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Volcano Theatre Company's Monthly Newsletter

SUMMER FUN FOR EVERYONE!

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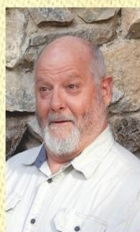
BEOWULF (AND THE BARD)

A Wild & Crazy Comedy
By Vidas Barzdukas & Christopher R. Bartlett

Cast of CHARACTERS



Noah Bunting as
BEOWULF
A Goat and
Wannabe Hero



Jim Estes as
THE BARD
Beowulf's Companion
& Singer of Songs



Robert Schell as
(the) GRENDEL(s)
A Mean Ogre
(& His Mom!)



Brad Barnard as
HROTHGAR,
King of the Danes



Jade Meza as
GUNBORG
Warrior Princess



Todd Bertwell as
AESCHERE
King Hrothgar's
Trusted Advisor



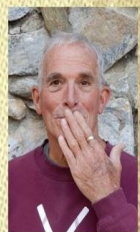
James Dove as
UNFERTH
A Danish Lord and
Village Dandy



Jim Caudle as
PATRON/VILLAGER #1



Jan Davidson as
PATRON/VILLAGER #2



Joel Lesch as
PATRON/VILLAGER #3

Our summer offering is a crazy comedy like nothing you've seen on the amphitheatre stage! Are you ready to laugh out loud? Do hairy men spewing prose and wielding swords make you swoon? Oh baby, "BEOWULF (and the Bard)" is EXACTLY what you need!

Let's begin at the beginning with a quick history lesson: Beowulf is the first action hero ever and his story is as old as the ages (literally!), written in England sometime between the 9th and 11th centuries by an anonymous author, now referred to as the "Beowulf Poet" and it consisted of 3,182 lines of poetry (oh MY!). This epic poem, now considered one of the most important in Anglo-Saxon literature was taught in school (and if you are of a certain age, you may already know this from your old English lit class!) but for centuries it was all but forgotten. Finally in 1936, Oxford scholar J.R.R. Tolkien (who later wrote *The Hobbit*—a work HEAVILY influenced by Beowulf) published a groundbreaking paper "Beowulf: The Monsters and the Critics" and at that point the original poem gained recognition as a serious work of art!

But, all seriousness aside, "Beowulf (and the Bard)" as written by Christopher R. Bartlett and S. Vidas Barzdukas, is a very cheeky take on a sad-sack Beowulf (played by Noah Bunting) and his bestie, The Bard (Jim Estes), who is a storyteller and self-described writer of prose, who also happens to be suffering a major case of writer's block! The pair have been banned from their homeland and told not to return until Beowulf performs a feat of heroism, which may be difficult, since he is a pacifist at heart! Nuts! (more on that later!) . . .

JUNE 9 - JULY 15

Tickets: www.volcanotheatre.net



BEOWULF, CONT.

So, the Bard, entertaining the patrons of the local Mead Hall, tells the story of Beowulf: strong, brave and able to fight an Ogre (or is it OGRESSS!?) and save King Hrothgar's (Brad Barnard) village and enable the Village Dandy, Unferth (James Dove) to continue to build his tennis courts! (Have you played? Fabulous game!). The King is joined by his daughter, Gunborg (Jade Meza), a WARRIOR Princess, Aeschere (newcomer Todd Bertwell) his trusted advisor, a trio of Patrons (Jim Caudle, Ian Davidson and Joel Lesch) who play double duty as Villagers, and there may even be an actual ogre (Robert Schell) or two, but SHHH, we're not telling!

We have a feeling this show will be a crowd favorite and tickets may sell quickly, so we recommend you get your tickets soon!

Bring your picnic dinner, blanket, chairs, friends & family and enjoy this crazy comedy under the stars!

Oh, I promised more on nuts! . . . Well, you'll just have to come see the show!

SEE YOU IN VOLCANO!



Roofer On Board—Donations Accepted!!

As mentioned in the May issue, our Cobblestone roof has been badly leaking but our dedicated theatre managers, Jeff & Roxanne Fausett have contracted with a local roofer to make the necessary repairs, for what we feel is a bargain discount of only \$4,000.00.

If you are in position to make a donation towards this work getting done, please mail a check earmarked "roof repair" to VTC, P.O. Box 88, Volcano, CA 95689 OR visit us online at www.volcanotheatre.net to make a donation!

Thank you to all who have donated and those who may still make a contribution!



Coming Attractions:



June 9th - OPENING NIGHT! **BEOWULF (AND THE BARD!)**

June 13th - Board Meeting, Cobblestone Theatre, 6:30 p.m.

June 14th - Chamber Mixer at the Amphitheatre - See Flier Below!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS AMADOR CHAMBER EVENT!

Come MIX with us!

Wednesday, June 14th
5:30-7 p.m.
Volcano Amphitheatre!

The Volcano Theatre Company is pleased to host the Chamber of Commerce June Mixer with the help of our fabulous local eateries!

A scene from VTC's summer comedy **"BEOWULF (and the Bard)"** will be performed!

Admission is \$10
Alcoholic Beverages \$5 / Soft Drinks \$1
Raffle Tickets Available

Union Mac
Mac 'N Cheese Bar
Union Mac
broccoli & Bacon
Classic Mac 'n Cheese

SIZEMORE COUNTRY STORE
EST. 1952 CALIFORNIA
Gift Shop Cold Beer
Hamburgers Deli Sandwiches

Jamha Juice

Amice's Coffee Cabin
8am - 3pm Closed Wed. Thurs.
Coffee & Bakery & Cafe

RENT ME!

Need an Awesome Venue for an Upcoming Event!
Consider Renting the Beautiful Volcano Amphitheatre!

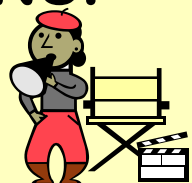
Many dates available after July 23rd.
Call Bob at 209.419.0744 for Details!

Mya McHenry receives a VTC high school scholarship from member Paula Bibby. Congrats, Mya!

YOUR LAST CHANCE IN 2023 - AUDITIONS!

Dashing Through the Snow

August 6th, 2 p.m. & August 7th, 6:30 p.m., Cobblestone Theatre





Volcano Theatre Company's HELP US "SET THE STAGE"

We are a 501(C)3 not-for-profit theatrical corporation run ENTIRELY by volunteers! For almost 50 years! We love what we do - putting on fabulous award-winning theatrical productions for our community - and we're pretty darn good at it, if we do say so ourselves. And we do this while also preserving the historic character of our venues: the Cobblestone Theatre, originally built as a cigar emporium in 1855 and the Amphitheatre, the façade of which was a saloon and a law school.

The proceeds from ticket sales fund future productions, paying for utilities, taxes and general maintenance of our theatre venues. But we have plans for significant improvements that will affect the quality of our performances and "set the stage" for the future.

Our current "wish list" for big ticket projects will make everyone's Volcano Theatre experience much better - for our patrons, actors and volunteers. If you are in ANY POSITION to "adopt a project", make a general donation, or if you can donate your time, materials and/or talents, PLEASE HELP!

Our current "wish list" includes:

- Re-wiring all the electrical in the Cobblestone Theatre! As we upgrade sound and lighting systems, we find that the current (very old) wiring needs complete replacement. Estimate: \$20,000
- Adding two new 10' x 10' barn-style sheds for storage of props and costumes on a base rock pad. Estimate: \$3,000-\$5,000 EACH
- Extending the light booth in the Amphitheatre to allow more effective placement of light and sound equipment. Estimate: \$3,000-\$5,000
- Updating HVAC system in the Cobblestone Theatre to a more efficient system for the comfort of our patrons and actors. Estimate: \$15,000 or more!

If you can help in any way, please contact us through our website:

www.volcanothatre.net

or via email at: volcanothatrecompany@yahoo.com

We THANK YOU for supporting YOUR community theatre!

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