

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA) Welcomes New Member to Board of Trustees

Bainbridge Performing Arts' Board of Trustees includes an inspired and rotating "cast," whose members are deeply committed to the arts. Islander **Tom Bryant** is enthusiastic about his new role with the BPA Board, and hopes to "bring an additional dose of enthusiasm to an already highly motivated group." His passion for theatre is rooted in his early experiences working on the stage crew in high school, and he sees the BPA Board as an excellent opportunity to be involved with an exciting and talented organization. He describes BPA productions as "a cut well above little theater productions," and says he is "drawn to the community's pride in the exceptional level of entertainment provided by BPA."

Tom spent the bulk of his career as a magazine editor with *Road & Track*, America's oldest automotive enthusiast magazine. For the last 20 years, until retiring in 2008, he served as the Editor-in-Chief, and managed a staff of 20-plus talented, artistic people. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees in Political Science and International Relations from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and his credentials include two years as a Foreign Service Officer, assigned to the American Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as well as eight years experience in radio broadcasting.

BPA Board President **Omie Kerr** says "We are very pleased to welcome Tom to the BPA Board. He comes with a managerial background, a longtime commitment to the arts, and new perspectives." BPA's Board members serve as liaisons between BPA and the community. They are also responsible for hiring the Managing Director, approving the annual budget, and setting the long-range vision.

BPA's summer lineup includes **Bainbridge Dance Center's 29th Annual Student Performance** on June 22 – 26, and laughs for all ages with **The EDGE Improv** on July 3 and August 7. **Families on The EDGE**, BPA's 4th annual Theatre School benefit FUNdraiser, delivers summer fun for the whole family on July 18. And Cook Family Funeral Home and Islandental present **Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids** July 29 – August 1. With a delightfully fun score, lovable characters, and one of the most deliciously evil villains in the Disney canon, this

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stage adaptation is certain to charm and delight all audiences. Finally, “**The Dog Days of Summer**” runs throughout the month in the BPA Gallery. This delightful exhibit of kid’s art features canines – cute dogs, silly dogs, bad dogs, dogs we know, and dogs needing homes.

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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