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UPCOMING HUBER SHOWS

SWIM CLUB- FEB. 14-15-16



THEY'RE SWIMMING AGAIN! Winter days are drab and dreary, so why not spend some time at the beach?! Join the gals of the Pemberton College Champion swim team at their annual beach coast reunion when the Huber Opera House in Hicksville presents *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club*. The story of five unforgettable women who set aside a long weekend every August to meet at the same beach cottage on the Outer Banks of North Carolina to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other's lives, it's a hilarious and touching comedy about friendship that lasts forever.

Nothing bonds a group together more than being mates on a winning team. The five delightful women of "The Sweet Delilah Swim Club" are no exception with their battle cry of "The faster we swim, the sooner we win"! You won't want to miss getting to know these gals: Sheree, always the team captain - played by Deb Kolb; cynical, wise-cracking Dinah as portrayed by Colleen Richter; Zonya Battershell's delightful and delightfully vain character, Lexie; Corrie Ehrhart as the ditzzy, perky Jeri Neal; and Pam Diehl hobbling along as Vernadette - a hard luck case covered by a dark cloud. Expert guidance for the play is provided by Director David Snyder and Co-Producers Pamela Diehl and Colleen Richter.

Reprising one of the first shows produced by the Huber Opera Lane Performers, *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club* will be performed on February 14, 15, 16, 2025. Friday and Saturday performances will be preceded by a buffet supper provided by Grant's Catering. What a great way to spend time with your Valentine!

Be sure to mark your calendars. Tickets are on sale NOW at huberoperahouse.org or by calling 419-542-9553. Don't miss the Sweet Delilahs as they team up once again!



THE DROWSY CHAPERONE AUDITIONS

Jan. 22 @ 5-7 pm & Jan. 23 @ 6-8 pm

Please be prepared to do a cold read and prepare a song, preferably from the show. Bring your own accompaniment on phone.

The Huber Opera House Mission Statement: To **preserve** the history of the community through building restoration; To **promote** culture in the arts through education, entertainment, and quality programming; To **provide** a community center through participation of volunteers, local schools and organizations

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE HUBER REGISTRATION OPEN!

The Huber is offering two programs for youth this summer. Younger children (ages 6-12) can attend the KIDZ Day Camp (June 3-12) and will be exposed to many aspects of producing



a show. They have experiences with props, set pieces, music, art, dance and get experience as an actor on stage. Workshops will be held 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Participants will bring their own lunches and stay at the

Huber all day for lots of theater activities and rehearsals. The well-rounded theater experience culminates with their performance of "Welcome to Candy Kingdom" on June 12 at 7 pm.

The Huber Summer Youth Theater Academy serves kids ages 13-20. Their performances of "Bye Bye Birdie" are scheduled for July 19 & 20. During their academy days (June 17- July 18) they will be actively involved in rehearsals along with many aspects of stage productions including costuming, set/props construction, and character development. The Summer Academy will be the rehearsals for this show. They will be held will be held 9:30-3:00 on June 17-18-19, 24-25-26, July 1-2-3, 8-9-10 and during the week of July 14 (times TBA- may need to be evenings). AUDITIONS will be held on May 1 & 3. Those cast in parts for the show will be expected to attend the Summer Academy in June-July. Audition Forms and information about auditions available at the Huber.



Part of the Huber Mission Statement is to involve the community and provide learning experiences. Therefore, we have kept our prices for our youth programming relatively low to better serve the area youth and their families. Cost for the KIDZ two-week camp is \$100. The cost for the four-week Junior Academy is \$150. Contact Chris at the Huber Office for information on Scholarships for Summer Programs.

Registration forms, specific days of operation, and additional information on the summer youth programs are available at the Huber Office or online at huberoperahouse.org in March.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT & WIC CLINICS

The Defiance Health Department will again hold monthly clinics at the Huber. To set up an appointment at the Huber, call the Health Department at (419) 784-3818. Upcoming Health Department Clinic Dates: January 28, February 25, March 25

The WIC program serves income eligible pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to 5 years of age. Monthly clinics will also be held at the Huber. Call the Defiance County WIC office at 419-782-7770. Upcoming WIC Clinics Dates: January 8, February 5, March 5.



YEAR IN REVIEW 2024

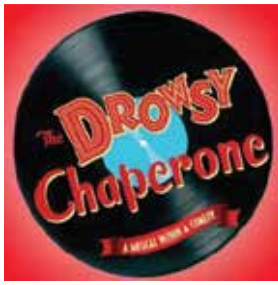
The Huber has a very successful year with over 50 events being hosted. These included 6 Huber productions, 2 school productions, 4 other entertainment presentations, 12 concerts, 3 school events, 2 parties, 2 tours, 5 meetings, and a wedding reception. We hosted musicals, plays, and dinner theaters, as well as a variety of concerts that ranged from nostalgic 50's to rock and Christian music including local talent presentations from the school and on the patio. Many community members took advantage of our auditorium and community room for a wedding reception, meetings, and parties to celebrate birthdays, graduation, baby and wedding showers.

The Huber Board of Directors want to thank everyone who supported the Huber in the past year. A huge thank you to the volunteers who work concessions, participate in productions, plan events, and complete all those extra jobs like decorating for the holidays and keeping the costume room in order. The Huber would not be able to continue without the generous support of our Patrons of the Arts and other donors, but mostly, the loyalty of those who attend the events and shows at the Huber.

BUILDING UPDATES

The Board of Directors is always looking forward and hoping to maintain and improve the facility for future generations. During the past year, the Huber has completed updates in the balcony, including designating the balcony as reserved seating. This allows for patrons to reserve balcony seats during the pre-sale of tickets for Huber shows. In addition, storage compartments were constructed to house set pieces and set building materials. A major upgrade to the exterior of the building was completed with the replacement of the exterior doors and windows on the front of the building and the doors to the patio. Additionally, the original brick wall at the back of the stage was repaired and sealed to retain the character and authenticity of the facility. And most recently, the stage curtains were professionally cleaned.

The capital improvement and maintenance budgets are determined each year from the profits accrued through contributions, productions, fund raising events, rental fees, concession sales, and donations. The Huber Strategic Plan is reviewed annually to prioritize maintenance and improvements that are needed to keep the building in good repair and address "the wish list" of upgrades as funding becomes available. Your support of the Huber productions, events and fundraisers will help accomplish these updates. If you would like to know more on how you can support the Huber, call the office for a variety of options, including volunteering your time. Thank you for your continued support of a true gem in Northwest Ohio.



DROWSY CHAPERONE

With the houselights down, a man in a chair appears on stage and puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording

comes to life and The Drowsy Chaperone begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theatre producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan and an intoxicated chaperone, and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight.

The Huber Opera Lane Performers will be presenting this show on March 28 and 29 as a Dinner Theater with the meal provided by Grant's Catering -Dinner at 6:00 and Show at 7:00, along with a matinee showing on Sunday, March 30 at 2:30pm. Tickets will be available online at huberoperahouse.org from February 23- March 23 or call the office 419-542-9553 to reserve your spot for this masterful meta-musical featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.



HICKSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS PROUD TO PRESENT

ALICE IN WONDERLAND, JR.

FEB. 28 AND MAR. 1 @ 7:00
AND MARCH 2 @ 2:00.

When young Alice finds herself in a strange world where everything seems upside down, she must find her way home...and find herself along the way. As she travels through Wonderland, she encounters all of the iconic characters that audiences have come to love: including the ever-tardy White Rabbit, the grinning Cheshire Cat, a cool Caterpillar, the wacky Mad Hatter, and the hot-tempered Queen of Hearts.

DIRECTOR: KRISTIN WENDELL;
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: JENNIFER BERGMAN;
MUSIC DIRECTOR: EARLEE HARRIS;
STUDENT DIRECTOR: JAILYN TUNIS.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
30 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH SHOW.

★ Patrons of the Arts and Star Supporters ★

Once again, the Huber is blessed to have wonderful community support through generous donations by our Patrons of the Arts that donate varied amounts to pay the operating expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance, and repairs) for this year. The Patrons of the Arts contributions have totaled over \$15,000 so far. Without this kind of support, the Huber would not be able to provide the beautiful facility and quality programs for the community. Thank you to all of you who support the Huber by attending events, volunteering time, and for your generous donations.

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GET THE HUBER HABIT - CALENDAR

- Jan. 22 Auditions for The Drowsy Chaperone 5-7 pm
- Jan. 23 Auditions for The Drowsy Chaperone 6-8 pm
- Feb. 14 & 15 The Sweet Delilah Swim Club- Huber Dinner Theater: Dinner at 6 pm/Show at 7 pm
- Feb. 16 The Sweet Delilah Swim Club- Show only 2 pm
- Feb. 28 - Mar. 1 Alice in Wonderland- Hicksville Middle School- 7 pm
- March 2 Alice in Wonderland- Hicksville Middle School- 2 pm
- March 8 Hicksville High School Coronation
- March 28 & 29 The Drowsy Chaperone - Huber Dinner Theater: Dinner at 6 pm/Show at 7 pm
- March 30 The Drowsy Chaperone- Show only 2:30 pm
- May 1 Auditions for Bye Bye Birdie 6-8 pm
- May 3 Auditions for Bye Bye Birdie 10 am-noon
- June 3-12 KIDZ CAMP- ages 6-12
- June 12 Welcome to Candy Kingdom- KIDZ Camp Production- 7 pm
- June 17 - July 18 Summer Theater Academy- ages 13-20
- July 19 Bye, Bye Birdie - A Huber Youth Production- 7 pm
- July 20 Bye, Bye Birdie - A Huber Youth Production- 2 pm

For details of Upcoming Shows and Upcoming Events go to huberoperahouse.org

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