



LITTLE THEATRE

SPOTLIGHT

February 2014

Spotlight on Sandi Thompson



Sandi Thompson has been a part of Brevard Little Theatre for the past 15 years. She has been the stage manager and assistant director for every Youth Troupe production since 1999 (more than 30 productions) and has helped with every summer youth camp during that span. She has also lent a hand with costumes, make up, props, and set dressing for multiple productions. Sandi has co-directed and co-produced all five of BLT's Broadway Cabarets, a major annual fund raiser. She has served on numerous committees. Despite all these activities, she has also found time to be a cast member in several productions including ***Fiddler on the Roof, Oliver!, Anything Goes, Annie, You Can't Take it With You, I Want My Mummy***, all five ***Broadway Cabarets, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, The Christmas Bus, The Littlest Angel, and A Christmas Carol***. She was stage manager for ***Tea and Sympathy***. Furthermore, for the past 12 years Sandi has helped to costume the annual Brevard High School musical and the BHS Chorale's Madrigal Dinners.

Sandi, a native Transylvanian, has a degree in Animal Science from NC State University. She is an equine riding instructor and a veterinary technician. She and her husband, Dr. Mark Thompson, own Brevard Animal Hospital. They have two children, Zac and Andy, who have both been active in BLT. The family also contains many four-legged members including horses, goats, llamas, dogs, and cats. In her limited spare time Sandi likes to ride, play with her pets, cook, garden, read, and hike.

7th Annual *Dancing With Our Stars* February 8 - Come join the fun!



Brevard Little Theatre is proud to present ***Dancing With Our Stars*** on Saturday, February 8, at 7 PM at the theater. The event is a fundraiser for BLT, with the money going towards the high cost of operating a community theatre. In a format similar to ABC's *Dancing With The Stars*, this extremely popular event features local personalities, each paired with a professional or very skilled dancer, performing in competition.

Each couple will perform its dance and the audience will vote for their favorites with dollar bills, each dollar counting as one vote. The winning couple is the one that raises the most money. The audience will have opportunities to dance before and after the competition.

Admission is \$10, with open seating. Advance tickets can be purchased at BLT on Thursday and Friday, January 30 & 31 and February 6 & 7, between 11 AM and 1 PM. Tickets can also be purchased at the theatre the night of the event. A cash bar and snacks will be available. The doors open at 7 PM with the competition beginning at 8 PM. This event usually draws a packed house--come early!



BLT actors, Julie Vorus and Al Edick

BLT Actors Participate in Readers' Theatre

BLT actors Julie Vorus and Al Edick performed scenes from *The Lion in Winter* as Eleanor of Aquitaine and King Henry II at the Silvermont Readers' Theatre class in January. Julie has been leading this program

since 2011, on Mondays at 1 PM.

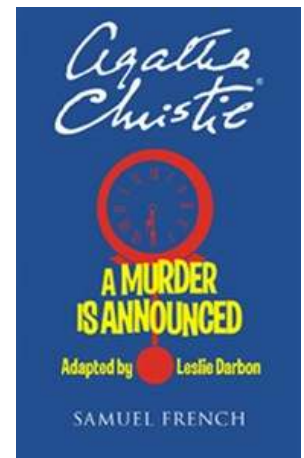
Julie is a BLT actor and board member. She has previous experience with readers' theatre prior to moving to Brevard. She started the one at the Chelsea Retirement Community in Michigan in 1992. In 1996, she and her husband moved to New Orleans where she started another readers' theatre.

Julie has an extensive collection of monologues, one-acts, and full-length plays. She hands out the parts and gives each member a week to go over the part and practice. Quite a number of BLT actors and directors participate in the weekly sessions. One such is Al Edick, veteran BLT actor, producer and director, who participated in *The Lion in Winter*.

For more information on her readers' theatre, contact Julie Vorus at 885-2473.

***A Murder is Announced* Opens Feb 20**

An "announcement" is in the local paper, stating the time and place of a murder to occur in Miss Blacklock's early Victorian house. The murderer is not one of the several occupants but an unexpected and unknown visitor. What follows is a classic Agatha Christie puzzle of mixed motives, concealed identities, a second death, a determined police inspector grimly following the twists and turns, and Miss Marple on hand to provide the final solution – at some risk to herself in a dramatic confrontation scene just before the final curtain.



Whitmore & O'Hare

DIRECTOR: Annette Hobbs

PRODUCER: Steve Woodsmall

CAST: Lyn O'Hare, Sandra Whitmore, Doug Huth, Steve Woodsmall, Heather Ingle, June Stacy, Jake Stamey, Marianne Plunkert, Erin Smith, Lisa Smith, Chris Martin.

The show will run February 20th to March 2nd on Thursdays through Sundays. Curtain time is 7:30 PM except for Sunday performances, which are matinees starting at 3:00 PM. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (any age), and \$5 for children 12 and under, *plus tax* (per state law effective January 1, 2014). Special adult ticket prices for Thursday, February 20 will be \$5 off. Advance tickets will be available at the theatre 11 AM - 1 PM on Thursdays and Fridays, Feb 20, 21, 27 and 28 or call the theatre at 828-884-BLTR [2587] for ticket reservations. Tickets will also be available at the door one hour before every performance.

TC Arts Packs the House



BLT was the proud Gold Sponsor of the 2014 Transylvania County Performing Arts Talent Competition on January 31st at the theatre. Over 20 youths aged 10 to 17 performed.

Date Change for *Southern Hospitality*

Our April production of *Southern Hospitality* was originally scheduled for April 17-27; these dates were published on the season brochure. Please mark your brochures and calendars for the new dates: April 10-19. (Note that this revised schedule has only seven performances, since there will be none on Easter Sunday, April 20.)

Box Office

Last year two of our Box Office volunteers stepped forward to help with the running of the Box Office until a new Box Office Manager was appointed. We now have a permanent Box Office Manager, Maureen Edick. Our thanks to Stephanie Goetzinger and Gail Reyes for coordinating these vital functions in the interim!



Mark Your Calendar



Brevard Little Theatre announces that the annual Awards Banquet Gala will be held on Friday, March 14th at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. The black tie (optional) event will begin at 6:30 PM. More details will follow.

Money, Money, Money

Where Do We Get Our Money?

Season, single and group ticket sales are an essential source of income. However, they are not nearly sufficient to cover the cost of each production. Other sources include revenue from the sale of advertisements in our playbills, concession sales, and rental of our hall. In 2013 we got a \$2,000 grant



from the Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority. We also occasionally get individual or business donations. We thank our donors and ask that you continue to support BLT with your attendance at our plays and events along with your donations. For information on gift-giving opportunities including sponsorships, please call 828-884-BLTR [2587] and leave a message; one of our Board members will respond to you.

Where Does Our Money Go?

We have to pay royalties for stage productions that can run from hundreds to thousands of dollars for each play or musical. Other expenses are advertising, materials to build the set, costumes, lighting and sound effects, additional music royalties, and hiring a musical director. There are also major expenses for monthly rent and utilities, plus office supplies.

Although BLT is a totally volunteer organization, we must constantly keep an eye on our budget to keep our doors--the only live theatre in Transylvania County--open.

Our volunteers love what they do. They love being a part of creating art and entertaining you with it. Please help keep our doors open for you. Volunteer and/or donate to your community theatre!

**Reservations and
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