



# CALLBOARD

April 2024

## April Roundtable on Volunteerism:

### **How to Find Them, How to Keep Them, and How to Make Them Happy!**

With April as National Volunteer Month, now is the perfect time to direct a little special attention to your beloved volunteers. Please join us for our next roundtable on **Tuesday April 16**, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This is a great opportunity for you to share unique ideas about how you manage your volunteers -- and find out how other groups do it so well.

We all need our volunteers and some days we just don't have enough. Please join our panelists:

- ☆ Ruthann Liagre - Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts, Owosso
- ☆ Mike Artis - Kalamazoo Civic Theatre
- ☆ Mary Jo DeNolf - Circle Theatre Grand Rapids

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**Meeting the next member  
of your CTAM Board  
of Directors!**

In this installment of our Meet the Board articles, we're featuring Gary Walker from Grand Rapids Civic Theatre as one of our newest CTAM board members. Gary comes with vast board experience with non-profits organizations. But here are some fun fact about Gary Walker that many of us who have known him for years didn't know !

- ✓ If you've seen "Big Bang Theory", Gary was one of those guys in grad school (more Leonard than Sheldon!)
- ✓ Gary is an amateur photographer and has had work hung in a museum show.
- ✓ Such a handyman that the only thing in his toolbox is a contact list for contractors.
- ✓ His wife was an artist and did many showings of glass ornaments and acrylic paintings on wood panels.
- ✓ First time on stage was a walk-on part purchased by his wife - he was in his late '40s.
- ✓ Not a native to Michigan, born in Louisville KY.
- ✓ Gary is a former President of AACT and has been involved in the national theatre scene for years.





On the road again, CTAM President, Michael Wilson, and I went out and about to see one of our local community theatres in action. This time we went to **Holland Community Theatre** to see their production of *Noises Off*.

*Noises Off*, as we all know, is the farce of all farces. Some more modern farces such as the *Play That Goes Wrong* are modeled after this show. It has the ability to take a bad day and turn it upside down with side-splitting humor of slamming doors, missed entrances and mayhem, from the beginning to the end. This production did not let their patrons down.

Directed by Marcus Chapman, they cast a wonderful ensemble group of actors and crew to make this magic happen. Holland Civic performs in an old church in downtown Holland, Mi (which has a very small stage). This is one of the reasons I wanted to see how they would be able to pull off this very complicated set. Kudo's to Jim Pearce and the whole production team and crew for not only a very detailed set up one that still turned completely around twice.

Holland Community Theatre also takes advantage of CTAM's Adjudication team. Each year they ask CTAM trained adjudicators to come and give feedback to their cast and crew. This is a marvelous process to provide to your cast and crews to learn and grow. It's not meant to change anything that has been performed or to critique, but to provide insight on the production and assist these members on options to improve their craft.

Laughter in the dark winter months can be the best medicine for us all. Next time your play selection is looking for something to make the folks laugh, take a look again at *Noises Off*. Holland did, and it was a sold out night when we were there and a lot of smiling faces as they were leaving. What's not to love about a show of slamming doors....and sardines.

If you would like more information about how your theatre can be adjudicated, please email us at: [ctamthrives@gmail.com](mailto:ctamthrives@gmail.com).



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presents

# **Directors**

# **Workshop!!**

**Lead by Bill Anderson of CTAM**

**Workshop for aspiring and established directors  
ages 18 and older**

**covering a range of topics including selecting  
scripts, set and costuming, auditions and  
rehearsals and more!!**

**Saturday April 13th**

**10am-230pm**

**3551 Hadley Rd, Hadley, MI, 48440**

**Tickets and lunch available to purchase  
until April 10th at**

**[www.lapeercommunitytheatre.com](http://www.lapeercommunitytheatre.com)**

**\$25 admission comes with catered lunch from Jimmy  
Johns, beverages, and the remaining years  
membership**

**(\$11 off coupon for members sent via email)**

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# Theatre this Spring in Michigan

March 29 - April 7, 2024	SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY PLAYERS	<i>While the Lights Were Out</i>
March 29 - April 21, 2024	STAGECRAFTERS	<i>Children of Eden</i>
April 5 - 13, 2024	OLD TOWN PLAYHOUSE	<i>Radium Girls</i>
April 5- 14, 2024	KALAMAZOO CIVIC THEATRE	<i>Forever Plaid</i>
April 5 - 14, 2024	GROSSE POINTE THEATRE	<i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i>
April 6 - 7, 2024	NORTHERN LITES READERS THEATRE	<i>Witness for the Prosecution: A</i>
April 11-27, 2024	HOLLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE	<i>On Golden Pond</i>
April 12-21, 2024	MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS	<i>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and</i>
April 12 - 21, 2024	CLIO CAST AND CREW	<i>Cinderella of Loveland</i>
April 12 - 21, 2024	FENTON VILLAGE PLAYERS	<i>Southern Fried Nuptials</i>
April 13 - 21, 2204	PINCKNEY PLAYERS	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>
April 17 & 18, 2024	GRAND RAPIDS CIVIC THEATRE	<i>Ten for All</i>
April 19-28, 2024	OWOSSO COMMUNITY PLAYERS	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
April 19 - 28. 2024	KALAMAZOO CIVIC THEATRE	<i>The Lion King Jr.</i>
April 19 - May 5, 2024	TWIN CITY PLAYERS	<i>Rumors</i>
April 19 - May 5, 2024	GRAND RAPIDS CIVIC THEATRE	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
April 25 - May 4, 2024	MASTER ARTS	<i>See Rock City</i>
April 25 - May 18, 2024	FARMINGTON PLAYERS	<i>Something Rotten</i>
April 26 - 28 & May 3-5, 2024	PORT AUSTIN COMMUNITY PLAYERS	<i>Spring Show (TBA)</i>
April 26 - 28 & May 3-11, 2024	ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS	<i>An Inspector Calls</i>
April 26-28, May 3-5, 2024	BAY CITY PLAYERS	<i>Into The Woods</i>
April 26-29 - May 2-5, 2024	TAWAS BAY PLAYERS	<i>The Subject was Roses</i>
May 1 - 5, 2024	THORNAPPLE PLAYERS	<i>Cinderella (org version)</i>
May 2-5, 2024	MUSKEGON CIVIC THEATRE	<i>Ragtime</i>
May 2-5, 2024	CIRCLE THEATRE	<i>Curious George and the Golden</i>
May 2-12, 2024	FLINT COMMUNITY PLAYERS	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Techni-</i>
May 3-11, 2024	PLAYERS DENOC	<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i>
May 3-18, 2024	CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS	<i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</i>
May 3-19, 2024	PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN	<i>Into The Woods</i>
May 3 - 19, 2023	KALAMAZOO CIVIC THEATRE	<i>Catch Me if You Can</i>
May 3 - 25, 2024	OLD TOWN PLAYHOUSE	<i>Wedding Singer</i>
May 3 - 19, 2024	VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM	<i>The Prom</i>
May 3 - 12, 2024	GROSSE POINTE THEATRE	<i>Newsies</i>
May 9 - 19, 2024	THE SAUK	<i>The Last Lifeboat</i>
May 9 - 19, 2024	ALPENA CIVIC THEATRE	<i>The Music Man</i>
May 10 - 18, 2024	LIVONIA COMMUNITY THEATRE	<i>Working, the Musical</i>
May 10 - 19, 2024	PIT AND BALCONY	<i>Wild Party</i>

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