

Spotlight on...



Fremont Community Theatre

more than a stage in your life



“Moon Over the Brewery” Will Leave You Wishing for More

by Linda Bower

What do a mailman, a waitress, a teenager, a pirate, and a samurai have in common? You’ll have to come and see “Moon Over the Brewery” to find out. Opening January 16th, this show includes all of the above, plus a suave guy in a white suit. Kaitlin Phillips, Cyrus Foos, Tim Bolton, and Melissa Kay Joseph have been a great cast to work with. They have worked hard and had fun, which has made my job a lot easier. Speaking of easier, Sue Stotz has made directing this show a great experience by being my assistant director, costumer, right hand and memory, not to mention brainstorming with me to design and make the quilt. This play, written by Bruce Graham, is the story of a mother and daughter who find themselves at odds with each other over what their future will be. Thirteen year old Amanda turns to her long time imaginary friend, Randolph, while Miriam, her mother, turns to Warren, a mailman she met at the diner she works at. Can three lonely people and that imaginary friend find a way out of loneliness and into a good life together? Come see this talented cast tell the story in a way that is warm and funny. You won’t want to miss the wonderful and original set designed by Mitch Antesky...or the pirate and the samurai, or the original painting by Michael W. Bower. See if you can spot my lucky charm up there on stage.

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Directed by Linda Bower, the play dates are Jan 16-18, 23-25. Raffle tickets will be available in the lobby on the performance dates for the original quilt, "Miriam's Dream", made for use in this play. Tickets for the quilt will be on sale at each of the performances, and the quilt will be raffled off at intermission at the last performance.

"Moon Over the Brewery" is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

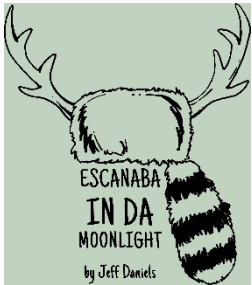
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

January 16-18, 23-25

Senior/Student Non-Season Ticket Holder \$10.00

Adult Non-Season Ticket Holder \$12.00

Reserve your tickets now by calling the Box Office at 419-332-0695 or by visiting our website www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org



Upcoming Auditions for "Escanaba in da Moonlight" January 18-19

FCT announces the upcoming auditions for "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by well-known actor and playwright Jeff Daniels.

THE STORY: When the Soady clan reunites for the opening day of deer season at the family's Upper Peninsula camp, thirty-five-year-old Reuben Soady brings with him the infamous reputation of being the oldest Soady in the history of the Soadys never to bag a buck. In a hunting story to beat all hunting stories, ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT spins a hilarious tale of humor, horror and heart as Reuben goes to any and all lengths to remove himself from the wrong end of the family record book. (www.dramatists.com)

The following roles are available:

ALBERT SOADY – early sixties – Patriarch of the Soady clan and narrator of the story.

REUBEN SOADY – 35 – Albert's oldest son. Married to Wolf Moon Dance. Carries the distinction of never "hangin' a single buck on da buck pole".

REMNAR SOADY – 33 – Albert's youngest son. Not "da sharpest tool in da shed" but a good hunter.

JIMMER NEGAMANEE – ageless – Close friend of the Soady's. Was abducted by aliens for an entire weekend, and when he came back he was different. Very different.

RANGER TOM T. TREADO – early forties - Ranger for the DNR. He came up from Detroit for the start of deer season and believes that he saw God up on the ridge.

WOLF MOON DANCE – thirties – Full- blooded Ojibwa and wife of Reuben Soady. (Note – She only appears in the final scene and has one line.)

Auditions will be held on January 25 and 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Fremont Community Theatre, located on Vanguard Place off of Dickinson Street in Fremont, Ohio.

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" will be presented on March 13-15 and 20-22 with special permission from Dramatists Play Services.

Letter from the President

by Cyndi HineLine, Madame President

I can't even begin to describe the amount of dedication I have seen from Director Linda Bower and her cast and crew, especially set designer Mitchell Antesky, these past few weeks as "Moon Over the Brewery" comes to life. The set crew are there at seemingly all hours of the day and night to bring together something truly amazing! For any of you who want a preview of all of the work that has been done for this show, please check out Mitch's photo album on our Facebook page. The set is looking amazing, as are the costumes (thanks to Sue Stotz). I am truly excited to see the final product, as should all of you be!

Watching members of a community, new and longstanding, come together to make something so incredible come to life gives me hope that there will be many more years of similar things to come. Throughout the hardships and negativity we may occasionally experience, we come together to do theatre because it gives us a sense of community. It is a home away from home, and the community is part of our family.

May we remember these things in the coming year, as we look forward to two more shows yet to come this season, and as we plan for the summer teen and youth shows and our 60th Season, to start in just a matter of months! **Happy New Year!**

More Than a Stage in Your Life:

THE BITE

by Caleb Damschroder

My mother and I came to FCT in the spring of 1996 to audition for *Oliver!* She always loved musicals and she had a son who wasn't very good at many of the things he was trying to be part of. We both were cast, but I wasn't *Oliver*. And I cried. I'll always remember that first production because the Teen Theatre was doing *The Secret Garden* in the next slot of the season and I expressed interest in wanting to be part of it. "You've been bitten", Judy Smith told me. "The theatre bug got you." She was right. I had been bitten. And that bug bite led me to be part of numerous shows at FCT over the following years, as well as The Bellevue Society for the Arts and the drama department at Fremont Ross High School. FCT not only gave me friends through that awkward middle school time, but it taught me how to be part of a community. How to work together to accomplish something. How to be proud of what can only be done when a group of passionate people come together in the name of art.



That bug bite also led me to New York City. This past spring, almost 20 years after that production of *Oliver!*, I made my Broadway debut in the current revival of *Cabaret*. While performing at the Tony Awards this year, I couldn't help but think of FCT the whole time. The people that have been there and will continue to be there for years to come. The passion. The dedication. To say that FCT was more than a stage in my life would be a severe understatement. FCT gave me a passion for life itself.

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The Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the FCT lobby. These are open to all members to attend. If you have business with the Board, the Chairman requests that you contact her beforehand to be placed on the Agenda.

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Newsletter Deadline:

February 13 at 5:00 pm
 Send info to Cyndi HineLine, Editor
 Would you like your newsletter in color?
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Box Office Information

Reservations can be made by calling the Box Office at 419-332-0695 or in person at the FCT Box Office.

Alternatively, advanced online purchasing may be done through PayPal by visiting www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org

We encourage reservations and advanced purchasing to reduce the time you stand in line!

FCTT Wraps up "Be My Baby"



The cast and crew of "Be My Baby" wish to thank everyone who came out to support them!

Downtown Holiday Parade

Some of the FCT and FCTT members were excited to participate in the Downtown Fremont Holiday Parade this year! Our theme was "A Fairytale Holiday" and present were Rapunzel, Cinderella, her Prince and Fairy Godmother, the Wizard of Oz's Lion, a Court Jester, Cruella DeVille, and Mrs. Claus herself! Much thanks to all who participated, especially Candi Cantrell and Sue Stotz who helped with the preparations. And our never-ending gratitude goes to Chuck Cantrell, who spent much time procuring and decorating our gorgeous float so we had something to ride on! We had so much fun, and it was agreed that next year, it will be even better!



FCTT News

The Fremont Community Teen Theatre enjoyed practicing their face-painting skills on November 19th, and a great time at their Christmas Pajama Party on December 14th! They started making a wish list for their summer show, and a great time was had by all!

The next meeting will be a New Year's Party on January 11 at 2:00 p.m., and a general meeting with the summer director will be held on February 8 at 2:00 p.m. FCTT meetings are open to all interested teens who will be between 13 and 19 by mid-July 2015!



News!

The Northwest delegates met on November 15 at Toledo Repertoire Theatre. Seventeen individuals were present. Theater contact information should be sent to Michelle or Mitch Antesky so that we can continue to send information directly to the right person. Our recent “Dine to Donate” event at Granite City Brewery raised \$144 to help off expected costs of the Regional festival at Montpelier School on June 6-7. Theaters were reminded to download the Spirit of Community Theatre Award form from OCTA’s website to nominate a deserving individual from the Northwest to be presented at the 2015 festival. Following the meeting, several individuals dined at The Beirut and enjoyed a wonderful performance of The Heiress at The Village Players of Toledo. —Michelle Johnson (excerpted from the December *Cuelines*)

Cuelines, the OCTA newsletter, may be viewed online at <http://www.ohiocommunitytheatre.org/cuelines>

Committee News

- ❖ The next Playreading Committee will meet on Monday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. at FCT. Playreading is open to any member of FCT, and you can either just show up to the meeting in December, or contact Linda Bower or Pete Lowry to find out more. Come help us choose our 60th Season!
- ❖ If you are interested in helping the theatre plan to celebrate our upcoming 60th Season in other ways, please consider serving on our Planning Committee! Contact PJ Foos or Chuck Cantrell for more information.
- ❖ We are still in search of a Chairperson for our Fundraising Committee. Several people are interested in serving on the committee, but we would love to also have more members serve on the committee. If you have some ideas of how to bring more money into the theatre to help defray our overhead costs or would be willing to help us plan some special events, please contact Cyndi Hine line so that we can start meeting and discussing soon!

Seeking Donations

If you wish to help out FCT in ways that are a little less obvious, here are some ideas!

- ❖ Hang some posters up to help advertise a show. They will be at FCT for pickup four weeks before each Opening Night.
- ❖ Live somewhere that gets a lot of traffic? Put a yard sign in your yard!
- ❖ Offer to be a House Manager for the run of a Show. Contact a Board Member to learn what that entails.
- ❖ Become a Patron, Sponsor, or Supporting Advertiser.
- ❖ Donate one or more of the following products to help defray our costs:

Cleaning Spray
 Disinfectant Wipes
 Liquid Hand Soap
 Toilet Cleanser
 Bleach
 Furniture Polish
 Murphy’s Oil Soap
 Window Cleaner
 Paper Towels
 Toilet Paper
 Napkins
 Coffee Supplies
 Makeup Remover Wipes
 Cotton Balls & Q-Tips
 Other various supplies

PLEASE NOTE! The third weekend of “Gypsy” has been eliminated, making the dates for the show: May 1-3 and 8-10. If you are a season ticket holder who has already requested tickets for the third weekend, you will be contacted to reschedule your reservation. In the meantime, please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Coming Up!

- January 10..... Winter Membership Meeting & Social 6pm
- January 11..... FCTT Meeting 2pm
- January 13..... “Moon Over the Brewery” F&F Dress 7:30pm
- January 16-18 “Moon Over the Brewery” Performances
- January 18-19 Auditions for “Escanaba in Da Moonlight” 7pm
- January 19..... Playreading 7pm
- January 20..... Board Meeting 7pm
- January 23-25 “Moon Over the Brewery” Performances
- February 8..... FCTT Meeting 2pm
- February 10..... Playreading 7pm
- February 13..... Newsletter Deadline 5pm
- February 17..... Board Meeting 7pm
- March 1..... FCTT Meeting 2pm
- March 1-2 “Gypsy” Auditions 7pm
- March 10..... “Escanaba in da Moonlight” F&F Dress 7:30pm
- March 13-15, 20-22 “Escanaba in da Moonlight” Performances

Please Note All Dates and Times are Subject to Change



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