

BACKSTAGE PASS

COMEDY TO CLOSE PW SEASON

Caroline Smith's award-winning farce *The Kitchen Witches* promises to have the audience howling, as it closes PW's first full season since the Covid pandemic began.

The Kitchen Witches introduces the audience to Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle, two "mature" cable-access cooking show hostesses, who have hated each other for 30 years. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called *The Kitchen Witches*, "the insults are flung harder than the food!"

Christa Parry plays Dolly Biddle and Jayne Gobble plays Isobel Lomax. Scott Teater plays producer Stephen, and Brayden Bowers is Rob, the Camera Guy.

In an interesting side note, although changes to a play script are usually not allowed without expressed permission, this particular author and publisher not only allow for changes, but, in fact, encourage them, so the "show" is set in the "Burlington" Community Center, the PW audience plays the studio audience, and the audience members should not be surprised to hear a few other familiar names during the course of the play.

The Kitchen Witches is directed by Ron Teater, assisted by Mary Krohlow, and is produced by Bill Ell. It will run April 22-24 and April 28-May 1, 2022, at the Workshop, 1431 Grove St.; performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of 2:00 matinees on April 24 and May 1.

The Kitchen Witches is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

For more information go to the PW Facebook page, check out www.playersworkshoptheater.com, or call 319-753-6623.

AUDITIONS SET FOR ALADDIN JR.



Discover "A Whole New World" when PW holds open auditions for Disney's *Aladdin JR.*, the exciting stage adaptation of the legendary tale of the lovable thief with the heart of gold! Join Aladdin, Jasmine, and the fast-talking, wisecracking Genie as

they discover mystical caves, take magic carpet rides, and outwit the evil sorcerer, Jafar. **This is a great chance to introduce children to the magic of live theater!**

Auditions are on Sun., April 24, & Tues., April 6 (with call backs on April 27, if necessary), from 6-8 p.m. at the Workshop. Directors are looking for young actors ages 12-18, with parts available for 15 or more.

The show is slated for production June 24, 25, & 26, 2022, co-directed by Carol Hinkle & Scott Teater, with Christine Claeys and Amy Unglaub as assistant directors; Al Fabel will produce.

Disney's *Aladdin JR.* is based on the 1992 Academy Award®-winning film and the 2014 hit Broadway show, with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin, & book by Chad Beguelin, based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio, directed and produced by John Musker & Ron Clements. (**Disney's Aladdin JR.** is presented through special arrangement with, and all materials are provided by, Music Theatre International, New York, NY. www.mtishows.com)

For more information, contact Carol Hinkle at 319-850-1394 or email pwyngactors@gmail.com.

A WILD RIDE!

PW's *Passengers* by Sam Bobrick helped audiences forget the winter doldrums with 7 successful performances that made audiences laugh, cry, and think. Kudos to a great cast and crew for all of your hard work!

PW BOARD VOTES TO RELAX

COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Players Workshop Board has amended its COVID-19 Policy to conform to the most recent guidance from the CDC. Patrons who have been vaccinated and have received a booster shot will not be required to wear a mask. Unvaccinated patrons are asked to continue to wear a mask. Patrons who have been vaccinated and "boostered" can maintain social distancing at their discretion; there will no longer be socially distanced seating in the auditorium. The Board will continue to monitor the CDC ratings for Des Moines County and, as a result, these policies may change.

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MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Appointed in March 2022 to fill an unexpired term, Karla Mundt is the newest PW board member. A local artist, her first PW experience was helping with set decorating for *The Odd Couple, Female Version*. Since then she has worked on painting backdrops and doing program cover illustrations “before we took advantage of the computer.”

While appearing in the chorus for PW’s *Oklahoma*, she “discovered the commitment it takes by a group of people to successfully put on a play.”

When asked to join the board, she agreed, although she says, “When I figure out why I said ‘yes,’ I will let you know.” She also took on chairmanship of the Lobby Committee, which works to make the “front of the house” experience a positive one for PW patrons.

From Burlington, for several years Karla has been teaching children’s classes at the Art Center of Burlington, “enjoying children and exercising my creativity.”

She met her husband some 33 years ago, and enjoys spending her time on their 115 acres north of Burlington, growing veggies, berries, and flowers, or tromping through the wooded hills with black lab Sadie; other pastimes include reading, cooking, painting, and “exploring creative endeavors.” PW feels lucky to have this talented person on the board.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The annual business meeting of Players Workshop’s general membership has been set for Wed., May 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Workshop.

Election of members to the PW Board of Directors will occur, and a new president will be elected (Current Pres. Mary Fox has completed her maximum 4 years in office and cannot run again.).

Biographies of potential candidates will appear in the April newsletter. **Any person who has paid dues for 2021-2022 is eligible to vote.**

The Board of Directors will wait until the April board meeting to determine whether or not the general meeting will be completely in person or be a hybrid meeting with ZOOM attendance available.

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