

# Curtain Call



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## Now Playing: 'An O. Henry Christmas'



An "O. Henry Christmas" by Howard Burman, directed by Roger Sweeney takes to the stage December 2, 3, 4 & 9, 10, 11 at the Erika Quam Memorial Theater in Shell Lake. The play is set in an abandoned railroad spur in 1893 New York City on Christmas Eve. Several of O. Henry's themes are woven together by a mysterious escaped prisoner who narrates

the stories as a ragtag group of street people act them out. The stories begin to impact on individuals and rekindle the spirit of Christmas in a magical and heartwarming way - a charming alternative to all the *Christmas Carols*.

The cast of characters includes: Richard Shipman, Kathy Brihn, Justin Peck and Leon Hanson, all from Spooner; Rose Bauman from Webb Lake; Barry Melcher from Stone Lake; Pat Shifferd from Minong; and Don Bruce from Shell Lake. Reservations can be made by calling 715-468-4387 or online at [titw.org](http://titw.org). Tickets are \$10 at all performances with an \$8

ticket for seniors and students at the matinees on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



Above: Justin Peck and Kathy Brihn act out a scene from Howard Burman's 'An O. Henry Christmas.'

## Jason Price returns March 24th

Midwest jazz-fusion artist Jason Price will be returning to the Quam stage this March. Mark your calendars and watch our website for further details. Jason Price is not only an acclaimed musician, but also leads the drumset workshop for our nation's longest running summer jazz program, held at the Shell Lake Arts Center.



*"The world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those that feel."*

*-Horace Walpole*

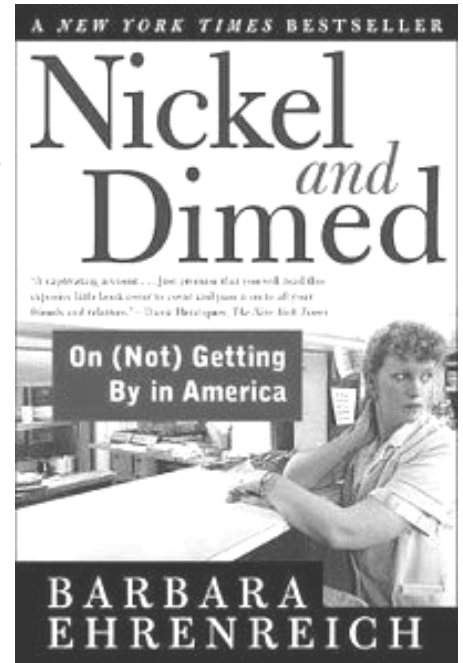
# Auditions Scheduled January 11th and 12th

## Spring production planned for 'Nickel and Dimed'

In their directorial debut, long-time cast mates Jessica de la Cruz and Tommy Yousten will be teaming up for an April staging of *Nickel and Dimed*, a provocative, thought-provoking and comic retelling of a real life minimum-wage experiment. Barbara Ehrenreich's best-selling book, *Nickel and Dimed, on (Not) Getting by in America*, was adapted for the stage by Joan Holden and first premiered in 2002. Time magazine has called it "a rare

example of theater that tries to open people's eyes to the way life is lived in the real world—and maybe even rouse them to action."

*Nickel and Dimed*, set in the late 1990s, will require a flexible yet diverse collection of characters—men and women from their 20s to 60s, with the potential for multiple roles per person. Auditions will be held January 11th and 12th at 6:30pm at the Erika Quam Memo-



rial Theatre in Shell Lake. Those who'd like to learn more about the show, arrange another audition time, or volunteer in other ways should contact Jessica de la Cruz at 715-790-4094 or Tommy Yousten at 715-491-1738.

## What's not quite legal but always loads of fun? A youth TitWer, of course!

Attention all youth ages 12-18...it's time to dust off your improv skills and head to the Quam because Youth Theatre Nights are back! Led once again by the fearless (and delightful) student leader, Audi Griffith, YTN nights are filled to the brim

with laughter and more zani-ness than you would think humanly possible.

TitW is alive and well today because of the youth that have kept it going strong. Join us every second Mon-

day of the month from 6:30-8:00 and bring a friend or two. Oh, and you might want to avoid eating a heavy meal beforehand. You never know what adventure you'll be on when you get to the Quam!

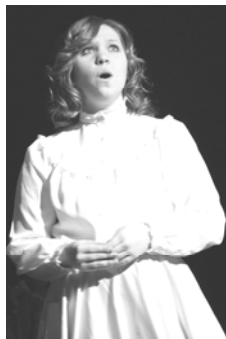
## It Was a Pretty Good Party!

This year's PGP on October 8th was a less-than-formal affair, but drew a respectable crowd just the same. It's our nod to everyone who supports TitW and its mission. Thanks to all who attended, and everyone who continues to make our little theatre a pretty big deal.



## Get ready to Shine! Youth talent sought for Jan 28th Event

Last year around twenty of the area's best youth talent joined together on stage and performed solo, small group, and ensemble pieces to a near sold-out theater! This year's production will once again bring together the area's biggest and brightest talents and it promises to be another festival of fun.



Shine! is open to youth of all ages who have a song to sing or play, or a skit or poem to perform. The di-

rectors will create themes based on the pieces presented by the performers. Members will also join together for one or two ensemble performances...a big hit with the audiences in last year's production!

Watch our website for information about the December auditions or contact either of the directors below:

Jody Peck at [jody-peck@gmail.com](mailto:jody-peck@gmail.com) or 715-520-7220

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Above: a snapshot of TitW's field trip to *The Burial at Thebes*. Twenty-two adventurous souls made the trip to the October 29th Guthrie production, with good reviews all around. Watch for announcements of future TitW outings and events.

## What's this? Another Party?



No Scrooges here! Having fun is one thing we've got down to an art! Please join us for TitW's Annual

Christmas Party on Monday, December 19th. All are welcome, especially new faces.

We will begin with a short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner at 7:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass; we will provide beverages and tableware. After dinner we will hold our traditional white elephant gift exchange, so if you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift. We hope to see you at the Quam!

### Upcoming TitW Events

12/2-12/11	An O. Henry Christmas	7:30pm (Sundays @2)
12/12	Youth Theatre Night	6:30pm
12/19	Annual Christmas Party/board mtg	6:30pm
1/11-1/12	Auditions 'Nickel and Dimed'	6:30pm
1/28	Shine!	7:00pm
3/24	Jason Price Quartet	7:30pm

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