



Holland Civic Theatre's Civic Connection July 2019

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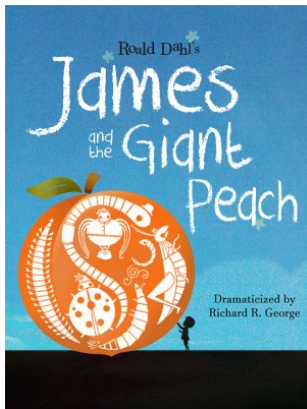
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James and the Giant Peach

31 kids are working hard to make a fun play for you! Please come out and support these wonderful kids!!! Tickets are selling out FAST. (Opening night is sold out!)

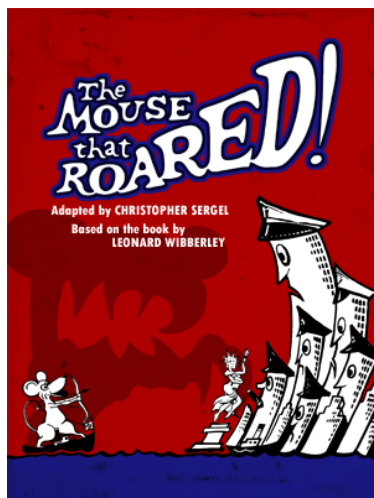
Tickets are only \$10!!! Bring the kids and enjoy some live, local theatre!



Tickets available at
www.hollandcivictheatre.org

Plays
July 11-13 at 7pm
July 13 at 2pm
July 18-20 at 7pm
July 20 at 2pm

Teen show—The Mouse That Roared

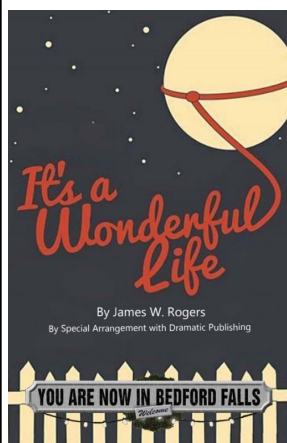


A pretty girl of 22 happens to be the present Duchess Gloriana, sovereign of a microscopic country in the Alps founded centuries ago by a roving band of English bowmen. Gloriana's unique solution to the near bankruptcy of her tiny domain is to declare war on the U.S.! There's some method to her madness, however, for her study of recent history suggests that the surest way to wealth today is to lose a war with the United States, for that country's odd reaction is to pour aid, relief and rehabilitation on the vanquished. When her "declaration" is considered a prank, Gloriana decides to escalate! Tully Bascomb, presently in charge of the bowmen, is to launch an attack so they can surrender and reap the rewards. Serious-minded Tully, however, upsets all calculations when he and his bowmen do the last thing expected—they win!

Plays August 8-10 and 15-17 at 7pm. 2pm matinees on Aug 10 & 17.

Be a Part of Our 60th Season!!!

Holland Civic Theatre is looking for directors for next season. If you are interested in directing (or any part of the production team) please contact HCT at hollandcivictheatre@yahoo.com.



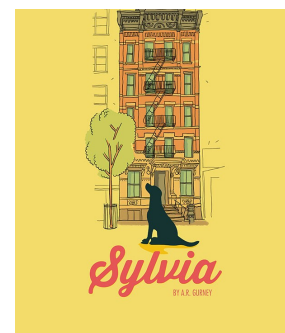
It's A Wonderful Life

Auditions are September 16-17. Show is Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 5-7, Dec 12-14

Summary of the show: In our American culture *It's a Wonderful Life* has become almost as familiar as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The story is a natural for a stage adaptation: the saga of George Bailey, the Everyman from the small town of Bedford Falls, whose dreams of escape and adventure have been quashed by family obligation and civic duty, whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him—by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born—that his has been, after all, a wonderful life. This faithful adaptation has all your favorite characters: George and Mary Hatch, Clarence, Uncle Billy, Violet, and, of course, the Scrooge-like villain, Mr. Potter. This fine dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.

Sylvia

Auditions are November 11 & 12. Show is Jan 30-Feb 1, Feb 7-9; Feb 13-15
Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after twenty-two years of child-raising in the suburbs. Greg's career as a financial trader is winding down, while Kate's career, as a public-school English teacher, is beginning to offer her more opportunities. Greg brings home a dog he found in the park—or that has found him—bearing only the name "Sylvia" on her name tag. A street-smart mixture of Lab and Poodle, Sylvia becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife. She offers Greg an escape from the frustrations of his job and the unknowns of middle age. To Kate, Sylvia becomes a rival for affection. And Sylvia thinks Kate just doesn't understand the relationship between man and dog, putting their marriage in serious jeopardy. Join us for this complicated relationship between man, wife and dog.

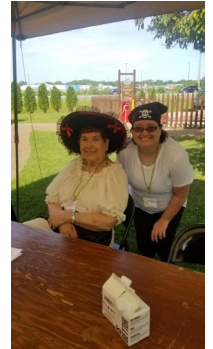
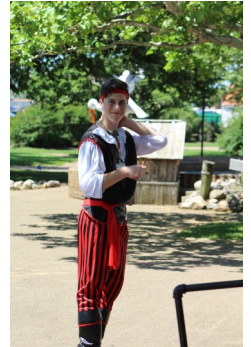


Pillage the Village!!!

Thank you from the bottom of our Piratie Hearts to all the **Pillage the Village Leadership** who made this event happen: Debbie Ruth, Project Coordinator; Teresa Bock, Hospitality Coordinator; Jodi Miller & Marilyn Field, Games; Lynda DeCan, Publicity; Beth Egge, Photo Booth & Hospitality Lead; Joe Crosser, Photo Stand Coordinator; Jason Bock, Skit Author & Director; Jennie VanderLugt, Music Director; Chris Gara, Crafts Coordinator; Hannah Pederson-Born, Tattoo Parlor Coordinator.


A HUGE thank you to all our **Pillage the Village Volunteers** who stuck it out through a very hot, sweaty, fun, and very successful event: Chris Gara as Col Chris Craft; Jodi Miller as Topsail Noosemaker; Laurie Van Ark as Dutch Pearl; Jason Reimink as The Sable Seal; Jennie & Boone VanderLugt as Boone & Ladia Aria Black, Jason & Jonah VanderLugt as Jonah & Bimbleton Swarthybottom; Liz Barveld as Lady Lizolle; Lynda DeCan as Scurvylegs Rye; the Miller Family starring Eric as Wade "Voodoo" Moonscar, Tracy as the amazing Sassy McGee of the Sea, Gabe as Edmund "One Eye" Reeves, and Ian as Jeffrey "Ironhook" Silver; Christine Randall as Kraken McGee; Brian Everitt as Walker D. Plank; Crystal & Deacon Nyland as Christina & Peter Sparrow; Lilly Nyland as the Pirate Princess Alicia, Ariel Wood as Cut-throat Kianna; Beth Egge as Jolly Anne Wright; Marilyn Field as Gingersnap Jax; Debbie Ruth as Captain Scarlett Scallywag; Andrew Wilmot as Bucko McBludgeon (Thanks to Dad Jon for that colorful name – and all the set-up and take down help before and after the event). Abbey and her little brother (both participating in the summer Student & Children's Productions) came and joined in the fun at the last minute – Thanks so much for that!!! Last of all, we need to thank and welcome our newcomers Alena (The Fiddle & Mandolin playing Lena of Limerick) and her husband "Flotsam Jake" Col-lae; Hannah Pederson-Born as Anne "The Scoundral" Bonny; and Joe Crosser as Boo Box Bill.

*And a very special thanks to The Dutch Village for once again co-hosting this event!
We couldn't have done this without Joe, Veronica and all of their cast and crew!!!*



Annual Membership Meeting

All HCT members should have received the following invite to the annual meeting. If you haven't received it, are a member in good standing and would like to attend, please rsvp to <https://forms.gle/SJQpUTkgBkPNhuje8>



**HOLLAND
CIVIC THEATRE**

50 W. 9th St.

June 21, 2017

**SAVE THE DATE
& RSVP: 59th Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet**

Dear HCT Members,

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 27, at 6:30 pm** for **Holland Civic Theatre's Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet**. We have a great evening planned! Beginning at 6:30 pm, there will be a short meeting followed by dinner. The night will be rounded out with the 2018-19 season awards and the official announcement of our upcoming season and ... awesome entertainment!

During the meeting, HCT members will be given the chance to approve the slate for the new HCT Board Members. Please check out the enclosure to learn a more about the candidates for our new slate.

This year, we will have a **Picnic Theme**, so dress nice & comfy and come ready to play. We have plans for fun activities/games & entertainment. To help us plan for food, please **RSVP no later than July 13**. The best way to respond is by 1) following this link to reply online: <https://forms.gle/SJQpUTkgBkPNhuje8>, or 2) — if you do not have online access — by calling HCT and leaving a message at 616-396-2021.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Deborah Ozga Ruth
HCT Membership Director


On the following pages: Candidates for HCT Board
List of HCT Award Nominees from the 19-20 season

Prefer Snail Mail? 3) Mail this RSVP slip to HCT | 50 W 9th St | Holland MI 49424

[☐] Yes! We can't wait!
 ___ Number of (18+)
 ___ Number of (13-17)
 ___ Number of (12 and under)

[☐] Oh No! We can't be there

Names of those attending:



2019-2020 HCT Slate of Board Nominees

This is the SLATE of NEW MEMBERS vetted and presented by HCT Board of Directors to General Membership for "Acceptance," to be voted on at Summer General Meeting, July 2019. Invitation to express interest in serving on the HCT Board was provided to ALL HCT Members and interest solicited beginning in January 2019. These brief BIOS are included to introduce the individuals on this SLATE to you in advance.

-Respectfully submitted June 2019 by Russell Gallas, Vice President, HCT Board of Directors

Michael Avis

Since joining HCT, Mike has been involved in every main stage production, either on the production team (props), working back stage, assisting in setting lights, or in his usual seat running the light board during the show. Mike has developed a very good understanding for HCT's light board programming and capability. Before moving to Holland, Mike spent many years working at a radio station in Detroit as a record/production tech. He also spent time as a tech, programming hearing aids and counseling new users on what to expect, and troubleshooting fit problems. He also brings Office Management experience. As a Board Member, Mike would like to assist HCT as it grows in the areas of Community Engagement and Sustainability. Mike and his wife Kathy live in Holland.

Beth Egge

Beth is new to the Holland Community Theater. She first became involved with HCT both on stage and behind the scenes with the production of *Calendar Girls* in 2018. She also did the props for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* and the *Christmas Story* as well a role in *Night Watch* in 2019. While being new to the theater, Beth is not new to non-profit organizations or the boards that run them. Beth has been the Treasurer for Macatawa Bay Junior Association. She was on the board for the Macatawa Yacht Club as well. She spent several years on the board of the Holland Drop-In Center including the role of Treasurer and President before taking the position of Executive Director of the organization responsible for the day to day operation of the center. We believe that Beth's board and non-profit experience, along with her creative passions will be an asset to the HCT Board.

Jim Henke

Jim has been active with Holland Civic Theater since the season of 2008-09 as a scene designer and scenic artist. Among the productions he has been involved with include: *The Foreigner*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Deathtrap* and several others. His undergraduate work in Communication and Theatre was done at WMU. A M.F.A. at Florida State was followed by a Ph.D. at The University of Michigan. He taught theatre at a university in Pennsylvania for 32 years. During that time, he also worked professionally as a designer, scenic artist and production manager. Jim is also a retired member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Employees. (IATSE local 283). Jim writes: "I believe that my range of experience would be beneficial for the board of the Civic Theatre and I can also offer workshops in aspects of technical production and general theatre areas."

Laurie VanArk

Laurie has been involved continuously with Holland Civic Theatre since she was selected to be in the cast of *Oliver* in 2000. Since then, she has been Music Director, Actor, Producer, Assistant Director, Director, Playbill Editor, Poster Creator and Publicist, Hospitality Coordinator, Board Member, President, Recording Secretary and many years as HCT's Bookkeeper and Treasurer. She also has been the primary author of the grants to the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, which awarded HCT grants the past three years. By continuing her service on the Board, Laurie wants to ensure HCT's legacy of providing excellent theatre for the Holland area, including people of all ages, and is very excited about the idea of a new state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center for the City of Holland. She wants HCT to work to not only make it happen, but to make sure HCT is the major player in this endeavor.

Jenny VanderLugt

Jennie VanderLugt lives in Holland with her husband, Jason, and two boys, Boone (8) and Jonah (5). She holds a BA in vocal music education from Hope College and a masters in vocal music education from the University of Oklahoma. She has ten years of experience in directing choirs and teaching general music for churches, elementary students, and middle schoolers. She spends most of her (offstage) time chasing around her boys, running with her dog, listening to true crime podcasts, and writing for various local publications. Jennie loves theatre - especially musicals - because reality can be tricky, and playing pretend is much more fun.

Hospitality Volunteer Coordinator Needed

House Managers, Ushers & Concession Hosts are an important part of our shows!! They greet our guests, answer questions, sell snacks and drinks and help patrons to their seats. They are all organized by our Hospitality Volunteer Coordinator. All sign ups are done via Sign Up Genius. Debbie Ruth is filling in this position temporarily until we find a new person. If you have some computer skills, and are not afraid to make a few occasional phone calls, it's a great volunteer position you can work from home! Training is quick and easy.

**Please contact HollandCivicTheatre@yahoo.com
if you have any interest.**

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HCT NOMINEES from the 59th SEASON OF SHOWS – 2018 -2019 YEAR

OUTSTANDING ACTOR

Schuyler Van Tatenhove	John Wheeler	Night Watch
Vaughn Aikens	Old Man	Christmas Story
Jason Reimink	Ralph	Christmas Story
Don Vanden Heuvel	Willie	Sunshine Boys

OUTSTANDING ACTRESS

Jennie Vander Lugt	Elaine Wheeler	Night Watch
Jessica Fox	Mother	Christmas Story
Anna Worbois	Beth	Sunshine Boys

SUPPORTING ACTOR

Jason Craner	Leaf Coneybear	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Michael T. Culp	William Barfee	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Morgan Sinclair	Charlito	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Tom Mooney	Dr. Lake	Night Watch
Phil Plomp	Dieter Helgamann	Night Watch
Michael T. Culp	Al	Sunshine Boys

SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Sonnet Quinn	Marcy Park	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Christine Randall	Logan Grubenierre	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Anna Worbois	Olive Ostrovsky	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Laura McMullen	Miss Shields	Christmas Story
C. J. Wood	Blanche Cooke	Night Watch
Beth Coats	Nurse	Sunshine Boys

TECHNICAL ASPECTS/EFFECTS – PRODUCER AND CREWS

Lynda De Can	Producer	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Liz Barveld	Producer	Christmas Story
Laurie Van Ark	Producer	Night Watch
Brian Everitt & Jason Reimink	Co-Producers	Sunshine Boys

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION/DIRECTOR

Sue Ann Culp	Director	Putnam County Spelling Bee
Beth Coats & Laurie Van Ark	Co-Directors	Christmas Story
Deborah Ozga Ruth	Director	Night Watch
Cathy Van Lopik	Director	Sunshine Boys

OUTSTANDING RISING STAR – Director's Choice - 2018 SHOWS

Lucy Carpenter	Stuart Little	Jessica Furbush	Curious Savage
Zoe Commeret	Stuart Little	Anna Van Niejenhuis	Curious Savage
Hector Garcia	Stuart Little	Makenna Van Raalte	Curious Savage
Emily Graves	Stuart Little	Andrew Wilmot	Curious Savage
Faolan Rohr	Stuart Little		
Kayleigh Daniels	Christmas Story	David Murray	Christmas Story
Ava Daning	Christmas Story	Charlie Reese	Christmas Story
Lukas Deur	Christmas Story		

60 Years of Theatre!!!

As we approach our 60th Season producing live theater for Holland and West Michigan, we take time to look back over the years and remember those who saw a need for live theatre in Holland and helped create the Holland Community Theatre. We share fond memories of those that have left us. And we also think about the people, who are still present and active in many ways - sharing their talent and passion for theater- onstage and off. Whether they are backstage, sitting on committees, in the audience, or helping out financially; our theater family is alive and well.

The surviving members who started with us in the 60's (and the list is longer than we you would think) includes Phil Sturdevant, Esther Van Ark, Marilyn Matula, John Ozinga, Nancy Gasper & Sandy Young. They joined in and put on plays for the sheer joy of creating them and continue to support our mission for the past 55 to 60 years. Sadly, this past year we lost 4 of those veterans - Gordon Cunningham, Mary Van Langevelde, Dennis Hamilton, and Dick Williams.

In the 1970's came Jack Oonk, Phil Plomp, Brian Everitt and Deane Williams. During the 80's, we were joined by Bill McAndrew, Marie Hamilton, Darlene Kolean, Jodi Miller, Gail Hering, Alan Hering, David Hering, Laurie Van Ark and many more that are no longer living in the Holland area.

Our first 30 years, from 1960-61 (our first full season) thru 1989, we shared the Holland High stage. We produced 129 productions for over 140,000 audience members. During the next 4 seasons, we produced our shows for Tulip Time visitors and served them dinner at the West Ottawa Performing Arts Center.

For the last 30 years, we have been producing shows for our audiences on our own stage at 50 W 9th St. Since the 1989-90 season, we have produced 177 for thousands of audience members

As we begin our next 30 years serving Holland, we turn our thoughts to the future and towards bringing a true community Performing Arts Center to our city. We look forward to many more years serving the greater Holland/West Michigan area by providing live theatre for the enrichment and education of our community. We have a proud heritage!

Help us next year as we celebrate our 60th year producing wonderful live theatre!!!

Fun w/ Friends - July Meet-Up!

We have moved our "Fun with Friends" get together to the last Tuesday of the month. The time is new as well—now 7pm. Come join us for food, friends and your theatre family on July 30 at 7:00 PM. This month we will be at **Turks Inn** on the northside of Holland (977 Butternut Dr, Holland— by Family Fare on Butternut)

Must RSVP no later than Monday, July 29

To RSVP, go to <http://evite.me/jGcjQj1XmW>



Join Us!
Tuesday, July 30
at 7pm

Dates you don't want to miss!

July 2019

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7	8	9 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm	10	11 James & the Giant Peach 7pm	12 James & the Giant Peach 7pm	13 James & the Giant Peach 2 & 7pm
14	15	16	17	18 James & the Giant Peach 7pm	19 James & the Giant Peach 7pm	20 James & the Giant Peach 2 & 7pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 ANNUAL MEETING!!!
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