

Brevard LITTLE THEATRE SPOTLIGHT

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Spotlight on Nita Porter

Member of BLT Board of Directors

Nita Porter is a retired special education teacher from Rock Hill, SC. She moved with her husband, Frank, to Brevard in 2009 for his job relocation. Nita has appeared in six BLT productions. She previously performed with the Rock Hill Community Theater, the Yorkville Players, and Terry Rouche

Productions.

Nita enjoyed performing in plays growing up. One of her favorite memories was being the fairy in a fourth grade production. She felt so special. Her grandmother, an excellent seamstress, made her a lovely pink costume. She continued to enjoy appearing in productions through high school. As a mother and teacher, she became the writer, director, spectator, and cheerleader for own the children’s performances. One of her favorite reading teaching strategies was Reader’s Theater. The children loved reading their parts over and over and getting into character.

After her two children graduated from high school, Nita found her way back to the stage by accident. Her sister tricked her into auditioning for a play with the local theater. It was a great experience and she has “played” ever since. She loves the friends she makes through her theater experiences. She especially enjoys comedies because of the laughter and happiness they bring to the audience.

When asked to serve on the BLT Board of Directors, Nita knew that it was time to give back. Theater has given her so much pleasure over the years. “It’s not the easiest time to be on the board with the economy the way it is, but this theater has been around for 72 years and with

this great cultural community we'll find a way to continue." Her hope is that when her term on the board is over, she will have made a difference. She currently chairs the Dancing with Our Stars and Publicity committees. She also volunteers at the SAFE Attic and sings in the Brevard Davidson River Church choir. She was a member of the 2010-2011 Transylvania County Vision Class.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION BRINGS NEW TALENT TO BLT

Sandra Whitmore, Volunteer Coordinator, conducted her first orientation for new volunteers on August 16th. Several of these participants have jumped in and started volunteering their services. Cory Galloway was the original stage manager for *The Dinner Party*. When he had to drop out, Jake Stamey stepped in. Soon after, Bonnie Whitmire joined the tech group as prompter and assistant to the director. Bonnie is an experienced director from SC and is new to Brevard. Corey and Jake are young local residents. We look forward to seeing more new faces in the future.



New volunteers from left: Cory Galloway, Jake Stamey and Bonnie Whitmire

NEIL SIMON'S *THE DINNER PARTY*

Brevard Little Theatre's next play of the season, *The Dinner Party*, is a comedy-drama that takes place in an elegant restaurant in Paris. This six-character play opens November 1st with a complimentary, catered reception afterward and runs for two consecutive, four-day weekends.

The story revolves around a French dinner party that is hilariously chaotic. Three men and three women, who do not know one another, have been invited to dine in a fancy Parisian restaurant. There's an air of mystery in this comedic play, because the diners do not know the reason they have been brought together. As it turns out, the dinner is about their damaged relationships and whether or not they can reconcile.

The cast members are Julie Vorus, Sandra Whitmore, Cheryl Walkup, Tate Albert, Ron Barratt, and Doug Huth. BLT welcomes newcomers, Barratt and Albert to our stage. Vorus and

Whitmore recently performed in *The Dixie Swim Club*. Walkup is a familiar face from musicals at BLT. Doug Huth has appeared in several BLT productions over the last three years.

Annette Hobbs is the director. Mary Lou Morrison and Al Edick are the producers.

The dates for the play are November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 at 8PM and November 4 and 11 at 3PM. **A complimentary, catered reception will follow the first performance.** Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for students. If you make advance reservations (828) 884-2587 tickets are \$14 and \$8.

NEW DATES ANNOUNCED FOR CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Please note that the new dates for performances of *THE LITTLEST ANGEL* and the *CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW* are now December 13-14 at 7:30 PM and December 15-16 at 3:00 PM.

The Brevard Little Theatre Youth Troupe will be performing the delightful two-act adaptation of Charles Tazewell's classic *The Littlest Angel* that has been dramatized by Joseph Robinette with music by Diane Leslie.

This is the classic Christmas story of a little angel who is transformed from a celestial pest to the toast of the heavenly host. Timeless and uplifting, this musical is an ideal holiday treat for the whole community.

A Christmas variety show will be performed in conjunction with this play. Performers may perform in either or both the play and the variety show. Anyone wishing to join in on this part of the show can still do so. Just contact the director, Sonia Arnold at sonisilver@yahoo.com. She can still use a few more cherubs for the play, too!

Sonia is being assisted by Sandi Thompson. Bill Mashburn is rehearsal pianist and Candice Brown Owen is the vocal director.

PIANIST NEEDED

Bill Mashburn was slated to serve as pianist for *The Littlest Angel*, however, he is now scheduled to have knee surgery on November 5th. Thus we are in need of a pianist who will take over playing for the show. Bill is continuing to play at our rehearsals up to the time he has his surgery. We would like to keep him, but knee replacement is a long recovery that will go past the dates for our show.

Please call Sonia at 883-2029 or 553-4325 if you can help out. We wish Bill a speedy recovery!

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