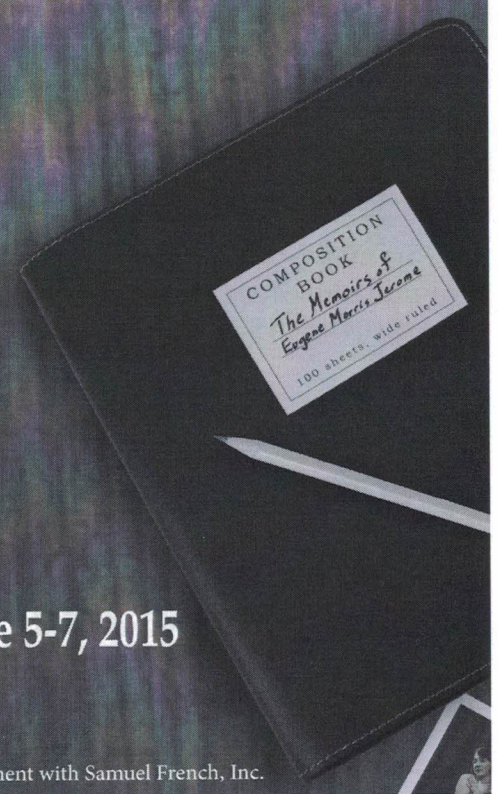
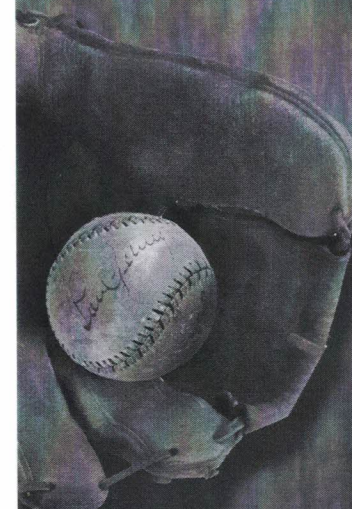


Open Door  
THEATRE  
presents

# Brighton Beach Memoirs

by Neil Simon



May 29 - 31 & June 5-7, 2015

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# What is Open Door Theatre?

In April of 2014 five passionate theatre people decided they'd spent too many years complaining there weren't enough opportunities in Bozeman to participate in live theatre productions. We began by looking at a few empty buildings that might be transformed into small playhouses but we were intimidated by the amount of money we would have to raise before we could mount our first production.

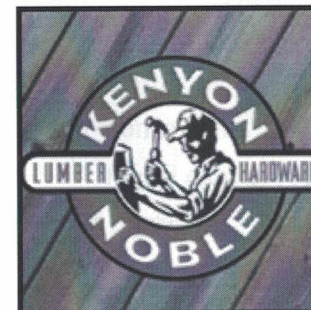
Eventually we decided we should test the waters. Did anyone besides us think Bozeman needed another theatre company? Would actors and crew members turn out? Would audiences come to see our shows?

We came up with a name that defines one of our primary goals. We held an interest meeting and were encouraged by the turnout. Our five original committee members were joined by two additional volunteers who brought new skills to our emerging board. Stacy Hostetter and her board agreed to rent us space at the Kaleidoscope Playhouse. Montana Arts took us on as a client organization, allowing us to collect tax-deductible donations. We wrote letters to friends soliciting donations. A play selection committee sifted through hundreds of scripts to choose our first two plays. We lined up a volunteer director and designers for *Play On!* and after its successful run in late February and early March, for our second show, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

Auditions for both shows attracted just what we had hoped for: a mixture of neophytes, well-known local actors, newcomers to the community and people who hadn't had a chance to perform for years.

Then came rehearsals and the work that some of us love the most — finding costumes and props, building the set, designing sound effects and watching the play come to life.

Now it's up to you, the audience. Does Open Door Theatre serve a need in this community? Let us know what you think!



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# Brighton Beach Memoirs Production Team

Co-Directors..... Darin Heitt-Rennie & Kari Doll  
Scene and Lighting Design ..... Neil Gregersen  
Costumes .....Faye Christensen, Gretchen Sultzer  
Properties Designer ..... Valerie Watson  
Sound Design ..... Marjorie Smith  
Lights, Sound Operator ..... Kari Doll  
Set Crew: ..... Cheryl Genovese, Joe Genovese,  
Nan Gregersen, Neil Gregersen, Debbie Joiner,  
Barb MacMillan, Micah Price, Lee Rinderknecht  
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presents

## **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS** by Neil Simon

### *Cast in Order of Appearance*

Eugene Jerome ..... Julien Harries  
Blanche Morton, his aunt ..... Jennifer Wendt Bordy  
Kate Jerome, his mother ..... Sarah Baker  
Laurie Morton, his younger cousin ..... Tami Renner  
Nora Morton, his older cousin ..... Corey Barrows  
Stanley Jerome, his brother ..... Jacob Yocum  
Jack Jerome, his father ..... Joshua O'Neil

**Time:** September, 1937

**Place:** The Jerome home in Brighton Beach,  
a section of Brooklyn, New York City

**Act One:** 6:30 PM, on Tuesday

**Act Two:** Wednesday a week later, and the next afternoon

**There will one 10 minute intermission**

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## About our landlord ...

After several years teaching theatre classes in Bozeman schools, Stacy Hostetter set out to create an afterschool program for Bozeman children. It became Kaleidoscope Youth Theater, a non-profit organization.

For many years KYT was nomadic, rehearsing and holding classes in donated spaces such as churches and dance studios. In 2011, KYT finally found a permanent space for school-year classes, summer camps, and full-scale stage productions — mostly musical — for students in kindergarten through high school. Stacy writes the scripts and the music to ensure that each child has a part.

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## The Brighton Beach Family



**Sarah Baker** (Kate) has been seen in *A Grand Night for Singing*, *White Christmas* and *Guys and Dolls* at the Ellen, as Madame Thenardier in *Les Miserables* at the Shane Lalani in Livingston, and in *The Last Five Years* at the Verge. She teaches a music theatre class at Kaleidoscope Youth Theater, is a Jazzercise instructor and a Mary Kay Cosmetics consultant as well

as being the mother of two boys. She grew up in San Diego, has a degree in music education and vocal performance from Azusa Pacific University, and has lived in Bozeman for 11 years.

**Corey Barrows** (Nora) hadn't been on stage for ten years when she auditioned for Open Door's first production in which she played the ditzy socialite Violet, in *Play On!* -- a far different world from Iraq where she served a tour as an intelligence analyst in the U.S. Marine Corps. Corey grew up in upstate New York and has lived in the Bozeman area for four years. She will be making her Ellen Theatre debut as Tzeitl in *Fiddler on the Roof* this summer.



**Jennifer Wendt Bordy** (Blanche) hasn't had a chance to act on stage since she played the title character in a junior high school production of *The Ghostess With the Mostess* in Prairie Village Kansas. A Bozeman resident since 1986, she recently retired after 25 years as a trial attorney. She decided to take advantage of her new free time to audition for our play.

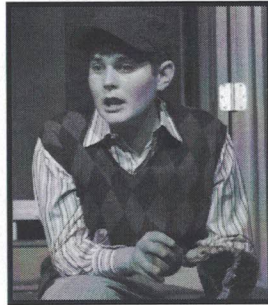


**Kari Doll** (co-director) has been a staple in the Bozeman theatre community since she played The Cheshire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland* at Whittier School in 1980. She has performed in over 45 productions, most recently as Cassandra in the Bozeman Actors Theatre's production of *Vanya, Sonja, Masha and Spike*. When not treading the boards, you can find her at Emmer Brothers Cedar in Belgrade, hawking cedar fencing, siding and decking. She took a year off from her native Montana a few years ago to teach English in China. She speaks conversational Mandarin and is currently studying Albanian.

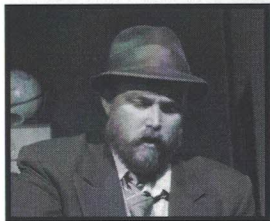


## Brighton Beach Family (continued)

**Julien Harris** (Eugene) is finishing up 8th grade at Sacajawea Middle School. He's been very active in theatre since he appeared in *A Christmas Story* at the Ellen when he was 9. More recently he was seen in the Ellen's *A Christmas Carol* as Young Ebenezer He's also appeared in around 15 shows on this stage as part of Kaleidoscope Youth Theater and participates in acting classes and workshops whenever he can. He also enjoys cooking and wants to thank his parents for their tremendous support.



**Darin Heitt-Rennie** (co-director) has been acting for 35 years but is making his directorial debut with this show. You've seen him at the Ellen in *On Golden Pond*, in Livingston as *The Music Man* and in *Rent*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and opposite Sarah Baker as M. Thenardier in *Les Misérables*. He played a variety of roles in the MSU production of *A Perfect Ganesh*. He works days as a case manager for individuals with developmental disabilities.



**Joshua O'Neil** (Jack Jerome) was seen most recently as Doc Gibbs in the MSU production of *Our Town* at the Black Box Theater. He has appeared in local television commercials and in several MSU film school student films. Originally from Chester, he has lived in Bozeman for nine years and makes his living as a landscaper. He is dedicating his performance in memory of

his good friend Steven Mandeville.



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## The Brighton Beach family (continued)

**Tami Renner** (Laurie) was seen in Open Door's inaugural production, *Play On!* She has lived in Bozeman ever since she was adopted from South Korea as a baby. She has sung and acted on stages at the Willson, the Ellen, Livingston's Dulcie theater and the Verge. A highlight of her performing life was being chosen to sing a duet from *Phantom of the Opera* with Broadway star Franc D'Ambrosio when he gave a concert at the Ellen.



**Jacob Yocom** (Stanley) is making his stage debut with this production. He is finishing up his freshman year at Bozeman High School where his parents met as active members of the drama program a generation ago. Until rehearsals began for this show, the closest he'd come to theatre work was helping his electrical engineer father with lights and sound hookups during summer conferences. Jacob is very interested in music but the chance to play an older brother, after growing up the youngest of three, was irresistible.

*What next for*

## Open Door Theatre?

Our play selection committee is hard at work!

Keep your eyes on our webpage and our Facebook page for announcement of our 2015-2016 season.

[www.opendoorbozeman.org](http://www.opendoorbozeman.org)

Be sure you're on our email list! Send your email address to [yokoi@mcn.net](mailto:yokoi@mcn.net)

**Membership Meeting**

Monday, June 1, 7 PM at Kaleidoscope

We'll be electing some new board members and hearing what plays are under consideration for next year.

**Who's a member?** You are, if you show up.

## Coming up on Bozeman-area stages

May 29 - June 21: *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*  
Blue Slipper Theatre, Livingston  
Reservations: 406-222-7720

June 5-July 25: *Don't Close Your Eyes Radio Theatre*  
Verge Theater, [www.vergetheater.com](http://www.vergetheater.com)

June 9: *John "Handsome Jack" Lovick*  
Interactive magic show, a fundraiser for Bozeman Actors Theatre  
at the Verge Theater  
<http://www.bozemanactorstheatre.org>

June 17-20: *The Taming of the Shrew*  
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks  
East of the Duck Pond at MSU  
<http://www.shakespeareintheparks.org/schedule.php>

June 19-July 12: *Monty Paython's Spamalot*  
Shane Lalani Center, Livingston  
Reservations: 406-222-1420

June 24-27: *Cyrano de Bergerac*  
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks  
East of the Duck Pond at MSU

July 10-July 26: *Fiddler on the Roof*  
The Ellen Theatre  
<http://theellentheatre.com>

July 17-August 9: *Biloxi Blues*  
Shane Lalani Center, Livingston  
<http://www.theshanecenter.org/productions/>

August 7-9: *Sweet Pea Festival*  
<http://sweetpeafestival.org/>

Sept. 25- Oct. 4: *Glen Garry, Glen Ross*  
Bozeman Actors Theatre  
<http://www.bozemanactorstheatre.org>

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