

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2010-2011 Season

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Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA) announces resignation of Artistic Director Steven Fogell

Bainbridge Performing Arts bids a fond farewell to **Steven Fogell**, who will resign from his role as Artistic Director next month. Fogell's vision and creative scope have been inextricably linked to the organization's success over the past fifteen years, where his talents have been enthusiastically enjoyed by students, cast, crew, and audience members. Working as a teacher, playwright, director, designer, Theatre School Director, and Artistic Director for BPA, Fogell directed more than 70 Mainstage and Theatre School shows, including such community favorites as *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *The Light in the Piazza*, and *The Rocky Horror Show*.

Managing Director **Dominique Cantwell** says, "We are going to miss his vibrant and creative energy tremendously; he leaves an incredible legacy at BPA, but we have an outstanding season just ahead, and we're delighted that Steven will return to direct our opening show, *CATS*, this fall." Board member **Laurie Arnold** echoes the sentiment, saying, "Not only has Steven poured his heart and soul into BPA, his dedication to the development of BPA's Theatre School has provided hundreds of kids on this island with an incredible experience that has helped them to build their confidence and discover a love of the theatre. He will be missed."

BPA has staged a year-round array of musicals, comedies, dramas, symphony, and children's theatre every season since 1956, all in its intimate, 245-seat Hodges Hall at the heart of Bainbridge Island. BPA's 2011-2012 Season delivers BPA Productions of Tony Award winning plays, beautifully crafted music performances from the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Music Concerts, uplifting comedy from The EDGE Improv, innovative Theatre School productions for 1st-12th graders, advanced theatrical training for adults, and community-inspired co-productions that bring the artistic heart of Bainbridge onto the BPA stage. Special events in 2011 – 2012 include A Night at the Opera, The Atomic Bombshells, a New Years Eve Gala, the Bainbridge Dance Center's Annual Student Performance, and more.

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Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on “Join Mailing List” to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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