

# Fort Findlay Playhouse



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## Fort Findlay Playhouse

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## Meetings

Board: 1st Wednesday of the month

General Membership: 4th Wednesday of the month

(If a meeting night falls on a final dress, board meetings are typically moved to the following Monday. GM meetings aren't rescheduled.)

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## Next Issue's Deadline

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on the 15th of even numbered months)

## Box Office Information

All tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online by going to [tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org](http://tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org)

24/7 during ticket sale dates only.

Tickets may be purchased by phone at (567) 525-3636 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

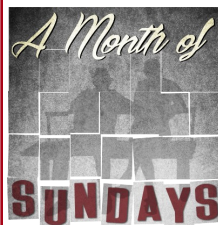
Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Playhouse (300 W. Sandusky Street) on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. There are no ticket or credit card fees, whether purchased online or in person.

Online ticket sales close 2 hours before curtain on show nights.

Unsold or unclaimed seats will be sold at the door.

House opens 1/2 hour before curtain.



## Auditions for *A Month of Sundays* Coming in January

Winter is coming and you'll want to get out of the house, so what better way than spending your evenings at the Fort Findlay Playhouse? Auditions for *A Month of Sundays* will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 6 and 7 at 7:30 at the Playhouse.

*A Month of Sundays*, a play by Bob Larbey, is a bittersweet comedy about growing old. Two irascible curmudgeons flirt with senility and women as they plot a way out of their retirement home. Named after the monthly Sunday visits from their family, this touching comedy about life in the twilight years explores the inevitable process of aging that affects us all. Bob Larbey's *A Month of Sundays* is a humorous reminder to laugh about getting older, because there's nothing else we can do about it.

Director, Julie Lane and producer, Laurie Dye will be casting two men (able to play a minimum age of upper 60s), two females (40s), one female (20s to early 30s), and one male (40s).

Presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, *A Month of Sundays* will run February 20-23 and February 28 - March 1 at the Playhouse. The Sunday performances begin at 5 p.m.; all other performances begin at 8 p.m. The house opens 30 minutes prior to the performance. Benefactors, Angels, Patrons, and Single Patrons may make ticket arrangements beginning on Monday, February 3. General public tickets go on sale February 10, and are \$15.



## Auditions for the Final Production of the 2019-2020 Season are Set

*She Loves Me* is an intimate and touching show, featuring music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and book by Joe Masteroff. Considered by many to be the most charming musical ever written, *She Loves Me* is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old world elegance.

Set in a 1930s European perfumery, we meet shop clerks, Amalia and Georg, who, more often than not, don't see eye to eye. After both respond to a "lonely hearts advertisement" in the newspaper, they now live for the love letters that they exchange, but the identity of their admirers remains unknown. Join Amalia and Georg, to discover the identity of their true loves and enjoy all of the twists and turns along the way.

Director Samantha Henry will be holding auditions at the Playhouse (300 W. Sandusky St.) on Monday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Ashley Carey, choreographer will be leading some dance movements, so please dress appropriately. Craig VanRenterghem, music director, asks that each auditioner prepares a song to sing for the auditions that is approximately 1 minute in length. Please bring sheet music; an accompanist will be provided. There will also be cold readings from the scripts.

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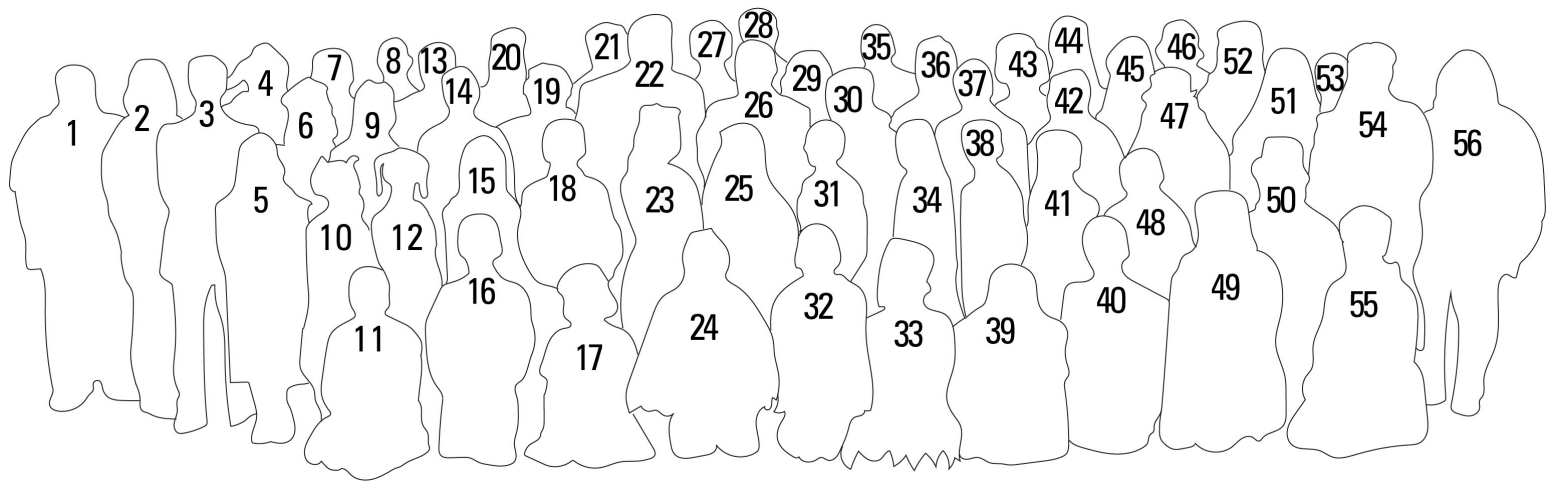


Northwest Website:  
[www.octanorthwest.com](http://www.octanorthwest.com)

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[www.OCTA1953.org](http://www.OCTA1953.org)



### Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of *Miracle on 34th Street*



1. J.R. Smith
2. Aeryn Williams
3. Nick Longo
4. Patrick Davis
5. Teagen Berger
6. Laurie Dye
7. Jordan Gottschalk
8. Wes Taylor
9. Bonnie Vue
10. Mariko Weese
11. Meraya Willford
12. Corinna Coppus
13. Brad Schlumbohn
14. Sarah Hipple
15. Ruby Mason
16. Walter Oestreich
17. Felicity Hull
18. Logan Dorman

19. Crystal Willford
20. Heather Hardy
21. Dustin Hunter
22. Adam Willford
23. Natalie Lammers
24. Jacob Meier
25. Camdyn Tiech
26. David Marquart
27. Noah Williams
28. Adam Sielschott
29. Sojourner Smith
30. Samantha Henry
31. Steven Treece
32. DJ Williams
33. Sophie Goeller
34. Vanessa Krupp
35. David Wright
36. Jill Coppus

37. Dennis Clark
38. Brodie Stuhler
39. Addyson Cheney
40. Cole Hermiller
41. Abbey Hensley
42. Sheryl Burtch
43. Jennifer Mason
44. Emily Penton
45. Erin Clegg
46. Aren Norman
47. Wendy Henry
48. Crosby Willford
49. Courtney Baker
50. Riley Frey
51. Iman Thambi
52. Maggie Cunningham
53. Mandy Tiech
54. Katie Kitchen
55. Ava Lackey
56. Kim Marquart







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If you have questions about auditions, contact the director at [slynnffp@gmail.com](mailto:slynnffp@gmail.com). If you are interested in working on a technical committee for this show, please contact the producer, Betty Hipp, at [bettyhipp@gmail.com](mailto:bettyhipp@gmail.com).

The casting committee will be looking for actors to fill the following roles (the age listed is the character age):

**Arpad Laszlo:** Baritone (14-17) Delivery boy at Maraczek's Parfumerie. His exuberance is infectious and commitment to his job remarkable. He is ambitious and adorable.

**Ladislav Sipos:** Baritone (40-45) Not the brightest employee at Maraczek's Parfumerie. A confidant to Georg, he is an optimistic family man who looks like a huggable father.

**Steven Kodaly:** Tenor (25-35) A well respected and liked employee at Maraczek's Parfumerie. Though he is considered dapper and occasionally charming, he is more of a shallow womanizer.

**Mr. Maraczek:** Baritone (55-65) Owner of Maraczek's Parfumerie. With a commanding presence, his dedication to the trade is rivaled only by his faithfulness to his wife.

**Georg Nowack:** Tenor/Baritone (25-35) An established employee of Maraczek's Parfumerie, he resembles a hopeless romantic. Shy, intelligent, and soft spoken. He is like the son Mr. Maraczek never had.

**Amalia Balash:** Soprano (20-30) The eager new employee at Maraczek's Parfumerie. Despite being a skilled saleswoman, she easily becomes intimidated and nervous. Attractive, bright, and a lover of literature.

**Ilona Ritter:** Mezzo-Soprano (25-40) Employed at Maraczek's Parfumerie. She is sexy and learned in the ways of romance, but longing for something more from the game of love.

**Waiter:** Tenor. An eccentric and over-zealous waiter insistent on creating a romantic atmosphere.

**Busboy:** Non-singing role. Clumsy at his job, he makes the waiter's life a nightmare.

**Mr. Keller:** Non-singing role. A highly secretive private investigator

**Shoppers, Café Visitors, Carolers:** All voice parts needed.

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, *She Loves Me* will run April 30 - May 3, 7-10, 14-17 at the Playhouse. The Sunday performances begin at 5 p.m.; all other performances begin at 8 p.m. The house opens 30 minutes prior to the performance. Benefactors, Angels, Patrons, and Single Patrons may make ticket arrangements beginning on Monday, April 13. General public tickets go on sale April 20, and are \$15. (Box office information can be found on page one of this Fortell.)

## Need a Last-minute Christmas Shopping Idea?

How about a night at the theater with a Fort Findlay Playhouse e-Gift Certificate.

*By J.R. Smith*

Gift Certificates are available in any amount. As our tickets are \$15 each, we recommend purchasing in increments of \$15. You can choose to have the gift certificate e-mailed to the recipient or only to you so that you may print and present it in person. You can also choose what day you want the e-Gift Certificate sent. You can also add a personal message to be included in the e-mailed gift certificate. You can purchase e-Gift Certificates at [FortFindlayPlayhouse.org/gift-certificates](http://FortFindlayPlayhouse.org/gift-certificates).

**IMPORTANT!** If you do not want the e-Gift Certificate e-mailed to the recipient, but would prefer to print it yourself, be sure to check "Do not email gift card to recipient. Send it to my email entered on the next screen" when completing the form.



## Congratulations to...

... Patrick Davis, Deb Shaffer and Andrew Varney who have been cast in *The Drowsy Chaperone* at Black Swamp players. The show will run February 21 - March 1.

... Samantha Henry who will be directing the Perrysburg Musical Theatre Company's production of *The Bridges of Madison County*.

... Aeryn Williams, Megan Meyer, and CJ Miller who have been cast in *The Bridges of Madison County*. The show will run January 31 - February 2.



## What to see in the Northwest Region and other local theaters

### *Broadway Comes to Napoleon*

December 28  
Maumee Valley Civic Theatre – Napoleon  
[www.mvctohio.org](http://www.mvctohio.org)  
844-NCC-ARTS

### *The Children*

January 10 – 18  
Village Players – Toledo  
[www.thevillageplayers.org](http://www.thevillageplayers.org)  
419-472-6817

### *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*

January 10 – 19  
Toledo Repertoire Theatre (Main Stage) - Toledo  
[www.toledorep.org](http://www.toledorep.org)  
419-243-9277

### *Savannah Sipping Society*

January 23 - February 2  
Van Wert Civic Theatre - Van Wert  
[www.vwct.org](http://www.vwct.org)  
419-238-9689

### *The Bridges of Madison County*

January 31 - February 2  
Perrysburg Musical Theatre - Perrysburg  
[www.perrysburgmusicaltheatre.org](http://www.perrysburgmusicaltheatre.org)  
tickets via website

### Fun Home

February 6, 8, 14, 16  
Heidelberg University – Tiffin  
[www.gundlachtheatre.org](http://www.gundlachtheatre.org)  
419-448-2305

### *She Kills Monsters*

February 7, 9 13, 15  
Heidelberg University – Tiffin  
[www.gundlachtheatre.org](http://www.gundlachtheatre.org)  
419-448-2305

### *Arsenic and Old Lace*

February 14 – 22  
Oregon Community Theatre - Oregon  
[www.oregoncommunitytheatre.org](http://www.oregoncommunitytheatre.org)  
419-691-1398

### *The Mountaintop (a staged reading)*

February 15 – 16  
Actor's Collaborative of Toledo – Toledo  
[www.act419.org](http://www.act419.org)  
419-205-0408

### *The Drowsy Chaperone*

February 21 - March 1  
Black Swamp Players - Bowling Green  
[www.blackswampplayers.org](http://www.blackswampplayers.org)  
[bsplayer@wcnet.org](mailto:bsplayer@wcnet.org) - subject line "tickets"

### *Cabaret*

February 21 – 23  
University of Findlay – Findlay  
[www.findlay.edu/liberal-arts/theatre/production-season](http://www.findlay.edu/liberal-arts/theatre/production-season)  
419-423-2787 ([marathoncenterarts.org](http://marathoncenterarts.org))



## LOOKING AHEAD

(all events take place at FFP unless otherwise noted)

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| General Membership Meeting - cancelled  | <del>Wed., December 25</del>                | <del>7:30 p.m.</del>    |
| Board Meeting - cancelled   | <del>Wed., January 1</del>                  | <del>7:30 p.m.</del>    |
| Auditions for <i>A Month of Sundays</i>                                       | Mon. - Tues., January 6 - 7                 | 7:30 p.m.               |
| General Membership Meeting  | Wed., January 22                            | 7:30 p.m.               |
| Board Meeting   | Wed., February 5                            | 7:30 p.m.               |
| Ticket sales begin for <i>A Month of Sundays</i>                              | (note box office information on page one)   | 567-525-3636            |
| Benefactors, Angels, Patrons, Single Patrons                                  | Mon., February 3                            | Monday-Wednesday-Friday |
| General Public  | Mon., November 10                           | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.        |
| Fortell Deadline  | Sat., February 15                           | 5:00 p.m.               |
| <i>A Month of Sundays</i>   | Thu. - Sat., February 20 - 22, 28 - 29      | 8:00 p.m.               |
|   | Sun. February 23 & March 1                  | 5:00 p.m.               |
| General Membership Meeting  | Wed., February 26                           | 7:30 p.m.               |
| Auditions for <i>She Loves Me</i>   | Mon. - Tues., March 2 - 3                   | 7:30 p.m.               |
| Board Meeting   | Wed., March 4                               | 7:30 p.m.               |
| General Membership Meeting  | Wed., March 25                              | 7:30 p.m.               |
| Board Meeting   | Wed., April 1                               | 7:30 p.m.               |
| Fortell Deadline  | Wed., April 15                              | 5:00 p.m.               |
| Ticket sales begin for <i>She Loves Me</i>                                    | (note box office information on page one)   | 567-525-3636            |
| Benefactors, Angels, Patrons, Single Patrons                                  | Mon., April 13                              | Monday-Wednesday-Friday |
| General Public  | Mon., April 20                              | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.        |
| General Membership Meeting  | Wed., April 22                              | 7:30 p.m.               |
| <i>She Loves Me</i>   | Thu. - Sat., April 30 - May 2, 8 - 9, 15-16 | 8:00 p.m.               |
|   | Sun. April 3, 10 & 17                       | 5:00 p.m.               |
| Board Meeting   | Wed., May 6                                 | 7:30 p.m.               |
| General Membership Meeting - Annual Banquet<br>(more details to come in 2020) | Wed., May 27                                | T.B.D.                  |
| Board Meeting   | Wed., June 3                                | 7:30 p.m.               |
| General Membership Meeting  | Wed., June 24                               | 7:30 p.m.               |

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