

# SLT BACKSTAGE

Smithfield Little Theatre Bi-Monthly Newsletter

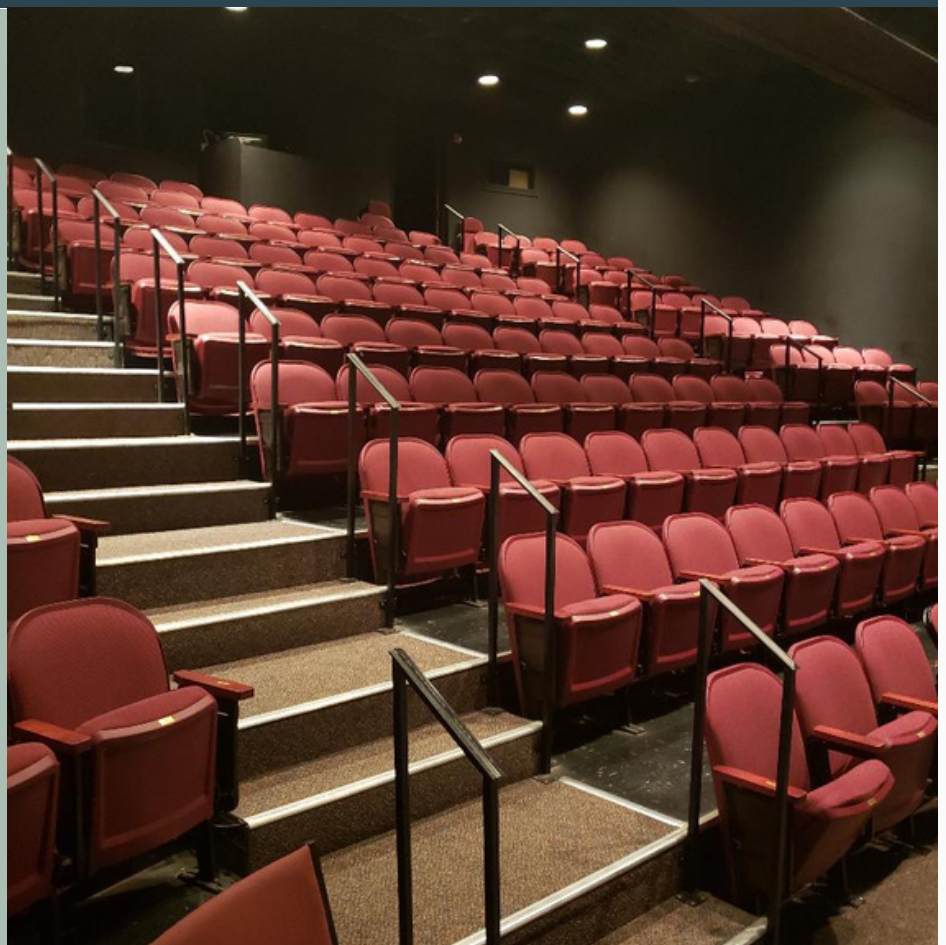
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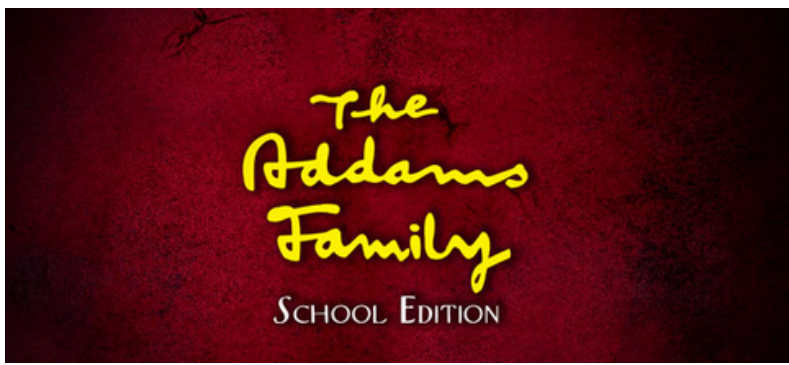


## Annual Meeting

SLT'S 2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEEETING

Smithfield Little Theatre's annual membership meeting will be on **Monday, July 10th at 7:00pm** at Smithfield Little Theatre. Membership to the theatre is just **\$1 per person** and is open to everyone 16 and older. Members will be able to vote on the incoming board members, learn about all of our committees, what is coming up this season and submit ideas for how we can improve in the future. Hope to see you there!





## Upcoming Events

### **SYP PRESENTS: THE ADDAMS FAMILY (SCHOOL EDITION) & WINNIE THE POOH**

#### Show Dates:

Friday, August 4 - Sunday, August 6, 2023

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

Winnie-the-Pooh is Christopher Robin's fat little "bear of very little brain" who would like to drift peacefully through life, humming tunes and stopping frequently to eat "a little something." However, he finds himself involved in all sorts of frantic adventures, assisted by such friends as the dismal Eeyore, Piglet and Rabbit, with his countless relations. Pooh's intentions are always the best, but his passion for honey and condensed milk keeps getting him into trouble.

## SLT's Student Youth Program

The SLT Summer Youth Program is returning this year now with two performances! Ages 7 -12 will perform Winnie the Pooh and Ages 12 - 18 will perform The Addams Family "School Edition". The Smithfield Little Theatre Summer Youth Project is a 6-week theater workshop and summer stock theater experience for youth ages 7-18. All participants will be vetted through an audition after our orientation and preparatory audition workshop. The project includes a full rehearsal schedule and a full weekend (Friday-Sunday) of public shows, not to mention workshops that include the eight disciplines of theatre, fun activities, friendship opportunities and a few pizza parties thrown in for good measure!



# SLT Season 62 2023 - 2024

## She Loves Me Photos



### THREE EXCITING NEW SHOWS NEXT SEASON

Our 62nd Season has been announced!

Beginning in Fall 2023, we will be opening the season with "Four Old Broads" directed by Al Buchanan! Our Winter 2024 pick-me-up show will be "Exit Laughing" directed by Rob Fortner! Our final show of the season, in Spring 2024, will be "The Sound of Music" directed by Dillon Bates!

**\*\*Tickets will go on sale at a later date!\*\***



# Volunteer Spotlight

## Shirley Kemp Barlow



How did you first get involved with SLT?

It was June 1999. I had just retired from teaching when two SLT Board Members asked me if I would consider serving as Ticket Chairman for SLT beginning immediately since the present chairman had to resign. I had worked some with the chairman but had NO idea all that was required of the chairman; after I agreed, I quickly learned. Tickets were not managed online like they are today. The first thing I did as chairman was update, print, and mail the letter announcing the season, with a return form for orders and donations. I received the replies and deposited all monies. Next, all tickets for the season were ordered, seating charts for the 12 shows were designed, names filled in the correct nights (by hand) and tickets mailed. My seating charts on legal size paper retired, as did I, in 2014 and ticket sales began to transition to online.

How long have you been volunteering with SLT?

24 years total, 15 as ticket chairman and two terms on the SLT Board.

What do you do as a volunteer?

I am "the voice" on the SLT box office, serve as an usher, and also help with mailing Season Tickets.

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# Volunteer Opportunities

**Smithfield Little Theatre is an all-volunteer organization. Volunteers, many with no prior theatre experience, handle all responsibilities from acting to ushering. There are needs which can take up as little or as much time as you wish to contribute. Fill your leisure time with fun. Make new friends. Treat yourself to a new experience! Join the SLT family!**

Volunteers needed for Summer Youth Program

Areas needed are:

Box Office, Concessions and Ushers



# Volunteer Spotlight

Describe SLT in 3 words.

Always A+ Productions

What should some who don't already volunteer know about SLT?

Volunteering does not mean you have to be interested in performing in a production. Volunteers are needed for building and painting sets, locating props, ushering, concessions, helping with tickets, stage crew... and the list goes on. If you have any interest in the above, you will enjoy volunteering and meeting the wonderful members of SLT and have a great time supporting community theatre.

Do you have a fun or unique memory with SLT?

Volunteering for 24 years, I have many wonderful memories, including being recognized in 2009 with the SLT Achievement Award, but the most unique would be when people began showing up at my home thinking they had arrived at SLT. The SLT box office phone was physically in my house, which resulted in my home address being listed in some online sites as the address for SLT. When they plugged in directions to the theatre, they would end up at my house, way out in the country. After discovering the issue, I always asked callers who were not season ticket holders if they knew the address of the theatre. If their answer was No, I asked if they were using their GPS. If they answered Yes, my reply was to make sure the address they use is 210 N. Church Street.



## More She Loves Me photos

