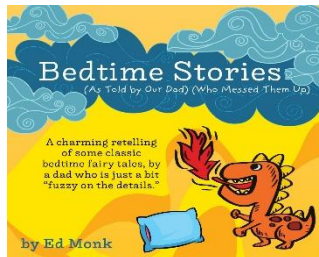


## YOUNG ACTORS GIVE GREAT SHOW



A huge “Bravo!” to the cast and crew of the YAP for their rendition of *Bedtime Stories* . . . , which closed at the Workshop the last weekend in June! It was a delightful show showcasing the talent and enthusiasm of area young people, both on and offstage, as, for the first time, a large number of the technical jobs were held by kids, not adults! What a great indication of the future of PW! Many thanks to all involved—we can hardly wait until next summer’s offering.

## PW FALL MUSICAL IN REHEARSALS



Players Workshop will open the 2025-2026 theatrical season “A Perfect Potpourri of Plays” with the musical farce *Something Rotten*, on Sept 19-21, 26-28, & Oct 2-5, 2025, at the Workshop, 1431 Grove St.

With book by Karey Kirkpatrick & John Farrell and music & lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick, *Something Rotten* welcomes you to the Renaissance, where “Black Plague has ceded power to the Puritans, farthingales are the latest fashion trend, and the biggest celebrity in England is a playwright named William Shakespeare.” Into this chaos come brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom, who are trying to keep their acting company afloat. When a soothsayer tells them the

future of theatre involves acting, singing, **and** dancing—**sometimes all at once**, the brothers strive to best Shakespeare and to write the first musical—leading to a “Battle with the Bard.”

Characterized as a “knee-slapping, joyous celebration of everything you love about Broadway,” *Something Rotten* opened on Broadway on April 22, 2015, where it ran for over 2 years. It was nominated for ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and won one for Best Featured Actor in a Musical (Christian Borle).

The cast for the show is as follows: The Bottom Brothers will be portrayed by Tommy Caruso as Nigel and Lee Franklin as Nick. Their archrival William Shakespeare will be played by J. T. Gorham.

Nikki Critser will play Beatrice “Bea” Bottom, Nigel’s wife and “strong right hand.” Adam Fauser is Brother Jeremiah, a strict Puritan who hates all things theatrical, and Olivia Keller is Jeremiah’s daughter Portia, who is in love with Nick Bottom.

Cody Fleitner plays the visionary Thomas Nostradamus; Njeri Patrick is The Minstrel, who serves as the audience’s guide to the action; Jim Beres is the flamboyant theater producer Lord Clapham; Joseph Harmon is Shylock, a moneylending character in one of Shakespeare’s plays; and Jim Brand portrays the “Master of Justice.”

The cast is rounded out by the ensemble: Sofia Ball, Kaitlynn Broeg, Karen Cahill, Brittany Gerst, Kerri Huffman, Michelle Huppenbauer, Anika Morton, Shelley Morton, Denette Parrish, Eva Salvador, Korn Sears, Kendal Sawyer, Marshall Scott, Sara Skinner, Reyanna Thompson, Katie Tur, Kiera Wagler, and Jakob Welch.

Kent Lewis is the director. First assistant director is Steve Poling, and Kara Ewinger is second assistant director. Robbin Poling will be the producer.

All Players Workshop performances of *Something Rotten* are at 7:30 p.m., except for the 2:00 p.m. Sun. matinees on Sept. 21, Sept. 28, and Oct. 5.

The show is considered to have a PG-13 rating.

For more information, call the Workshop at 319-753-6623, go to the Workshop’s Facebook page, or go to [www.playersworkshoptheater.com](http://www.playersworkshoptheater.com).

*Something Rotten* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, NY, and all production materials are furnished by MTI.

## WORKSHOP KICKS OFF

### 2025-2026 SEASON TICKET SALES

Players Workshop is pleased to announce that ticket sales for the 2025-2026 season, titled “A Perfect Potpourri of Plays” has begun.

Prices for a season ticket package are \$45 for adults and \$30 for students—this is like getting one play for free!

While mailings have gone out to previous season ticket holders, season tickets may be obtained by completing the form below and mailing a check and order form to Players Workshop, PO Box 793, Burlington, IA 52601; they may also be purchased online at [www.playersworkshoptheater.com](http://www.playersworkshoptheater.com). Orders must be received by Sept. 2, if the purchaser wishes to have the tickets mailed to them.

Those with questions, or for more information, may contact Jean Ballinger at [jean@myiowacpa.com](mailto:jean@myiowacpa.com) or at [jeanballinger@myiowacpa.com](mailto:jeanballinger@myiowacpa.com).

### “A PERFECT POTPOURRI OF PLAYS”



### A Perfect Potpourri of Plays SEASON TICKET ORDER FORM

Please send me the following season tickets for the 2025-2026 Season:

Adult tickets	# of Tickets _____ @ \$45 each = \$ _____
Student tickets (high school & younger)	# of Tickets _____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____
	Donation (optional, but appreciated) = \$ _____
<b>Total payment enclosed</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Please mail my tickets as follows: (PRINT CLEARLY)

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**\*\*Required if you wish to make reservations online!**

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**Note: Payment by check with this form, or online season ticket purchases, must be received no later than Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> if you wish to have your season tickets mailed to you.**

**If you prefer to purchase your tickets at the theater, bring this completed form with your payment. However, you will not be able to reserve seats online until tickets are paid.**

**Tickets will be mailed the first week of September.**

## GARAGE SALE SUCCESS



The annual PW garage sale took place July 18-19, and, according to Pres. Mary Fox, “We had the best garage sale ever.” The community once again came through, providing so many good items to sell, and although customers had to dodge raindrops to get to the sale, they again turned out in full force, the result of which was a record-breaking profit of over \$3200!

The money will be go toward new, much needed, cabinets in the make-up area. The current cabinets are very old, and many times simply trying to open one can be a “risky adventure

Pres. Fox extends a heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who set up, worked the sale, and packed up when it was all over.

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, contact Mary Weinand (mary.weinand@yahoo.com or 319-750-4651) to have your name removed from the mailing list. (Prefer an email version? Contact pw6623@gmail.com, to have the newsletter converted to electronic format.)

## PW SUPPORTING CAST 2025-2026



Players Workshop invites you to join the Supporting Cast for 2025-2026 season.

This one-time financial donation runs for the theatrical season, contributing significantly to the financial stability of PW.

Donations may be made in one of the following categories:

**Usher \$25-\$99                      Stage Crew \$100-\$249**

**Supporting Actor \$250-\$499      Star \$500-\$999**

**Director \$1000-\$2499      Producer \$2500+**

**The following have already joined for 2025-2026.**

### Supporting Actor

**Barbara Drozd (in memory of Jim Drozd)**

**Jon & Peggy Hart**

### Stage Crew

**Donna & Jan Logan**

**Peggy Stott**

### Usher

**Jill Baumert**

**Sally Bird**

**Zachary Hall**

**Karen Hassel**

**Linda Hoenig**

**Maureen Hutchcroft**

**Shylah Lenahan**

**Pat Mayle**

**Kenneth Morris**

**Pamela Pinkston**

**Jeff Rucker**

You may join the Honorary Supporting Cast for 2025-2026 by completing the form at the end of this newsletter or the form in your play program.

All those who join will have their names listed in each play program and newsletter, as well as on the PW website, for 2025-26.

**PLAYERS WORKSHOP thanks these additional patrons** for their financial donations to Players Workshop: Natalie Hall, Brittany Jacobs, Chris Murphy, Lillian Rubin, Henry Villareal, Sierah Correll, Monica Maddox, Rachel Beaman, Sara Nimrick, Phoebe, McNeece, Chris Murphy, Joni Hartje, Jodonna Carlson, Libba Flores, Krystal Johnson, E. Chery Green, Sandra Deal.

**MANY THANKS to all who contributed to the memorial fund established in memory of the late Rosa Mary “Rose” Yeiter; along with her husband, she was a long-time season ticket holder, supporting the efforts of PW.**

## DON'T FORGET SMUGMUG



SmugMug is an online platform (website) for photographers to store, share, and sell their photos.

This includes longtime PW photographer DAVID BECKMAN, and he has many PW production pictures available. David is also donating any proceeds from the sale of his pictures to PW.

If you would like to view or purchase photos of any of our recent plays, scan the QR code above and go to [www.davidbeckman.smugmug.com](http://www.davidbeckman.smugmug.com). If you would like photos from an earlier performance, send your request to [pw6623@gmail.com](mailto:pw6623@gmail.com), and we will see if we have photos from that show.

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I prefer my gift remain anonymous. \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a donation but do not wish to be listed in the Honorary Supporting Cast. \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form to Players Workshop, PO Box 793, Burlington, IA 52601**

You may also contribute by clicking on the DONATE button at the top of the PW website  
(playersworkshoptheater.com) or using the link on the PW Facebook page.

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