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COMING SOON TO TAP



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Don't touch that dial! The WBFR Radio Players are back with another holiday classic! On stage December 13-31

With the help of a musician and foley artist, a top-notch ensemble of actors once again brings a few dozen personalities to captivating life in this 1940s radio broadcast. Based on the story, *The Greatest Gift* by Philip Van Doren Stern, the moving tale of idealistic George Bailey unfolds, as he considers his fate – and the fate of all the colorful characters in Bedford Falls – one eventful Christmas Eve. The entire family will enjoy this unique spin on one of America's favorite films!

DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Q&A With *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* Director Jacob Janssen



Jacob Janssen
Jackie & Steve Kane Artistic Director

Why should our patrons see *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*? Perhaps you have seen *It's A Wonderful Life*, but you've probably never seen it, or rather, heard it as a radio play. The story is the same, as are the characters, but by translating the film to a live radio production, you get to experience the story in a whole new way. It feels like a whole new story!

As playgoers, what should we watch for that would help us enjoy it even more? Most of the actors are playing more than one role. Watching how they switch seamlessly between characters is a lot of fun. Also, since this is a 1940's radio play, you get to experience all of the sound and music effects created right in front of you which adds an additional level of artistry to the performance.



Photo from TAP's 2022 Production of A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play

What are the largest challenges of directing this play? It's A Wonderful Life is one of the best known, and beloved holiday films of all time, so our audience will come with all sorts of expectations about the show. Making sure that we honor the story is our primary task, which means we dive deep on the characters and what makes them tick.

What's it like directing for a cast that has all performed together before? We spend a lot of time laughing.

What do you think audiences will take away from this show? I hope they will all learn what George learns, that we all owe each other more than we are owed.

Amy Mueller Assumes Role as Managing Director at Third Avenue PlayWorks

Amy Mueller is an experienced leader with a proven track record of success in the performing arts industry. Her passion for the arts and community building makes her an ideal fit for the dynamic and creative environment of Third Avenue PlayWorks.



"We are ecstatic to have Amy Mueller join the TAP family," said Michael Wright, Board President. "With her 10+ years of experience in all aspects of nonprofit theatre management, including a strong emphasis on fundraising, she will bring a vast array of skills to the Managing Director position. And, above all, she knows and loves Door County and this community. That is extremely important to all of us at TAP!"

Mueller joins Third Avenue PlayWorks after a successful tenure at American Players Theatre, where she served as a Development Director, in charge of stewarding a portfolio of individual donors and sponsors and also writing grants. Mueller also spent over five years as Executive Director of Door County's own Door Shakespeare. Most recently, Mueller served as the Grants Director for the Door County YMCA.

"It is an honor to join the TAP community and be a part of furthering its cultural mission," said Mueller as she expressed excitement about joining Third Avenue PlayWorks. "There is so much momentum at TAP right now, and it's been amazing to be reintroduced to the theatre upon moving back to Door County."

Mueller will join artistic director Jacob Janssen in a joint leadership model, working with TAP's board and staff to further enhance the organization's artistic vision and community engagement. Her commitment to fostering a culture of inclusivity and innovation aligns seamlessly with Third Avenue PlayWorks' mission to inspire, entertain, and enrich the lives of its audiences.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Illuminate • Celebrate • Elevate

Join us for our end-of-year celebration



and fundraiser at TAP on December 18! Guests can look forward to entertainment, delicious food, and the exclusive 2024 season announcement.

Tickets and Information



Full List of Events

Our mission is to inspire community



connections and spark dialogue through wide-ranging professional theatre.

We believe arts improve well-being. 69% of the population believe the arts “lift me up beyond everyday experiences.”

We believe arts unify communities. 73% of Americans agree that the arts “helps me understand other cultures better.” and 72% believe “the arts unify our communities regardless of age, race, and ethnicity.”

*According to a study conducted by Americans for the Arts

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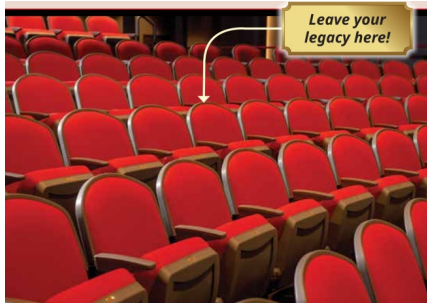
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Sponsorship

There are many opportunities throughout the season for sponsorship! Businesses and individuals can sponsor a show, an event, or even the full season.

Your support makes theatre possible and allows us to elevate the level of our work each year. A sponsorship of \$2500 would help cover the costs of the set or costumes for a production. If you are interested, please contact info@thirdavenueplayworks.org.



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY AT TAP

Add a commemorative plaque to a seat and become a part of our history. Give this as a unique gift, or share your support!

If you are interested, please contact info@thirdavenueplayworks.org.

Interested In Volunteering?

Volunteers are an integral part of TAP and provide support that allows us to create art at affordable prices. There are many opportunities to volunteer at TAP. Sign up today!

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