



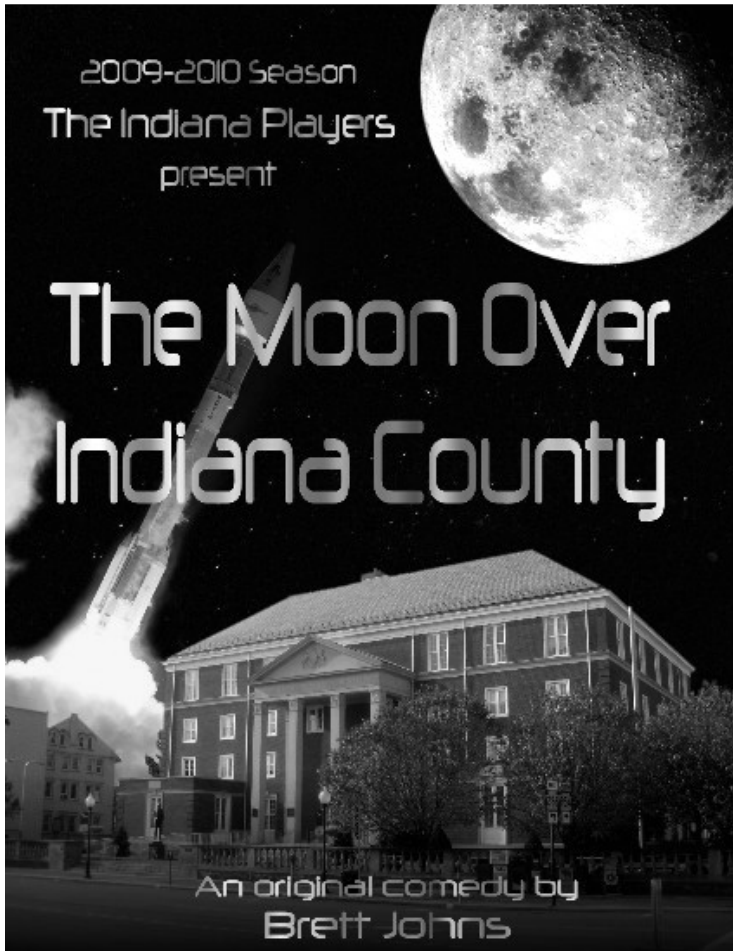
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# The Spotlight

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## AT THE PLAYHOUSE THIS MONTH...



**FEBRUARY 26, 27, & 28**  
**MARCH 5, 6, & 7**

A group of scientists at the University of Indiana in Pennsylvania (UIP) have finally figured out how to destroy the good-for-nothing moon once and for all. And it's just in the nick of time as their government grant money was about to run out because those crazy legislators are set on balancing the budget! Yeah, right!

But before the scientists can carry out their mission they must strike a deal with a covetous Dean who wants to take credit for their hard work, find an answer for a group of pesky school children who dare to ask why blow up the moon in the first place, and solve the mysterious murder of their own project leader.

This comedy was written by Indiana's own Brett Johns and takes place right here in our historic town. There are 37 specific references to Indiana sprinkled throughout the first act alone. Can you find them all? And more importantly can you find the murderer before he or she kills again?

### Times

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm

### Tickets

Adults \$10  
Seniors/Students \$8

**For ticket information or reservations call  
(724) 464-0725**

## ☺ Family Fun Fest Volunteers ☺

The Family Fun Fest returns to the Indiana Mall on Saturday, March 20, from 10 am to 3 pm, and the Indiana Players are proud to be a participant. In order to be successful though, we need volunteers to help work our booth. We will be face painting, greeting, and providing information about the theater. It's a great chance to get out and meet new people. Interested in being a part of this? Contact James Dixon at [JAMESMD2005@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JAMESMD2005@YAHOO.COM) or call the theater at (724) 464-0725.

For more info on the Family Fun Fest and other related events, check out the Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County website at [WWW.INDIANACOUNTYCAC.COM](http://WWW.INDIANACOUNTYCAC.COM)

# The IPI One-Act Festival

Submissions are in and our spring **One-Act Festival** looks to be an exciting mix! A special thank you to all those who submitted. We look forward to working with you.

Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan for evenings of fun on **March 26 & 27**. Each night will provide the audience with 6 different short plays that are certain to entertain. This year's festival includes the following one-acts:

- *27 Wagons Full of Cotton* by Tennessee Williams
  - Directed by Isadora Henry
- *Billy's Friend* by Mary Jo Bowes
  - Directed by Mary Jo Bowes
- *DMV Tyrant* by Christopher Durang
  - Directed by Peter Leblanc
- *Pariah* by August Strindberg
  - Directed by Brett Johns
- *The Case of Wright v. Wong* by Amanda Gonzalez & Alicia Joy Leblanc
  - Directed by Katrina Kayden
- *Words, Words, Words* by David Ives
  - Directed by Mary Jo Bowes

If you are looking to get involved working on the stage crew for this event, contact festival coordinator Katrina Kayden at [katrina\\_marie325@hotmail.com](mailto:katrina_marie325@hotmail.com). For tickets or information call (724) 464-0725.

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## Basket Bash

The month of May might seem a long ways off, but it *will* get here...eventually...barring Armageddon. While the mention of May might conjure up images of sunshine and flowers and walks in the park, we want you to start thinking **BASH!!!** More specifically, a **BASKET BASH**. That's right, the Indiana Players will be hosting a **Basket Bash** at the Indiana Holiday Inn on Sunday, May 16.

Okay, I know you've already got that on your calendar because the Bash is *that* exciting, but slow down a second. We're not selling tickets to the Bash just yet. First, we need to put the baskets together, and this is where you can help. If you can donate baskets, cellophane, or gifts to put in the baskets, we would appreciate it. If you want to help make baskets, that would be great. If you want to donate an entire basket, that would be super! We're looking for help creating the most exciting baskets imaginable. If you want to be a part of that, contact Leslie Swentosky by email at [lswentosky@yahoo.com](mailto:lswentosky@yahoo.com) or by phone at (724) 349-3928.



With all this snow and cold weather we've been having it is good to know the sun will still come out tomorrow! Auditions for *Annie Junior* are quickly approaching. Based on the popular comic strip, *Annie Junior* tells of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy. Its upbeat plot and flamboyant characters have made *Annie* one of the most beloved musicals in history.

If you know a child who is interested in giving acting a try, encourage him or her to come to the Playhouse on March 1 or March 2 to try out. Director James Chapman will be holding the auditions each evening from 6 pm until 8 pm. The entire cast will consist of children, so every role from that red-headed little orphan to "Daddy" Warbucks needs to be filled by a kid. This is a great opportunity to get them on stage, to have fun, and give them something to talk about for years to come. No preparation is needed, but make sure they are ready to sing in the aisles.

⇒ Auditions are **March 1 & 2**, from **6 to 8 pm** at the Philadelphia Street Playhouse. Children of all ages are needed.

## Summer Shows

We may be freezing now, but *they* say that summer is quickly approaching. I'm not sure I believe *them*, whoever *they* are, but I do know that Director's **proposals** for **summer shows** are due very soon! The due date has been extended until **February 27**. There's no time to lose!!

To submit your proposal, email it to Brett Johns at [revbrett@gmail.com](mailto:revbrett@gmail.com) 📧

For information on how to write a proposal visit our website at [www.indianaplayers.com/backstage](http://www.indianaplayers.com/backstage)

## ✂️ PARDON OUR DUST...

It has been a frigid winter, but, unlike Punxsutawney Phil, the Indiana Players have not been hibernating. The next time you come into the Playhouse, you will notice some major changes. We've been working hard rearranging our lobby, painting a few walls, and moving some chairs around, all to make the theater experience a little more enjoyable. We're proud of our progress so far, and to recognize the hard work of our volunteers we're naming a bunch of Volunteers of the Month this newsletter. Many thanks to:

### *Volunteers of the Month*

ROBIN YATKO, STEVE, JAMES DIXON,  
BRETT JOHNS, COLLEEN DONOVAN, TAMI  
MERRILL, JAMES WATTA, JUDY SMITH,  
SAVANNAH SMITH, LES SWENTOSKY,  
KATRINA KAYDEN, DREAMA VAN CISE,  
AND JEREMIAH FISHER.

And also a very special thanks to:

### *Business of the Month*

BILL HEBERER

But before we sit back and relax in the nice, new cushiony seats, admiring all the work we've done, there is still a lot more to do! We are having another set of "Clean-up Days" from **February 19 thru February 23, 10am to 5pm** each day. Come and help out! Show up and we'll put you to work. For more info, email James Dixon at [jamesmd2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesmd2005@yahoo.com) or call the Playhouse at 📞 (724) 464-0725.

## The Indiana Players are on

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Get the *latest* updates on what's happening at the Philadelphia Street Playhouse by joining our Facebook® Group. (You can find us by searching for "Indiana Players" on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com))

On Facebook, you can reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Our Facebook group brings together people from all walks of life who are bound together by their love of theater, specifically *our* theater.

We share photos from events, tell stories of shows we've been involved in, and discover who has the coolest profile pic. It's a great place to start online social networking. Check it out. Betcha see some people you already know there!