

Bedford County Players P.O. Box 399 Bedford, PA 15522 www.bedfordcountyplayers.org

Dear Friend of the Bedford County Players:

We are thrilled to announce our 2025 season, featuring an exciting lineup of productions that promise to captivate our audiences: *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Once is Enough*, *Disney's Lion King*, *JR.*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Sorry! Wrong Chimney!*

This is where you and your business make a difference. With over 1,700 attendees last season, and the generous support of our business sponsors, we had an incredibly successful year!

Producing our annual lineup of shows incurs expenses exceeding \$10,000, covering production rights, costumes, makeup, special technical effects, and more. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, any donation your business makes is tax-deductible. In the following pages, you'll find descriptions of each show, along with the costs of production rights and estimated budgets for costumes, set construction, and effects.

This year we tackle the theme of resilience, beginning with *The Diary of Anne Frank*, a poignant drama that brings to life the true story of a young Jewish girl who, along with her family, hid from Nazi persecution during World War II. In *Disney's The Lion King, JR.*, our children's musical follows Simba as he embarks on a journey of self-discovery and redemption. In *Steel Magnolias*, we explore the lives, strengths, and friendships of six southern women through life's joys and challenges. Our comedies, *Once is Enough* and *Sorry! Wrong Chimney!* promise to provide much-needed comic relief, offering audiences an opportunity to unwind and enjoy an evening filled with laughter and entertainment.

For every donation up to \$249, we will include your business name in the program; \$250-499, a quarter page ad will be included; \$500-999, a half page ad; and for donations over \$1000, a full page ad will be included in our program. Also, all sponsors are included on our website, facebook marketing, and other opportunities.

Thank you so much for your support.

The Bedford County Players Board of Directors

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	OUR 2025 SEASON

The Diary of Anne Frank - April 2025 - 4th, 5th, 6th + 11th, 12th, 13th

In this transcendently powerful new adaptation, Anne Frank emerges from history a living, lyrical, intensely gifted young girl, who confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time with astonishing honesty, wit, and determination. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic. THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence—their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief with Anne's voice shining through.

Production Rights Cost: \$500

Costumes: \$550 Set Building: \$250 Total cost: \$1300

Once is Enough - June 2025- 6th, 7th, 8th + 13th, 14th, 15th

Author Erika Linden is writing a manual on man snatching. Erika's secretary, unwilling to expose her fiancé to Erika's charms, finds substitute Brian Merrick to aid Erika in her research. Brian is actually from Immigration, sent to check up on would be American Erika's character. Erika finds she's falling in love with Brian, but she is too honorable to snatch him away from his supposed fiancée. Her dilemma and gloom prevent her from finishing the book her publisher is anxiously awaiting.

Production Rights Cost: \$500

Costumes: \$200 Set Building: \$500 Total cost: \$1200

Disney's The Lion King, JR. - July 2025 - 18th, 19th, 20th + 25th, 26th, 27th

Children's Musical Production

A vibrant adaptation of the beloved musical, this production tells the story of Simba, a young lion prince, as he embarks on a journey of self-discovery and redemption, learning about responsibility and bravery in the face of adversity with all the beloved characters you know and love.

Production Rights Cost: \$2450

Costumes: \$1000

Set Building and Props: \$700

Total cost: \$4150

Steel Magnolias- October 2025 - 3rd, 4th, 5th + 10th, 11th, 12th

The action is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby (the prettiest girl in town), is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee and humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy in the second act. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny, and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

Production Rights Cost: \$600

Costumes: \$500 Set Building: \$200 Total cost: \$1300

Sorry! Wrong Chimney! - December 2025 - 5th, 6th, 7th + 12th, 13th, 14th

David Tuttle is moonlighting as a department store Santa so that he can buy his wife a fur for Christmas. He tells her he's working late at the office, but she finds out he isn't at the office. A suspected other woman, hypnotism, the notorious Santa burglar Kris Kreigle and his gun-toting fiancée, and a confused policeman add up to a rollicking tale that is hilarious Christmas entertainment any time of year.

Production Rights Cost: \$500

Costumes: \$500 Set Building: \$200 Total cost: \$1200

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Volunteer Opportunities are also available at each show! We are always in need of Parking Attendants and Ushers each weekend for shows.

Thank you again for your consideration!

Also, please see our website, <u>www.bedfordcountyplayers.org</u>, for more information on auditions, shows for the year, ticketing information, and our sponsors!

Last year, your support brought us nearly \$6,000 in sponsorships. This helped us purchase costumes, wood for set building, the production rights to each show, and much more that gave us our onstage opportunities.