

Once again, kids tell the story with talent and style

All work and no play...wait, the play is the work, bit not really, because the Arts Commission school play series has been nothing but fun and inspiring since its inception in 2018. With the exception of the Covid years, the Arts Commission has partnered with the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy to present original plays by Liz Orndorff to middle and high school students with the goal of educating students about healthy living, decision making, and self-esteem using creative and fun programs.

This year, the play is "The Convergence of Desire." In the show five young people get together to talk about their future directions, or lack thereof. Through their conversation, each person is encouraged to look at



what they enjoy doing. To carry out the theme each has a musical story to tell and the whole cast joins in to support the individual efforts.

The cast includes Miles Henson, Hayden Maples, Alexis Herrera, Emilee Beauman and

Nico Lucas. The Arts Commission appreciates the support of Liz Orndorff in granting the rights to the play, Jane Dewey and the technical staff at Gravelly Hall, and the Danville Independent Schools for rehearsal space and the use of the theater for performances.

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MARCH 2024 WILL SPRING THE LOCAL ARTS SCENE INTO ACTION INSIDE AND OUT

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Thank you, Charlotte

As a child living on her family's farm, Charlotte Henson probably had no idea the turns her life would take. However, her early life definitely tells the story of the characteristics which would serve her, and her community well. Charlotte was an avid reader, a gifted singer, a teacher, a wife, a mother and a grandmother. Her family readily admits she

was stubborn. In the best sense of the word.

When Charlotte met Eben Henson, he was setting out to bring Broadway to the Bluegrass. What began as a dream of a local theater, at the time housed at the free space at Darnell State Mental Hospital, grew into Pioneer Playhouse. The Playhouse will celebrate its 75th



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year of productions this summer. In the true spirit of theater, “the show must go on,” the Playhouse figured out ways to safely perform during Covid. Following the death of founder Eben Henson in 2004, and in 2012 the loss of artistic director, Holly Henson, Charlotte never questioned the future of the theater and continued to work as she always had.

Most of the time, Charlotte was the behind the scenes backbone of the theater operation. She coordinated staffing, housing, meals, daily organization, maintenance, and handled the hundreds

of play production issues which were necessary to present a season of entertaining experiences for audiences. The public generally had no idea the role she played in the success of the theater every day, all year.

However, every performance night for many years, Charlotte’s musical talent was a feature during the pre-show dinner. She entertained the dinner guests with songs, accompanying herself on guitar, and stories about the Playhouse. John Jacob Niles once called Charlotte’s voice one of the purest he had ever heard.

While often not publicly recognized, Charlotte was named the 2006 Arts Citizen of the Year by the Arts Commission.

Though her health and strength were fading, Charlotte continued to be involved in the direction of the theater. She sang at dinners even in the summer of 2023 and the play schedule for the summer of 2024, the 75th season, is already well planned. As her family said, “the show must go on.”

Charlotte Henson died on Feb. 13th, 2024, at her home at Pioneer Playhouse.

Bluebirds will flock to Danville this spring

The Garden Club of Danville is about more than just pretty flowers. While your own backyard is a good place to learn and experiment with plants and vegetables for your family dinner table, the Garden Club mission includes emphasis on preserving and developing the local environment to benefit the local community.

Bluebirds are important in the Eastern United States. They feed on the insects which are harmful to food crops. During the nesting and hatching season, they eat voraciously and gather insects to feed their newborn chicks.

The Garden Club of Danville has initiated a Bluebird House project to install 30 Bluebird houses

along the trail on Clark’s Run. To accomplish the goal, the club was fortunate to have Will Wilson of Scout Troop 119 join in for his Eagle Scout project. To date, Will has constructed the 30 houses, along with Preston Miles has scouted the locations along the trail, club members have painted the houses, and Will and some friends will install the houses by the beginning of March.

Bluebirds begin house hunting in early March and the club and Will have a beautiful neighborhood ready for immediate occupancy. Club members will provide house-keeping services at the end of the season and document the number of hatchings in each house.



March 2024 Notes

Welcome Louisville Orchestra, March 8th

Michael Cleveland will lead a roundtable discussion at 4:00 in Norton Center Lobby discussing serving and reaching out to artists with special needs.

The Arts Commission is proud to partner with the Norton Center for this program.

For information contact Mimi Becker at arts@historicdanvilleky.com

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Germaine Dunn	Tab Martin	Michael Southerland	Brook White
Doors of Danville (from Donna Elam)	Gaynella McGuire	Tillie Sowders	Pat Williams
David Farmer	Hershel McKinley	Kris Steele	Sarah Wiltsee
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Bluegrass Pizza Pub	Chase Bank	Great American Brass Band Festival	Sherwin Williams
Boogie Knights	Copper and Oak	La Cosa Nostra	West’s Wing
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