



Birdville High School Stage Hawks

Bye Bye Birdie was wonderful...

What's Next?



WELCOME

We were so busy with the musical and its preparations, we (okay, me) failed to get a newsletter out in December and January. However, we hope you kept up with BHS Theatre happenings by visiting our Web site (www.stagehawks.org), our Facebook Fan Page (www.facebook.com/birdvillehighschooltheatre); our Facebook Group—search Birdville High School Theatre; and Twitter (www.twitter.com/bhs theatre).

Our musical, *BYE BYE BIRDIE*, was a huge hit! We had record attendance for this show and our kids were on fire every night.

BHS Theatre hosted a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 5 and again on January 30th at Applebee's located in North Richland Hills, at the intersection of Rufe Snow and NE Loop 820. Patrons enjoyed all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage. Our theatre students were waiters and waitresses as well!

There are still opportunities to continue to show your support for BHS Theatre activities. Volunteers may be needed, sometimes at the last minute, so please visit our Web pages and watch your email for the latest. Also, pay attention to email you may receive from Mr. Williamson or our Board via CHARMS.

Many student productions are still to come on the BHS Stage before the end of the school year. Studio shows, Theatre II shows, UIL One-Act, and Studio Fest. Information on these events will be made available as soon as we are able.

Senior Thespian Scholarship applications will be available in late February and due in late March. Specifics to be announced, so Senior Thespians, watch the Theatre board outside Mr. Williamson's room for information.

Read on for more ...

Lynn Matherly
Vice President, BHS Theatre Arts Booster Club

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STAGE HAWKS

BHS Theatre students are now Stage Hawks.

Graphic development is in process to represent the new image and branding. We have added it to our Web address, www.stagehawks.org, and will include the image on our Web pages and other items once the design is complete.

GO STAGE HAWKS!!!

BHS Musical Remembered:

BYE BYE BIRDIE



BHS Theatre Booster Club Random Photos from BYE BYE BIRDIE

Bye, Bye... to the BHS Fine Arts Presentation of *Bye Bye Birdie!* January 23-26, 2010.

For parents who want pictures from Rhonda Oldridge, she had a two CD set of hundreds of shots available for \$20. These are perfect for portfolios or to preserve your student's memories of a wonderful 3 month period in their life! You can visit her Web site at www.bhsphotos.com. Click on BHS Photos link, scroll to the Theater link, and then go from there. She also has posters available for order from the show. Check it out. You can reach her via email her from her site.

In the meantime, please go to www.stagehawks.org and click on the Musical tab. Many slideshows from rehearsals and videos, including numbers from the BYE BYE BIRDIE cast Barnes & Noble pre-view presentation in Hurst. Videos can also be found on our YouTube Channel— www.youtube.com/birdvillehstheatre

Also, BHS Theatre's production of BYE BYE BIRDIE will be featured in an article in the Star-Telegram on Sunday, February 7, 2010. We can't wait to read it!

Birdville High School Theatre Arts Booster Club

thanks the following businesses for generous contributions in support of the BHS Fine Arts presentation of



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(Westlake)

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BJ's Restaurant & Brew House

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(Davis Blvd)

Chick-fil-A

Panda Express

Chicken Express
(Davis Blvd)

Rembrandt Floral

Chili's
(North Tarrant Parkway)

Rise & Dine Restaurant

Coopers Flowers

Roots Coffee House

Cotton Patch Café

Rosa's Café

El Chico's

Starbuck's Coffee

Golden Corral

Sonic
(Davis Blvd)

Yogurt Patch



A Note From Our Booster Club President:

Congratulations to our Cast, Crew, Orchestra, Directors, Booster Club Members, and Parents for the outstanding production of BYE BYE BIRDIE. I have heard nothing but rave reviews. The reporter from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram who attended told me she overheard a couple leaving the show who were commenting that our show was as good as going to the Bass Hall. Someone else commented the show was equivalent to Broadway for high school. I was overwhelmed by near sold out performances every night. It is exciting to see our kids and fine arts department growing. Our reputation supersedes us.

I want to personally thank every parent, grandparent and volunteer that assisted with this production. We had an incredible response to every need, from providing soups and other food items, to working the shows. Each show takes a lot of time and effort on everyone's part and our parents rose to the occasion. I would also like to thank Robin Eddins and the Choir boosters who were right there by our sides though the entire production. We could not have done it without them.

I also want to thank our Theatre Board, you all did a great job. Julie Stewart organized all the food and fundraising events. Robbin McKinney and Gay Lynn Morrison oversaw our opening night reception. Jim and Pam Spofford spent countless hours building and painting sets, searching for props and sewing split pants. Alice Sargent picked up slack in every area. Troy and Gay Lynn Morrison for keeping track of all the money in addition to many other duties, and Lynn Matherly for all the advertising, Website, blogs, Facebook, Tweets, ticket sales, and buttons. I feel privileged to work with such a great Board. A special thank you goes to Dee Ann Crawford who volunteered to head up our raffle.

Our kids are now busy working on 6 class shows and details are coming soon. In addition, they are working on UIL One-Act Play. Our kids are blessed to have such a great teacher. Mr. Williamson truly cares about his students and it shows in the quality of our productions. As we enter the last half of the 2009-2010 school year, keep an eye on our Web site, mark your calendars, and plan to attend all of our spring shows and events.

Gena Foster
President, Birdville High School Theatre Arts Booster Club

Booster Club Volunteer Opportunities:

The BHS Theatre Arts Booster Club supports the theatre program and activities at Birdville High School. We sell cookies during lunches every Friday and Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits every Tuesday and Thursday morning. We sell concessions and manage ticket sales for productions, provide meals for the cast and crew during long rehearsal days, etc. We assist with the Theatre Banquet in May and help the kids manage front of house operations for other productions.

We need help and encourage parents to help in any way they can. If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of our activities, please email us at bhstheatreboosters@gmail.com.

Season Sponsors and Golden Patrons

Season Sponsors are donations in excess of \$300 and sponsors are recognized on all printed show material including programs and lobby posters.

Golden Patron donor are recognized at three level: Artist (25-49), Director (50-99), and Producer (\$100-299). Producer level donors also receive 2 general admission tickets to the musical in January. Interested? Please [contact us](#) for more information.



In November our Thespian Society members attended the Texas Thespian Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. Sam Spofford's set design model for the January 2009 production of "The Boyfriend" secured him a spot in the National Thespian Convention set design competition this summer. This design won him the Betty Buckley Award in May 2009 for Excellence in Set Design.

At the end of February, BHS Theatre will induct many new theatre students into the BHS Chapter of the International Thespian Society. GO STAGE HAWKS!

Our part-time theatre teacher, Miss Ayres, left BHS to further her education. We are happy to welcome Miss Brooke Evans as the new Theatre I teacher. Welcome to BHS! Please check our Web site to see a picture and we hope to have her bio up soon.

Theatre officers are plotting the theme for the end of year banquet. Stay tuned!

Pictures and more information on these events and more can be found at www.stagehawks.org.

BHS Theatre Calendar:

All BHS Theatre and Booster Club activities and events are posted to our calendar. We try to keep this calendar as current as possible, but understand that rehearsal schedules and other activities sometimes change at the last minute.

You can access our calendar on Google by clicking on the *Calendar link* on the left side of our Web page at www.stagehawks.org. You can also bookmark it for quick access. If you have questions, please email us at bhstheaterboosters@gmail.com or contact our directors, Mr. Williamson or Miss Evans, for more information.

BHS Theatre Booster Club Communication & Social Networking

We have joined the technical age of communication...and how! Our Web page: www.stagehawks.org. Our ultimate communication tool. See up to date information, pictures, and other information on BHS Theatre and its activities.

Join our Fan Page on Facebook—www.facebook.com/birdvillehighschooltheatre. You can also join our Group of the same name. Parents, students, alumni, and our supportive community can post pictures and comments on Theatre related activities. We hope to see you there.

BHS Theatre (along with Birdville High School, BISD, and other school organizations) uses Twitter to communicate. www.twitter.com/bhstheatre is our link. You can request to follow us and have text messages sent to your phone when we update or you can check the twitter page at your leisure. Standard texting rates apply if you choose the text option. BHS also uses this forum for updates. We encourage you to sign up and keep current on the latest BHS Theatre news!