

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2011-2012 Season

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BPA Announces New Spring Production

THE FULL MONTY

May 10 - 27: Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30 p.m. + Sundays @ 3:00 p.m.

At Bainbridge Performing Arts

Bainbridge Performing Arts has changed out its spring production by popular demand. Replacing the previously scheduled *Hairspray*, *THE FULL MONTY* tells a heartfelt and timely tale of a community that comes together during economic hardship and follows their dreams.

Seeing how much their wives enjoy their “Girls’ Night Out,” unemployed steelworkers in Buffalo, New York come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. In the process they find renewed self esteem, the importance of friendship, and the ability to have fun.

As the guys work through their fears, self-consciousness, feelings of worthlessness and anxieties (over everything from being overweight to child custody, bigotry to being gay), they come to discover that not only are they stronger as a group, but that the strength they find in each other gives them the individual courage to face their demons and overcome them.

With book by Terrence McNally and music and lyrics by David Yazbek, BPA’s production is Directed by Ken Michels, with Musical Direction by Shannon Dowling and Choreography by Joanna Hardie. With friend and co-conspirator Teresa Thuman, Ken has had the privilege of choreographing the funny in numerous productions including most recently, *The 39 Steps* at Second Story Rep and *The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr* (Abridged) for Sound Theatre/Stone Soup Theatre. After being allowed to revel in the fun of BPA’s *Noises Off* and *The Producers*, Ken feels honored and excited to be invited back to direct *THE FULL MONTY*.

Run dates are May 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26 and 27, with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 3:00 p.m., plus a Pay-What-You-Can-Preview Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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