctant to make a suggestion for improvement, Frank would eventually segue into remembrances of good times past—and he had plenty to remember. Frank had stories about being in our first musical, *The Boy Friend*. He could make you smile when going into backstage details about playing the lead role of Curly in *Oklahoma!* But one memory really stood out for Frank. He was director of *Death of Salesman*. The show was to open this Friday when on that day John F. Kennedy was assassinated. No one (cast, crew or audience) could have borne the intensity of this great play in the shadow of this heinous event. It was the only time in Players' history a performance was cancelled for a reason other than extreme weather. Life goes on; and with it, new adventures and new achievements move us forward. But those of us who have seen the big picture over time know that our future would not be as bright as it is without a past filled with giving people like Frank Bradley.



Looking to our coming seasons!

l—r: **Joanne Berry, Kathy Staudacher, Liz Dewey, Sue Meade and Judy Jaffe**, the play-reading committee chaired by **Sue Meade** work on *Season 95*. They are also considering special program and plays leading up to our *100th year*, 5 years away. **Leeds Bird** is chairing a committee to come up with appropriate events for the celebration.

Return Service Requested



A Needful Knowing!
Bay City Players Christmas Shows

► Stages of Discovery presents:

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. It tells the story of six delinquent children surnamed Herdman. They go to church for the first time after being told that the church offers snacks. Despite protests from other church members, the Herdmans are given roles in the Sunday school's Christmas play, in which they tell the Christmas story in a nonconventional fashion. Robinson first published the story in McCall's magazine before it was adapted into a book, which sold over 800,000 copies. Visit our Web-site or call 893-5555 for information on Try-outs. **Performance dates: December 9-10-11, 2011**

► The "Recyclables" Present:

A Christmas Gift for the Community

Come celebrate the Christmas season with "The Recyclables" of Bay City Players and their special guests, **Friday, December 16, @ 7 PM. FREE admission,** general admission tickets available at the box-office beginning at **Noon, December 12, 2011.**

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🎄 Dates to Remember: 🎄
🎄 ★ A Little Murder 🎄
🎄 Never Hurt Any- 🎄
🎄 body, November 11- 🎄
🎄 13 & 17-20 🎄
🎄 ★ Almost Maine- 🎄
🎄 Auditions Sunday, 🎄
🎄 Oct 2 @ 1PM and 🎄
🎄 Monday Oct 3 @ 7 🎄
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