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**TO: Hardin County Board Of Education**

**FROM: The PAC**

**DATE: February 2, 2022**

**SUBJECT: PAC NEWS**

[**BART’S BLOG – FEBRUARY 202**](https://thepac.net/now-showing-december-2021/)**2
Silver Linings**

The forecast for the performing arts has been cloudy at best lately.  Performing arts venues were among the first businesses to close due to COVID and among the last to re-open.  Even though the PAC resumed services in November 2020, we’ve had to do so with occasional restrictions, and many of our patrons are still hesitant to return.  Consequently, it feels like we are starting from scratch to rebuild our audience and programming as if it were 2001 all over again.

Instead of looking at this as a setback, however, we’ve used this harsh winter as an opportunity to re-invest in the facility with some much-needed upgrades and to initiate sweeping changes that will permit us to refocus our efforts and serve the community even better moving forward.  One of the new changes we are most excited about is our ability to live-stream many of our events, enabling us to reach a broader audience, including families across the country and those serving our country abroad.  We are also rededicating ourselves to making stronger connections with our community’s BIPOC and LGBTQ members through our programming and casting decisions.

The rest of this spring and summer, we’ll be busy helping numerous school and local productions such as Youth Theatre of Hardin County’s 50th summer residency and planting seeds for the next PAC season.  A season that’ll include the return of our annual musical with *Disney’s Beauty & the Beast* in September, returning favorites like Missoula Children’s Theatre, Kentucky Shakespeare, *The Nutcracker*, and new events like The National Players’ touring performance of August Wilson’s *Fences*.

So, though today’s forecast remains cloudy, take heart in knowing that the arts will be blooming onstage this spring and we’ll have an abundant PAC harvest this fall.

**December Audience Survey Winners**

Congratulations to  **ERIN BUTLER, LEE HOLLOWELL, LESLIE KEIPER & RACHEL WILSON**– each a lucky winner of a $20 PAC gift certificate for completing a January Audience Survey.

**Spotlight**

This month The PAC Spotlight shines on CHHS Instructional Assistant **Grace Peet** who is helping them as Assistant Director with their production of *Schoolhouse Rock* and NHHS student **Brian Reneau** who is playing “Beast” in the NHHS production of *Disney’s Beauty & the Beast*.  You can catch both productions at the PAC this month.

**What have you participated in at the PAC?**

* GRACE: *Mamma Mia*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Young Frankenstein*, and all four of the Sherlock Holmes adaptations.
* BRIAN: *The Nutcracker* and a choir concert

**What have been your most rewarding PAC experiences?**

* GRACE:  Returning each year to *Sherlock*, whether it be on stage or backstage, has probably been my most rewarding experience so far. They’ve certainly required the most growth, and I look forward to the next challenge!
* BRIAN: Meeting new people and learning and appreciating the arts.

**What did you learn from your PAC experiences?**

* GRACE: What haven’t I learned? I’ve had an incredible time getting to learn from everyone. Most of my new experiences have come from working backstage. Everything I now know about tech and managing a show I have learned over the last few years.
* BRIAN: It is good to express yourself sometimes, no matter how you do it.

**Why is the PAC important to you?**

* GRACE: Having an outlet for creative endeavors and the opportunity to perform has been a big part of my life for as long as I can remember. The PAC has both allowed me to continue that and introduced me to new ways to participate in theater.
* BRIAN: It has allowed me to open up more and learn more about the performing arts.  It is an environment that I enjoy and have come to love.

**Why should the PAC be important to others?**

* GRACE: The PAC is a place that provides opportunities for creative people and performers to channel those talents and create wonderful displays of art. In doing so, it helps cultivate a community for those people in which they find support and encouragement to grow. I think that community is worth supporting.
* BRIAN: Because it is meant for everyone. It is a place that people can come to and entertain or be entertained. The performing arts are important for society and even if some don’t participate, they are still connected to them in one way or another.

[Learn more about them both and all the other PAC Spotlight Ambassadors we’ve recognized over the years.](https://thepac.net/spotlight/)

[**NOW SHOWING – FEBRUARY 202**](https://thepac.net/now-showing-december-2021/)**2**

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| February 6, 7 | **CANCELED American Spiritual Ensemble**. Celebrating the Negro Spiritual, this critically acclaimed choir has thrilled audiences around the world with their dynamic renditions of classic spirituals and Broadway hits. Rated G. Best for: Grades 3 and above. Sunday Matinee, 3 PM. School Day performance, Monday, Feb 7. 9:30 AM. Tickets: $12 + $3 = $15. **All tickets reserved through the PAC at** [**www.thepac.net**](http://www.thepac.net) **or 270-769-8837 X 4 or 5.** *Producing Partners: Marvin and Joyce Benjamin Fund of Central Kentucky Community Foundation, Elizabethtown Noon Rotary Club, Alan L. Thomas Piano Tuning & Repair***. Ticket holders for this event will be contacted by the PAC to arrange refunds.** |
| February 12 | **Youth Theatre of Hardin County Winter Drama Workshop** (Second of three). In preparation for the summer musical production of ***THE LITTLE MERMAID***.  11 AM- 2 PM. POC Greg Thompson at ythc.greg@gmail.com Pre-registration is recommended. |
| February 10-13 | **North Hardin High School Winter Musical *BEAUTY & THE BEAST*.**  Friday School Day performances at 10 AM.  Public performances: Saturday, 7 PM & Sunday, 3 PM. Tickets: $5 + $2 fee. POC Cassie Lucas 270-351-3167. **All tickets reserved through the PAC at** [**www.thepac.net**](http://www.thepac.net) **or 270-769-8837 X 4 or 5** |
| February 17 | **Hardin County Board of Education Meeting. 6 PM. Student recognitions.**  |
| February 18,19 | **North Hardin High School Drama Club Production of *AND*.** Friday, 7 PM & Saturday, 3 PM. Tickets: $3 + $2 fee.  POC Donna Thomas 270-351-3167. **All tickets reserved through the PAC at** [**www.thepac.net**](http://www.thepac.net) **or 270-769-8837 X 4 or 5** |
| February 25, 26 | **John Hardin High School Choir production of *THE WEDDING SINGER.*** Friday, 7 PM & Sunday, 3 PM.  Tickets: Adults, $8 + $2 fee, Students, $3 + $2 fee. POC Phyllis Westfall 270-769-8906.  **All tickets reserved through the PAC at** [**www.thepac.net**](http://www.thepac.net) **or 270-769-8837 X 4 or 5.** |
| February 26 | **Sherlockapalooza at Crowne Pointe**.  **Watson the big screen?** A movie marathon of the PAC’s four-year salute to the great detective with panel discussions, merchandise sales, and special guests*.  A Study in Scarlet*:  10AM (120 mins)  *The Sign Of Four*:  1PM (120 mins)  *The Hound of the Baskervilles*:  4PM (120 mins)  *The Valley of Fear* (Premiere):  7PM (120 mins).  **For more information call the Box Office.** |

[**COMING SOON – MARCH 2022**](https://thepac.net/coming-soon-january-2022/)

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| March 4, 5 | **Central Hardin High School Drama Club** presents ***SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!***  All seats are reserved. Tickets available at www.thepac.net. $5 +$2 fee. Friday at 7PM and Saturday at 4 PM.  POC Sarah Dakin, 270-734-0021. |
| March 11 | **THE PAC PRESENTS: Art Fagen Productions’ National Tour of *CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES*.** 7 PM.One Night Only! This funny, heartwarming, and down-to-earth musical comedy based on recipes, food, and change in a Lutheran church will bring back memories of many people you know from churches everywhere.  Lobby and Theatre open at 6:30 PM. Rated G Best for: Grades 1st and above. Running Time: 120 mins (est.) All seats are reserved. Tickets will be available for purchase at www.thepac.net. Tickets: $30 + $5.25 fee, $25 + $4.25 fee, $20 + $4 fee. POC Box Office, 270-769-8837. |
| March 12 | **Youth Theatre of Hardin County Winter Workshop** (Last of three) in preparation for Auditions for their summer production of ***THE LITTLE MERMAID.***  11AM-3PM.  Parent meeting at 2PM.  POC Greg Thompson at ythc.greg@gmail.com |
| March 19-21 | **Allegro Dance Theatre** presents ***ALADDIN, JR.***  School Day performances: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30 &11:30 AM. Public performances: Friday at 7PM, Saturday at 2 & 7 PM, and Sunday at 3 PM. All seats are reserved. Tickets will be available for purchase at www.thepac.net. $5 + $2 fee.  POC Carol Zagar, 270-352-1333. |
| March 21 | **THE PAC PRESENTS: AUDITIONS  for Missoula Children's Theatre's *RUMPLESTILTSKIN*.**  1st through 8th-grade students are invited to participate.  The audition begins at **4 PM Sharp.**  Cast will be announced at 6 PM. Rehearsals will begin for some cast members at 6:30 PM Monday and continue Tuesday  - Thursday, March 22 - 25, from 4 PM - 8:30 PM, and Friday, March 26, from 8AM-Noon (each participant's schedule varies depending upon casting).   Pre-registration is recommended. A registration form will be available soon and will be found at www.thepac.net.   Auditions are Free. *There is a Participation Fee of $25 for those who are cast.* |
| March 25, 26 | **THE PAC PRESENTS: PERFORMANCES of Missoula Children's Theatre's RUMPELSTILTSKIN.**  (60 min).  A fable brought to life by a cast of local students and Missoula Children’s Theatre.  School Day performance Friday, March 26 at Noon. Public performances Friday,  7 PM & Saturday, 2 PM.  Know Before You Go: Music and fun for everyone.  Tickets: $19 + $3 fee & $15 + $3 fee.  POC 270-769-8837.  *Presented in Partnership with Swope Family of Dealerships, Edward Jones, ElizabethtownFamily.com, Elizabethtown Tourism, and Jimmie Dee Kelley in Tribute to Nelson Kelley.* |
| March 27 | **Heartland Winds Concert.**3 PM. Free to the public. POC Carol Zagar 270-352-1333. |
| March 29-31 | **Kentucky Music Educators Association Concert Band Assessment Festival.** Bands will perform and be adjudicated. Performances are a brief 20 minutes for middle schools and 30 minutes for high schools. The public is welcome to attend. The performance schedule is closely followed. Structured audience "entering" and "exiting" can be expected. Plan to arrive early. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Exact times to be determined. All times are EDT. POC is Brian Ellis at 769-8906. |

[**IN REVIEW – JANUARY 202**](https://thepac.net/in-review-november-2021/)**2**

On January 15, **37 area students (31 HCS, 6 Non-HCS)** attended the first of three Youth Theatre of Hardin County Drama Workshops in preparation for the summer production of ***THE LITTLE MERMAID.***

On January 28,29 and 30, The PAC presented **3 performances** of *THE NOVEL STAGE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE VALLEY OF FEAR.* Friday’s opening night performance was canceled due to inclement weather. This production is the fourth in a series of four Sherlock Holmes productions adapted for the stage and directed by the PAC’s Bart Lovins. The cast and crew included **8 professionals and 14 amateurs** that included **22 adults (5 HCS staff)** and**2 HCS students**. Public **audiences totaled nearly 300**. **50 LIVE STREAM viewers** got to enjoy the production **representing 21 states, Canada and England.**

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