

Bottom's Dream

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Thespian Calendar

PLAY AUDITIONS

Monday, October 3, 2011
Tuesday, October 4, 2011
3:40 - 6:00 p.m.

THESPIAN MEETING

Thursday, October 6, 2011
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

STAGE MANAGEMENT TRAINING BEGINS

Monday, October 10, 2011
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD

Thursday, October 13, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011
Saturday, October 15, 2011
7:30 p.m.

THESPIAN FIELD TRIP

Tuesday, October 18, 2011
Great Lakes Theatre Festival

IMPROV REHEARSAL

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 6, 2011
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE, JR.

Sunday, November 6, 2011
2:30 p.m.

24-HOUR THEATRE PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Saturday, November 12, 2011
7:30 p.m.

STAGE PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
6:30 p.m.

THESPIAN MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2011
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL

Sunday, November 20, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ONE-ACT AUDITIONS

Monday, November 21, 2011
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

New Season is Biggest Yet

Full Slate of Plays and Musicals set to Take Stage

Cost-Saving Subscription Available through October 15

Firestone Theatre is set to undertake its biggest theatre season yet. Several new projects are featured in the 2011-2012 theatre season that also includes three Main Stage productions in addition to a series of smaller performances in a Second Stage series. An affordable subscription is available at an adult and student price.

The Main Stage season kicks off with the fall play, *Elephant's Graveyard* by **George Brant**. This powerful production will be presented on stage in Firestone High School's Linda B. Kersker Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13; Friday, October 14; and Saturday, October 15, 2011. This short play is the true tale of the tragic collision of a struggling circus and a tiny Tennessee town.

The series continues with *Black Girl* by **J.E. Franklin**. This play about a young woman trapped in a life that leads nowhere will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1; Friday, December 2; and Saturday, December 3, 2011. The General admission tickets for both plays are \$5.00 if bought in advance and \$7.00 at the door. VIP, reserved tickets are also available for \$9.00 and include a reserved seat in the front of the auditorium as well as access to the special VIP room prior to the show and at intermission, if applicable.

Also included in the Main Stage season is the annual musical, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, featuring a book by **Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock** and **Willie Gilbert** as well as music and lyrics by **Frank Loesser**. It will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 29; at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1; at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2; and at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday March 3, 2012. This popular musical follows the rise of a young executive who uses the titular handbook to climb the corporate ladder. The General admission for the musical is \$8.00 if bought in advance and \$10.00 at the door. VIP, reserved tickets are also available for \$13.00 and include a reserved seat in the front of the auditorium as well as access to the special VIP room prior to the show and at intermission, if applicable.

The Main Stage season concludes with the annual *Spring Dance Concert*. This event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24, 2011. The concert is an annual event that features Firestone's dancers in a program of original choreography by students, faculty, and guest artists.

This year's second stage season has been expanded and is included in the subscription series. For instance, the *24-Hour Theatre Project* is an exciting, new event that is a highlight of

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A Season Subscription will Save you Money

Student Subscription includes Talent Show for just \$20.00

Firestone Theatre is dedicated to keeping ticket prices low and affordable to the widest range of patrons. Our ticket prices have remained steady over the years and for the most part remain less expensive than a night at the movies. An additional savings is available to everyone through a season subscription that includes the entire theatre season at a largely reduced rate. An adult subscription is \$28.00 and represents a savings of over 40 percent. A VIP, reserved subscription is also available for \$32.00. A student subscription includes the entire theatre season as well as the all-school Talent Show and is available for just \$20.00 and represents a savings of over 60 percent off the regular ticket price. A complete description of our season as well as a subscription order form is available for download at www.FirestoneTheatre.com.

Improv Troupe Springs to Life starting November 1

Firestone Theatre will form its own improvisation troupe for the very first time. This troupe will be under the direction of Cleveland-area director/actor Marc Moritz and will perform at least twice during the year in addition to participating in the Cleveland Improv Competition in the spring. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011, and is open to all interested FHS students. The initial performance of the troupe will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

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the fall for many students in Firestone's successful arts program. It is joined by the first annual *Akron High School Film Festival* and the formation of an all-new improvisation troupe comprised of students in Firestone's nationally recognized theatre program. These performances along with the always popular *One-Act Play Festival* make up the Second Stage theatre season.

The 24-Hour Theatre Project will be held at the school at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2011. This single performance will culminate a whirlwind of activity that includes the creation and writing of five one-act plays as well as their staging and rehearsal in a single 24-hour period of time.

One Night of Improv will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2011. This event features our newly formed improvisation troupe. The always popular *One-Act Play Festival* will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

The first annual Akron High School Film Festival will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2012. This event will feature short films created by students from any Akron high school. Submissions for this event are due no later than February 10, 2012. Complete rules and submission forms are available for download at www.FirestoneTheatre.com.

General admission tickets for each of these second stage events cost \$5.00 and will be available only at the door. Each show is included in the season subscription.

Stage Management Training to get Under Way

Training for the new school year is set to begin on Monday, October 10, 2011. Under the stewardship of our longtime production manager and SM mentor, **Elynmarie Kazle**, the stage management training has become an important part of our theatre education program. All students with plans for a career in theatre are urged to register for this free training that meets for six sessions.

Next on our Stage: *Elephant's Graveyard* by George Brant 7:30 p.m., October 13, 14, and 15, 2011

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Beyond the Stage

... alumnus **Jeremy Clarke** recently played Seaweed in the Players Guild of Canton production of *Hairspray* ... alumnus **Stephen Carder** is set to play Larry in the upcoming Kent State production of *A Chorus Line* ... alumnus **Mike Forfia** spent the summer on tour with the Glenn Miller Orchestra ... alumnae **Trista White** is the producer of the University of Akron's ZTV sketch comedy show "Akron After Hours" ... alumnus **Margaret Lute** is a company member of Heads Up Productions and is working for the Illusion Factory as an understudy for "The Mirrorman" ... alumnae **Lucy Wang** recently had two plays published by JAC publishing. One is a full length play, *Bird's Nest Soup*, and the other is a collection of shorts under the title *Scenes from a Chinese Restaurant*. ... alumnae **Marisa (Wintrow) Jones** was recently married and also graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with degrees in Theatre and Spanish ... alumnus **Christopher Sharkey** is helping to relaunch a group in the Oklahoma University Honors College that goes to see the final dress rehearsal of various OU Theatre productions ... alumnus **Bryon Black** is in his final semester of school at Ashland University and is undertaking his student teaching assignment with the Copley High School and Middle School choirs ... alumnae **Elise (Cordle) Kennedy** Graduated in May with a Bachelors in Music from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music ... alumnus **Benjamin Isaiah Black** is set to play Vicar in Ashland's musical production of "Whistle Down the Wind" in late October/early November ... **Trisha (Scalera) Snowden** was recently selected to serve as a clinician at the OMEA State Conference in Columbus in February ...

School House Rock set for the Civic

Our annual production of *School House Rock Live, Jr.* is set to play the Akron Civic Theatre at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2011. This special performance is part of the Civic's family series and tickets are available from their box office. The show features 14 of FHS's finest musical theatre performers and is under the able direction of Miller South and CFHS graduate **Rachel Galambos**.

The 45-minute show is also available to tour for elementary schools throughout the Akron area. This fun and educational production is especially designed to extend classroom learning in the areas of math, language arts, science, and social studies with songs such as "I'm just a Bill," "3 is a Magic Number," "Interplanetary Janet," and "Conjunction Junction," among others.

Call the Firestone Theatre office at 330-873-3408 if you are interested in bringing this fantastic show to your school.

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Firestone Theatre Mission Statement

The mission of Firestone Theatre is to provide all FHS students with the opportunity to experience and practice the craft of collaborative, theatrical creation, to provide educational, cultural, and otherwise positive theatrical options as an extra-curricular activity, and to enrich and enhance the cultural and artistic life of Firestone High School and greater Akron area.