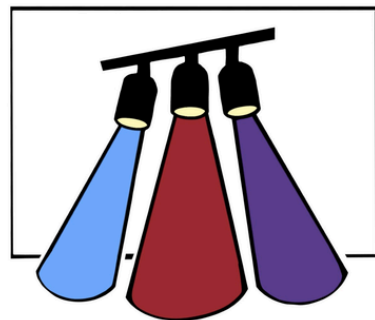


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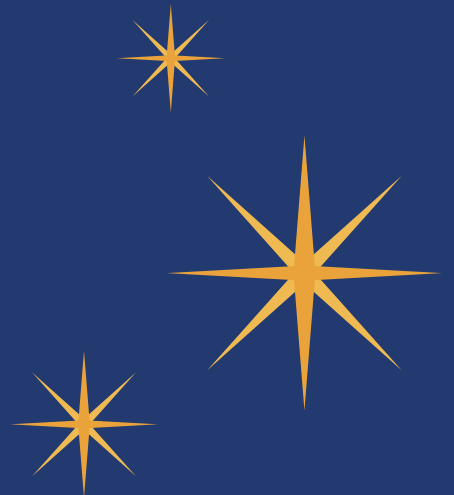
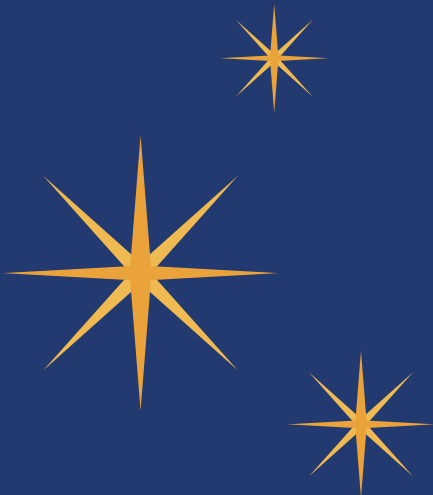
We are officially stepping into our 25th year! Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry and for being such an important part of our community. Because of you, we have reached this milestone, and we are excited to move into year 25 together with gratitude and hope for what is ahead.

**Happy
New Year!**

New Logo Unveiled!



**Players
OF THE
Stage**



2025 Recap

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



We raised \$2300 for Keystone Family Alliance!

SUMMER CAMPS

We had great numbers this year at camp, with 11 new campers, the POTS family is growing!



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

We raised over \$8200 for our new stage and mic system!



NEW STAFF



Noelle Ledford
Director of Operations and Development

HISTORY OF POTS

Players of the Stage, which is affectionately called POTS, started in September 2000 with sixteen children getting together to put on a recital for a church's Christmas banquet. What we thought would be a one-time event has lasted twenty-five years. We held our first camp season in the Summer of 2001 and staged our first main stage show, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in December 2001.

Players of the Stage was started by Mrs. Barshinger (Mrs. "B") and her daughter Anna Barshinger Lauffer. Anna Lauffer was the artistic director from 2000-2009. In 2009 Sharon Barshinger took over and held the position until 2018. Marian Barshinger was the artistic director from 2018-2021. Sharon Barshinger Noel came back as Interim Artistic Director from 2021-2023. Mrs. "B" retired in 2024 after 24 years as the Executive Director.

In the fall of 2005, Players of the Stage began staging their shows as benefit shows for local charities. Bright Hope Center, American Ministries to the Deaf, Bloom, HOPE Kids and Allentown Rescue Mission. In the last 20 years, POTS has raised more than a ¼ million dollars, every cent of which has gone to those organizations. We are so grateful to our audiences for their generous donations.

In 2015, the Barshinger family turned the theatre over to a board run non-profit corporation. A major move was made from our home of 23 years at Living Hope OPC church in June 2024. The theatre is presently using City Light BFC church in Bethlehem. From the beginning, our goal has been to "Bring Light to the World of Theatre" and to "Give Truth a Platform". This continues to be our desire for the next twenty-five years.

HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US?

Playbill Ads

Purchase an ad or bundle for your business, or contact business owners in the community

**Barshinger
Scholarship
Fund**

Contribute to financially support student tuition for productions and camps

12 for 12

12 dollars a month every month helps POTS go a long way! Sign up on our site under "Donate"

SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT

Little Women by Kate Hamill



Understudy Show - April 23
Shows April 24 & 25, May 2 & 3

January

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January

- 22-23 - Auditions - 5:00-8:30
- 25 - Roles Go Out - 5:00
- 29 - Read-Through - 5:00-7:30

February

- 5 - Blocking - 5:00-7:30
- 6 - Blocking - 5:00 - 7:30
- 12 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30
- 19 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30
- 26 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30

March

- 5 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30
- 12 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30
- 19 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30
- 26 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30

April

- 2 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30
- 9 - Rehearsal - 5:00-7:30
- 11 - Tech Rehearsal - 10:00-5:00
- 16 - Rehearsal - 5:00-8:00
- 18 - Dress Rehearsal - 10:00-5:00
- 20 - Full Tech Run Through - 5:00-8:00
- 21 - Understudy Dress - 4:30-8:00
- 22 - Main Cast Dress - 4:30-8:00

May

- 1 - Full Tech Run Through - 5:00-8:00
- 8 - Cast Party - 4:30-7:30

Shows

- Understudy Show - April 23 - 5:30-10:00
- Show #1 - April 24 - 5:30-10:00
- Show #2 - April 25 - 5:30-10:30
- Show #3 - May 2 - 5:30-10:00
- Show #4 - May 3 - 5:30-11:00

- audition
- mandatory rehearsal
- regular rehearsal
- show

AUDITION INFO

Auditions are January 22nd and 23rd from 5-8 PM
Click this page to go to the audition sign-up
or visit "Current Production" on our site!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are searching for handyman volunteers to help with the construction of our new stage. If you are interesting in helping with construction and assembly, please reach out to Amber Cade for more details at cade_amber@yahoo.com



CAMP REGISTRATION

We look forward to the announcement of summer camps next month, early registration will open at the end of February so keep an eye out for updates



IMPROV OUTREACH

We are launching a program to bring improv theatre and Christ to youth in the community. If you are involved with a school, club, youth group, or co-op that would be interesting in participating, please contact Noelle Ledford at noelle.ledford@gordon.edu

