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This page: Scene from Dickens' A Christmas Carol

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Scene from *Born Yesterday*.

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We made our way through the glass doors of the brightly lit lobby abuzz with the excited voices of patrons. As we waited to buy our tickets, I glanced around at the other theatre goers. Many were dressed in holiday garb but just as many were comfortably dressed in jeans for the show. The main stairs to the theatre split halfway up leading to either side of the center seating. A picture of their founder, Alvina Krause, hangs behind the ticket takers.

It is a small theater of 350 seats which really means there isn't a bad seat in the house. For this show, we were in the center section, part way back. Perfect. One of the actors introduced the show and off we went. It was a wonderful performance that truly conveyed the joy Dickens intended. When I saw *Letters to the Editor* the next year, I discovered the cast was quite talented at playwriting as well. In this original production, and their choice of plays throughout the years, they have shown a deep understanding of their audience and our many roles as humans. They are passionate people who maintain impressively professional standards in their work.

Many cast members remain from the beginning, while others have logged in a dozen years or more. The fresh faces of interns come and go, but to know BTE is to love it, and many visiting actors return to share the experience again. Those of us who don't act find ourselves drawn to the place as volunteers. This last year



Scene from *A Christmas Carol*

I volunteered and then was hired as the box office manager. BTE is a vital force in the Bloomsburg area and I'm happy to be a part of that now. Check us out – but don't be surprised if you get pulled in by the 'force' too!



Scene from *Noises Off*.

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Did you know . . .

- Bloomsburg University hosts a Celebrity Artist Series each year, bringing the best in professional touring entertainment to our area?
- Artspace Gallery features a new exhibit by local members or guest artists every 4-6 weeks?
- Dave Ashby Fine Art Photography has a large selection of ready to hang fine art photographs and can create unique works of art for your home or business?
- The only place around where you can lay in the grass in the winter is Open Your Eyes To Dream (O2ETD...and sometimes Y)?
- "Art Thrives on 45," available in our offices, is a detailed map on the wealth of artists along Route 45, which starts in Montour County?