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## *President's Message.*

A New Year + New Shows + Endless  
Potential + New Friends = Priceless

I am very excited to be the president of Harlequins this year and look forward to the endless possibilities for our little group. It is a new year filled with anticipation of what our members will be able to create and contribute to make this year/season one of the best yet!

The cast and crew of "Ravenscroft" will be representing Harlequins at the OCTA State Competition in Cincinnati this coming Labor Day weekend! Do you realize that since I have been a member of Harlequins (about 5 years, I think) we have taken 5 excerpts to OCTA. Those 5 excerpts all won awards of various levels and in various areas. 3 of the 5, (Wrong for Each Other, A Piece of My Heart and Ravenscroft) all won the opportunity to compete at the State level, again winning numerous awards! We are truly an award winning theatre and should promote and think of ourselves as such.

This Harlequin's season the slate of shows chosen offer comedy and fun! We open the season with "Lying In State", then "Boston Marriage", and closing with "The Iliad, the Odyssey and All of Greek Mythology in 99 Seconds or Less". All 3 shows have directors and we will be announcing the audition dates in the newsletter, email and on the website as the dates are decided. So check the website often as Jim has been great with keeping it current. If you don't check the website or use email, check your newsletter or give me a call.

Volunteer organizations survive the years only through the hard work of the volunteers of that organization. Being a part of a group is a rewarding experience. You get to exchange ideas, learn a thing or two, and meet some very incredible people along the way! The catch is that in order to maintain longevity, the group not only has to work and play together, but they must also grow together. This growth is done not only by encouraging growth in number of members, but also growth within, learning new things or improving member skills to enhance the membership experience. Therefore I would like to challenge each member this season. I would like everyone to "one up" themselves this year. Everyone can do it, and it works like this: Do one better than you did the year before. If last year you sold 15 season tickets, this year sell 16. If last year you brought in and sponsored 1 new member, lets make it 2 this year. Say you did props last year, why not props and usher this year? Attend one more meeting, usher one more show, clean one more Saturday, attend one more press dress, paint one more wall.

The other challenge is to promote this award winning theatre that we love. We are a gifted group of individuals that have much talent and knowledge that should be shared, not only among ourselves but with our community.

On a personal note I would like to thank all of you for the cards, flowers, kind words and messages I received concerning the recent and sudden death of my father. Though it has not been easy, I am reminded of how blessed I am to have such thoughtful and caring friends and I am very grateful.

Thank you-  
On with the Show.....Lisa



### You Can Ring Our Bell!

If anyone would like any information put on the website, please send it to Jim Ohlemacher and he will then put it on the website!

We are trying to cut postage costs for the newsletter and would like to know if anyone receiving the newsletter would prefer to get it by e-mail instead of snail mail. If so, please let Ellie know. If that's not your thing, we still don't mind sending it by regular mail since we do want everyone to receive it and know what's going on.

Also, if there's anything you want in the newsletter, please let Ellie know. Just try and have it to her by the last week of the month preceding the month's newsletter in which you'd like it to appear.

### Our new website is up and running!

Our new website, at [www.harlequintheatre.org](http://www.harlequintheatre.org) is now up and running. Make sure to check it out. If anyone has any ideas of things they'd like to see included on the site, please email me and let me know. If it's at all possible, I'll try to accommodate...

Jim

## *I've Got Dates to Remember*

**Aug. 15th** - Picnic at the Boitels on Cedar Point Chaussee. Info will be forthcoming... but usually begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends anywhere from 3:01 to sometime the next morning depending on how playful we're all feeling. It's usually byob (except beer) and bring a dish to share; hot dogs and hamburgers are usually provided; \$5.00 donation; bring lawn chair or lawn game or beach volleyball or bring a guitar for a sing-a-long; bring bathing suit and towel for swimming in Lake Erie... these have all been previous activities from picnics past. If you'd like to volunteer to help please contact Amy Boitel ASAP! Much help is needed for setup and teardown.

“Ravenscroft” OCTA rehearsal dates are **Aug. 10, 12, 17, 19**. The 10th and 12th are cast only rehearsals...and the 17th and 19th are full dress rehearsal with cast and crew. Feel free to attend the Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> rehearsals to give the cast and crew some further audience practice. We'll begin around 6:30.

**Aug. 26th** - 7:30 p.m. Board meeting.

**September 4, 5, 6, 7** - State OCTA fest in Cincinnati. Ravenscroft will excerpt in the 10:00 hour of Sun. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Sept. 9th** - 7:30 p.m. FIRST General meeting of the season! Come one. Come all. If you'd like to provide the refreshments for this one please contact Lisa Wiley. There will be much to cover and many things to volunteer for - the more who show up the less you'll have to do but the more fun you'll have - what a deal!

## *August picnic just around the corner...*

Our annual August picnic will be Saturday, August 15th, in the afternoon. We will be going back to the Boitel's for this year's blow-out! Anyone that can help with this year's event is encouraged to get in touch with Amy or Earl Boitel. Since this is the last time our picnic will be held at the Boitel's, it would really be great and fitting if we could have a good turn-out of volunteers to help plan and make this picnic extra special. **A Great Big Thanks** to the Boitel's for the many years of offering their home for our annual event. Let's show them our gratitude by chipping in to make this picnic one for the record books!

### Getting to Know You!

Matt Bohne

My name is Matthew Bohne; I am 30 years old and originally from Milan. I graduated from Edison in 1996 and pursued a degree in Construction Management at BGSU.

Erin and I met in Ballroom Dance class. Even though I still can't dance very well, I got one important thing out of that class... (aww.) Currently, I am a computer geek for The Bellevue Hospital. Erin hates it when I call myself that, but it's easier than explaining what I do. I also develop web sites for fun and profit, including the rescue we received most of our pets from.

I am an avid singer and musician. I have played in bands and pit orchestras for "Bye Bye Birdie", "Follies", "Godspell", and "Little Shop of Horrors". Most recently, I played the chauvinistic idiot Sir Harry in "Once Upon a Mattress", and, at Harlequins, the down-right #@\$+@%! Senator Joe Cantwell in "The Best Man". (Stretches of my acting ability, I swear! They kept yelling at me to be meaner...) Despite popular belief, I can't do everything... I did make break-away glass vases for the last show, "Ravenscroft", however. I heard that they were a "smashing" success (Thanks for letting me borrow your joke, George).

We look forward to many more shows with the Harlequins.

**Congratulations to Harlequins members, Matt and Erin Bohne, on the birth of their son Isaac July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let's get Isaac involved in Kid Kompany!...well, maybe in a few years.**



**Isaac Mathew Bohne  
Born July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009  
8 lbs - 10 oz  
21 in. long**

### Website update:

**To make better use of our website, I'm encouraging all committee chairpersons to send me your meeting dates and times to be put onto our website. This puts all information at the fingertips of our membership and committee members. Just email or call me with your meeting's information and I'll get it put onto the website quickly.**

**Jim**