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There is music to play and places to go when Bye Bye Birdie comes to the Jane Tasch Theatre in November!

Bye Bye Birdie

Directed by: Lynn Wilde Concannon
Produced by: Ann Langford
Music Director: Sally Mikat

Performance Dates

November 9, 2012 (fundraiser event)

November 10 - 18, 2012

in the newly renovated Jane Tasch Performing Arts Theatre

Bye Bye Birdie is a Tony Award winning musical written by Michael Stewart with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Lee Adams. Originally titled *Let's Go Steady*, this satire on American society is set in 1958. The plot revolves around rock n' roll superstar, Conrad Birdie, who, to the dismay of his adoring fans, is about to be drafted into the army. However, comic complications ensue when, as part of a publicity stunt cooked up by his agent, he promises to give a good-bye kiss to one lucky girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio, on the Ed Sullivan show.

The story was inspired by the time period's phenomenon of popular singer Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the Army in 1957. The rock character's name, "Conrad Birdie" is word play on the name of Conway Twitty. Twitty is best remembered today for his long career as a country music star, but in the late 1950s, he was one of Presley's rock 'n roll rivals.

Now that you know the plot and the history behind it, promise yourself to see the show. You'll be singing and tapping your feet to such upbeat songs as "Put on a Happy Face," "A Lot of Livin' To Do," and "One Last Kiss." Speaking of that kiss - who is the lucky girl and will Conrad keep his promise? Bring the whole family to find out.

Auditions will be held in August. See the next page for details!

Hope to see you there!



Bye Bye Birdie

Audition Information - Ages 12 and Up

**August 27th and 28th, 2012
Callbacks on August 30th, 2012**

Come dressed appropriately (no sandals) – as some dance will be required. You will be expected to sing. A piano player will be provided. Please bring a headshot and your calendar so that you can list conflicts.

Location:

In one of the music rooms at Pathfinder School (M-36 just west of McGregor). Look for signs or check the website as date approaches.

Monday, August 27th and Tuesday, August 28th

Registration: 5:45 pm for children ages 12-17 years and boys ages 8-12 for Randolph MacAfee

Children Auditions: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Registration: 7:15 pm for ages 18 + years

Adult Auditions: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

(No late arrivals will be accepted)

Thursday, August 30th

6:30 – 7:30 pm Callbacks for children ages 12-17 years and for Randolph (age 8-12)

7:30 -9:30 pm Callbacks for Adult Leads and other speaking roles

All those who audition for speaking roles must be available for callbacks. Those who audition for “chorus only” will not need a call back.

Rehearsals will begin the week of September 4, 2012

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Please visit our website for more info. www.pinckneyplayers.com or call Lynn 810.923.7705.

**Rotary-Style Phones
needed for this
production ... If you
have any of these for
us to borrow, please
let us know!**

Shakespeare in the Park: The Comedy of Errors Wrap-Up

For a first time out, the Pinckney Players' Shakespeare in the Park production of *The Comedy of Errors* did pretty well! Nearly 200 people saw the show despite the heat, the donations that came in were respectable, and a good time was had by all, in large part due to the enthusiasm of the cast and the ample shade of the venue. Some members of the cast who participated in an impromptu park tent sleepover between shows discovered that the sprinklers in the park come on at 4am! The resulting early morning chaos fit in well with the title of our show, but luckily the 90° heat quickly dried everything out before the performance.



The new outdoor venue and foray into the works of The Bard was considered successful enough to repeat the experience next summer. The show to be performed in June 2013 will be another Shakespearean comedy, the title of which is to be determined. Stay tuned for more details including audition and performance dates.

Most sincerely,
Victoria Rondeau, Director of *The Comedy of Errors*

Pamela Campau Scholarship for the Arts

Congratulations to **Jason Maracani** from Pinckney High School, our 2012 Scholarship recipient. Best of luck at Oakland University!

We would like to thank all the applicants and congratulate past recipients:

Abegael Martin of Fowlerville 2011
Haley Storm Boyer of Stockbridge 2011
Kelsey Peaveyhouse of Pinckney 2010

We wish you all success in your college careers.

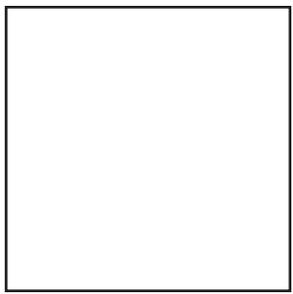
Pam was part of the Pinckney Players' family for many years. In addition to being a talented actress who could sing and dance, she was also a gifted painter who shared her talent by painting our sets. She touched so many of us with her endless smile and positive outlook on life. In May 2009, in her memory, this Scholarship for the Arts was established.

NEW Spring 2013 Show - Shhhhhhhhhhhhh!

We have some good new and bad news: The bad news is our performance of *Chicago* has been delayed to the Fall 2013. But the good news is REALLY awesome! The Pinckney Players have a one-in-lifetime opportunity to put on a brand new, off-broadway show in April 2013. We are bound by our contract, so the name of the show will have to remain a secret until February 2012. Sorry folks! But we are super excited to be **one of the first groups in Michigan** to perform this NOT TO MISS, right-off of Broadway show in our newly renovated theatre! Stay tuned to more details!

Please check our website for more information on our upcoming SURPRISE show in April 2013!

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You can purchase advanced preferred seating tickets for this upcoming Pinckney Players show. Send in order form early with your ticket requests and payment, and you'll receive preferred seating on a first come, first serve basis. Your tickets will be mailed to you prior to the show dates. You may also visit our website at www.pinckneyplayers.com to order tickets online.

TICKET ORDER FORM

Must be received by October 8, 2012, for preferred seating.

Bye Bye Birdie

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____

\$14.00 for Adults • \$12.00 for Students and Seniors

of paid Adults _____ x \$14 ea. = \$ _____
 # of paid Students and Seniors _____ x \$12 ea. = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Note: There is an additional \$2.00 for tickets purchased at the door.

Please make check payable to: **Pinckney Players.**
 Please mail a **self-addressed, self-stamped** envelope to:
 P.O. Box 944, Pinckney, MI 48169

Jane Tasch is Under Construction!

If you have been on M-36 lately, you may have noticed big changes in the Pathfinder and Navigator Schools. The two buildings have been connected and a new arts wing is being added, which will include new band, choir, and music rooms. It is going to be great!

In addition, the Jane Tasch Theatre is receiving some renovations. Some improvements include, new carpeting in the theatre and lobby, new curtains, the removal of the sound baffles, moving the movie screen closer to the front of the theatre opening, replacing all damaged seats and seat covers, and a new lighting and sound system!

We are excited to open our Fall show, *Bye Bye Birdie* in the beautifully renovated Jane Tasch Theatre!