

“ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE...”

**AND THE SPOT LIGHT IS
ABOUT TO TURN ON AGAIN
IN BARRY COUNTY**

***“AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN
MERELY PLAYERS”***

**NOT REALLY, WHEN YOU
THINK ABOUT IT.**



Every actor, singer, dancer, musician has a part. It is ours to see that everyone is in place, on cue and executing their role in perfect harmony with the whole. Need proof? If you're familiar with Seuss, ask the good people of Whooville. ☺

Heffo !

We have brain-stormed the following event and ask your participation in it.

A Barry County celebration of the stage !

Noooo, not a Barry County's Got Talent. We already know there's talent. What we are looking to do is gather a representation from what is out there and "talent share". And yes, we realize that not all who are receiving this letter live in Barry County. Although Barry County is our theme, we would like to showcase more acts if possible. You could say it's a live, theatrical infomercial, a coming together to show what Barry County has and see what's happening in another corner than our own. Our objective is to give as many organizations a chance, be it community theater, church group or talent-honing outfit, to tell our community (like the mayor of Whooville) 1) we're here 2) we share this pleasant little clover 3) come and join us!

IS THERE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE TO THIS?

Well, yes actually. Thanks for asking. Over a year ago, we came across an organization called Lamplighter Ministries. They revive old books, good books, republish them and make many of them into audio dramas. (See www.lamplighter.net) Our family loves both their books and their audios. Lamplighter is putting on a guild this summer in upstate New York and we are raising money for two of our family members to go. At this 6-day conference/workshop, Jonathan and Heidi Olson will have an opportunity to be taught by world-class artists in sound design, voice-acting, music composition and script-writing. (See www.lamplighterguild.com) But enough about us for a moment.

Heidi and Jonathan are already about half way toward their tuition goal. So then, we needed a new fundraising event, and that's how we came up with the celebration idea. Here's the plan:

March 17th, Saturday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM We are in the process of choosing the venue, most likely a church or hall in Hastings. Acts of 5 minutes or less: song, dance, act, play an instrument or a combination thereof – solo or group. You can introduce it or have the MC do so. There will be an

intermission in the middle with organizations having the opportunity to display a table of their materials OR have a representative hand out their group information and/or schedule of upcoming events. Admission will be \$2 for 12 and under, \$4 for age 13 and up. We will hand out tickets to attendees for a drawing toward the end: prizes from the Lamplighter collection of books and CD's. A freewill offering box will be at the back. Note, it will be announced that any money that is received above our needed goal will be donated to the Green Gables Haven in Hastings. A note on the standard of selections: since this will be advertised as family friendly, we ask that your presentation be appropriately chosen as far as content and apparel. This is not a political event and we would ask that all participants would politely respect that as well.

Due to the brevity of time, we ask that you could get back to us, preferably by next Friday, February 24th. Whether or not you are able to participate, please send us a quick note regarding your decision. From there, we will get back to you all for scheduling the order and other details. We are excited and look forward to seeing this come together! It may not save a dust speck from beezlenut oil, but ya never know!

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. . . building Christ-like character
one story at a time.

Copied to:

Melissa Risk - Kellogg Community College
Robert Lowell - Quimby United Methodist
Josh Maurer Family - Hastings Baptist Church
Steve Youngs - Community Music School
Christianne Statler - " " "
Bill Reynolds/Holly Auten - The Revue
Jessica Barnes - Delton Kellogg High Sch.
Darcie Kelly - Nashville Baptist Church
Jeff Arnett - Thornapple Valley Church
Norma Jean Acker - Thornapple Players
Janie Bergeron - Green Gables Haven

Marilee Osterink - Hope United Methodist Church
Pastor Branham - Nashville Assembly of God
Fred Jacobs - Hastings Banner
Tricia Rickert - Thornapple Kellogg High School
Pastor Snyder - First Baptist Church
LAB Ed Englerth Band / Steve Reid - Love, Inc.
Lt. Governor Brian Calley
Patricia LaJoye - Hastings High School

Talented Friends We Know:

Dr. David Parker family
Jerry Timmis & Mike Winblad families

Calling for Inspiration: If there is a group you're sure is "missing" from our list, let us know.