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# On the Move

Since it appears that we will be moving in the near future, we will be needing an amazing amount of help to move things to our new location or into storage. In addition to manpower, we need people willing to donate their vehicles for transporting furniture, set construction materials, costumes, props, and more. If you are willing to spare a few hours here and there, or if you know of other people who would be willing to help, please contact any Board member listed below so we can start to make plans.

The future of the Indiana Players will be determined by the number of people who step forward now, and who will show their willingness to help in any capacity. Please help support your community theater.

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# The Spotlight

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## Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

Tom Stoppard's best-known work, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, is a modern example of a tour-de-force in which the action in *Hamlet* is viewed through the eyes of two of the bit players. The play is not so much a behind-the-scenes look as a between-the-lines peek at what happens to these characters outside the scope of their scenes. We know *Hamlet* is about Hamlet. These guys think it's about Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Although we hear snatches of Shakespeare's dialogue and catch glimpses of a few famous scenes, we're treated to a parallel drama. Of course, in a spoof on a play rife with murder and death wishes, death is unsurprisingly everywhere.

Do you need to be well-acquainted with *Hamlet* to enjoy the show? No, but it may prompt you to read it or catch the next available show. From the 1967 stage play to the 1999 Oscar-winning film, this tale of two courtier-spies whose fateful trip to England is polished off with a single line in the fifth act of Shakespeare's play has received continual praise. Come see for yourself.

Directed by **Brent Laney**, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* stars **Fred Betzner, Keith Glab, Matt Kubda, Daniel Wayne Person, Sam Sherburne, John Henry Steelman, Sara Steelman, Christopher Wasylyshyn, Emily Wells, and Rob White.**

Performances for this show will be from **May 24 through 26** and **May 31 through June 2.**

### *Children's Series*



Our thanks to **Chip Engelmann** and his young cast for another great performance in *Sleeping Beauty*. This classic children's fairy tale starred **Liz Ali, Joey Bermea, Hannah Blashock, Kelsey Coughlin, David Cupp, Amber Engelmann, Alicia Faloon, Casi Harvey, Chelsea Hendricks, Alexander Jennings, Tove Maria Johnson, Alexandra Liboski, Tyler Mumau, Rick Neilsen, Jake Ogden, John Ogden, Amanda Olsen, Joe O'Toole, Maggie O'Toole, Molly O'Toole, Alex Rhodes, Kimberly Shearer, Alexis Stutzman, Carolyn Supina, Jack Wagner, and Katie Wagner.**

What's the word?

# Auditions!

Make your plans now to join Rydell High's class of 1959! *Grease* is coming to town this summer. So if you wanna join the gum-chewing, hubcap-stealing, hot-rod loving boys with their D.A.s and leather jackets, and their wise-cracking girls in teased curls, bobby socks, and pedal pushers, mark your calendar for these dates:

**Sunday, May 26**, Room 406 (Community room at Theater) 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 28**, Theater Stage, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Callbacks: Wednesday, May 29, Theater Stage, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

*Grease* will be shown on July 19 through 21 and July 26 through 28.

The last show in this year's Children's Series is *Wolf Tales*. Directed by **Jean Rickard**, *Wolf Tales* will be performed on June 28 at 6:00 p.m., and June 29 & 30 at 2:00 p.m.

**Auditions:**

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May 29 — Theater Stage, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## Volunteer of the Month

Special thanks go to **Madison Sabo**  
for her extraordinary help during *Sleeping Beauty*.

Please check the date...

on your mailing label to see when your membership expires. If it says "Due," please send in your renewal form.

### *Help Support the Indiana Players*

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and remit this form with payment to:

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# the Wally Awards

Each year the members of the Indiana Players vote on the best shows, director, and actors from the previous year. The *Wally Awards* will be voted on this summer, at the close of this season's shows. Ballots will be included in upcoming issues of this newsletter, so start thinking back now to those shows and scenes that left you with the best memories.

Here is a summary of some of the shows that will be included in this year's awards:

## **Everybody Loves Opal**

Director: Rob Stoerkel  
Opal Kronkie: Peggy Buckley  
Gloria: Jennifer Malloy  
Brad: Terry Ray  
Sol: James Chapman  
Doctor: Tony DeLoretto  
Policeman: Michael Rempel, Jr.

## **Arsenic and Old Lace**

Director: Christopher Wasylyshyn  
Abby Brewster: Peggy Buckley  
The Rev. Dr. Harper: Terry A. Fye  
Teddy Brewster: J.R. Sherburne  
Officer Brophy: David Hiltabidle  
Officer Klein: Ed Zatsick  
Martha Brewster: Alice Morris  
Elaine Harper: Judy Pierce  
Mortimer Brewster: Bruce Dries  
Mr. Gibbs: John Henry Steelman  
Jonathan Brewster: Jim Chapman  
Dr. Einstein: David Serene  
Officer O'Hara: William Young, Jr.  
Lieutenant Rooney: Chip Engelmann  
Mr. Witherspoon: Michael Handler

## **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**

Director: James Chapman  
Prologus: Christopher Wasylyshyn  
Senex: John Henry Steelman  
Domina: Donna Cupp, Phyllis Miller  
Hero: Harlan Chambers  
Hysterium: Rob Stoerkel  
Pseudolus: Christopher Wasylyshyn  
Erronius: Chip Engelmann  
Miles Gloriosus: David Hiltabidle  
Lycus: Joseph Tomko, David Serene  
Philia: Jenny Cupp, Beth Richard

## **Godspell**

Director: John Henry Steelman  
Cast:  
Harlan Chambers  
Kelley Chambers  
Jen Cupp  
Jeremy Flock  
Jayna Johnson  
Julianne Laird  
Tyler McPherson  
Elise Myers  
Carol Rice  
Rob Stoerkel

Other shows are: *The Mousetrap*, *Nuncrackers*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, and *Grease*. Look for cast lists in upcoming issues of *The Spotlight*.