

NACC THEATRE

Northeast Alabama Community College Theatre Presents

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Centering on a fictional spelling bee in Putnam County, six overachieving teenage misfits face off in **THE BATTLE OF THEIR LIVES**. This Tony Award winning play makes a couple of telling points about winning or losing, fitting in or being on the fringe, meanness and compassion. In the end, you recognize this testosterone, angst-ridden interlude of chaos serves up an insightful slice of life.

TYPE OF SHOW: Comedy, Musical

SETTING OF SHOW: Present Day, Gymnasium

BEST ENJOYED BY AUDIENCES: 10 + over

DATES: November 11-13 + 18-20, 2011

TICKETS: Reserved. \$5.00 each.

PAYMENT: Cash, Check, or Credit Card

MORE: Don't forget the patron receptions at intermission on both Saturdays of the production!

A Note From the Director

Hello friends! What a treat we have in store for you with this production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*! This show is fun for young and old alike!

I'm sure most of us have wonderfully fond memories of our participation in a school spelling bee! Oh the excitement! Oh the thrill! Oh the joy and exhilaration! Or, could I be remembering it incorrectly? Was it in reality more like- Oh the nerves! Oh the queasiness! Oh the disappointment!? Of course if you won your local spelling bee, it was more likely the joy and exhilaration! But if you lost, well, that might have been devastating for some spellers!

It's a highly competitive world in which we live, and the *Spelling Bee* is no exception. A spelling bee can embody the great highs and lows of any major sport. Great spellers, like great athletes, may experience either the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat!

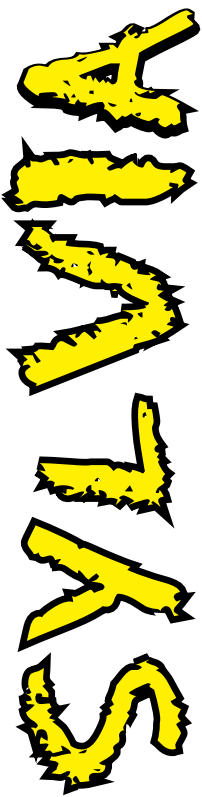
In our production of *Spelling Bee*, there will certainly be moments of on the edge of your seat, nail-biting tension when the competition gets fierce among the ten to thirteen-year-old spellers! There will also be lots and lots of hilarity and laughter as we watch these kids go through every amusing scenario imaginable in the context of a spelling bee. Adding another charming dimension to the humor and fun of the play is the fact that the "kids" in the *Bee* are played by adult actors! It is simply hysterical to watch a twenty-year-old play the part of a twelve or thirteen-year-old!

And if that isn't amusing enough, there's another tremendously fun thing about *Spelling Bee*! Four lucky members of the audience will be offered a chance to join the cast onstage as guest spellers in the *Bee*! This usually results in some of the best moments in the show and is always a barrel of laughs!

To top it all off, the show has extremely fun music with great choreography, beautiful songs with awesome harmonies, and some very touching and heartwarming moments when we see the kindness of some spellers conquer the competitiveness of others!

With all this to offer, not to mention Brad Archer's amazing sets and lighting for the show, we believe you will have the time of your lives at *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*! I know we will! Enjoy everyone!

---Mark A. Webb, September 26, 2011



EPITAPH TO A DOG

Near this spot are deposited the
Remains of one who possessed
Beauty without vanity,
Strength without insolence,
Courage without ferocity,
And all the virtues of man
Without his vices.

This praise, which would be unmeaning
Flattery if inscribed over human ashes,
Is but a just tribute to the
Memory of "Boatswain," a dog
Who was born at Newfoundland,
May 1803,
And died at Newstead Abbey
November 18, 1808.

--- Lord Byron ---



The 42 students and 10 teachers at the 7th annual Summer Youth Workshop wanted a "REVOLUTION", so they made one! They presented an original performance at the end of the week, entitled "Marionette Revolution", complete with dancing, mime, improvisation, and THE BEATLES! Thanks to everyone involved for an incredible week!

YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION?



"LET US BE GRATEFUL TO PEOPLE WHO MAKE US HAPPY; THEY ARE THE CHARMING GARDENERS WHO MAKE OUR SOULS BLOSSOM." ☺ MARCEL PROUST

Scholarship students at NACC Theatre have always been the "backbone" of our program, and this year's students are no exception! We are grateful for their dedication and service. Year after year these students continue to excel in their studies and in the theatre. Not an easy task when you are busy with rehearsals all the time! Our students this year are Jensie Britt, Emily Centers, Brenna Clark, Corey Ellis, Annaliese Fox, William Holland, Clint McCrary, Zach Moore, Mark Nelson, Karlie Saint, Jay Sanders, Matthew Shepherd, Garan Tinsley, and Caleb Young. Not pictured is our office assistant, Elizabeth Wootten.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



- The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee: November 11-13 & 18-20, 2011
- 2012-2013 Scholarship Auditions: February 10, 2012
- Fiddler on the Roof: April 18-22 & 25-29, 2012
- Second Samuel: July 13-15 & 20-22, 2012
- Summer Youth Workshop: July 23-27, 2012
- 2012-2013 Open Annual Season Auditions: July 25-27, 2012