

It's season two of "Noises Off," Pit and Balcony's newsletter! In the theatre "noises off" is a stage direction meaning sounds made offstage intended for the ears of the audience. In its second year, our goal with this newsletter remains the same, to provide our supporters with information about all the great things happening around the theatre both on stage and off. We've added a new letters to the editor section called "Audience Participation," which will include notes and thoughts from the most important people in our organization—you! We'd love to hear from you. E-mail [amy@pitandbalcony.com](mailto:amy@pitandbalcony.com) and you may see yourself quoted in an upcoming addition!

## Notes:

Oh, man am I excited for 2019! The beginning of the year is always hectic around here as we start gearing up for next season. We have events to organize, grants to write, sponsorships to develop and plans to put into action, not to mention two shows to put up all in the first three months! 2019 will be a year of big, positive changes, growing opportunities, and thrilling surprises. I'm ready to dig in and kick up some dust and keep working hard to continue to impact Saginaw and its residents through good quality, thought provoking entertainment and educational and growth opportunities for artists of all backgrounds. My resolution this year is to learn and grow by inspiring others to learn and grow. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Pit & Balcony and the arts in Saginaw!

Best Wishes for the New Year,



Amy Spadafore  
Operations Manager



The beloved story by Roald Dahl is on Pit & Balcony's stage beginning January 25th!

**NOW PLAYING**

James, his giant insect friends, and, of course, the Giant Peach are all here. Don't miss this faithful adaptation by David Wood full of stunning theatre magic. Tickets are \$20 at [www.pitandbalconytheatre.com](http://www.pitandbalconytheatre.com) or 989.754.6587.



## Up Next:



By David Mamet

Directed by Danielle Katsoulos

This scalding comedy took Broadway and London by storm. Here is Mamet at his very best, writing about small-time, cutthroat real estate salesmen trying to grind out a living by pushing plots of land on reluctant buyers, in a never-ending scramble for their share of the American dream. Winner of the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and revived on Broadway in 2005 and 2012, this masterpiece of American theatre also became a celebrated film starring Al Pacino, Jack Lemmon, Alec Baldwin, and Alan Arkin.

March 15-17 & 22-24

Fridays & Saturdays @7:30pm | Sundays @3:00pm | Tickets: \$20

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# Audition Notice:



January 28 & 29 @ 7pm

Directed by Danielle Katsoulos

Audition requirements, online audition form, and more information will be available on our Facebook page 1 month prior to auditions. [www.facebook.com/pitandbalcony](http://www.facebook.com/pitandbalcony)

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Backstage Crew** - Ever wanted to be the one behind the scenes making the sets move or the lights change? Then this is the job for you!

**Front of House** - We always need folks to usher, work the box office, sell concessions, and tend bar for each performance. Volunteer here and see the show for free!

**Costume Crew** - Know your way around a sewing machine? We can always use help building and altering costumes for our shows!

**Special Events & Projects** - Whether it's gardening or culling and organizing props and costumes or setting up for special events there's always a project to be done around the theatre. Let us know what you're interested in and we'll contact you with project dates!

**...And more!**

Click on the "Get Involved" tab on our website to have your name added to our volunteer list!

## Lobby Talk

With Chloe Krueger

Founding Member, P&B Youth Advisory Council

**Tell us about yourself.** I go to Heritage high school and am a proud member of the Thespian Society. I love acting and tech, mainly costuming, and being a crew member. It is a firm belief of mine that I can do anything; just give me a cue and some instructions and a headset. Outside of theater, I'm a dancer who likes to swim and learn new crafts. I would really like to learn how to weld.



**What is the Pit & Balcony Youth Advisory Council?** The YAC is a group of high schoolers who enjoy theater and want to play an active role in the community and produce more creative outlets for other youths in our community.

**Why is it important for youth to be involved in something like the YAC?** Something like the YAC is important for youths to be involved in because it gives chances for leadership and provides a creative outlet and allows them to create opportunities they want to see in their community.

**How has theatre helped you grow as a young adult?** The theater has helped me grow socially because all the people I know and call friends I've known through theater. The YAC has helped me socially as well, I've learned how to jump into conversations better.

**What is your favorite theatre memory?** My most recent theater memory is when I was working on *Every Christmas Story Ever Told...and Then Some* [at Pit & Balcony]. I joined crew about a week before we opened as a last minute crew member and during the week before we opened Mason, the stage manager, and other people around, like Amy, told me I was doing a fantastic job. That week was the biggest booster to my self-confidence because the whole experience was positive and calm and I knew I had support even if I slipped up.

## Audience Participation

Be sure to keep up with us on Facebook over the coming weeks for chances to win tickets to next season's productions!

<https://www.facebook.com/pitandbalcony/>



E-mail [amy@pitandbalcony.com](mailto:amy@pitandbalcony.com) to share your thoughts on this or anything else!

# Join Us!

**Saturday, February 2nd** – 5th Annual  
Director's Luncheon - Pit & Balcony Lobby,  
12:00-2:00pm



~Pit & Balcony is serving lunch to potential 88th Season directors. The luncheon will include a presentation on next season's shows and is by invitation only. If you're interested in directing or assistant directing next season, e-mail [amy@pitandbalcony.com](mailto:amy@pitandbalcony.com) to get your name on the invite list!



**Wednesday, February 13th**—Cocktails & Curtain Calls

~Our annual VIP season announcement party is free to Pit & Balcony members! There will be hors d'oeuvres, open bar, & entertainment - plus you'll be among the first in the know about Season 87! Exact time and location, TBD, so stay tuned!

Don't have your membership yet? Call the theatre to purchase yours today and get on the list for this exclusive event! 989-754-6587



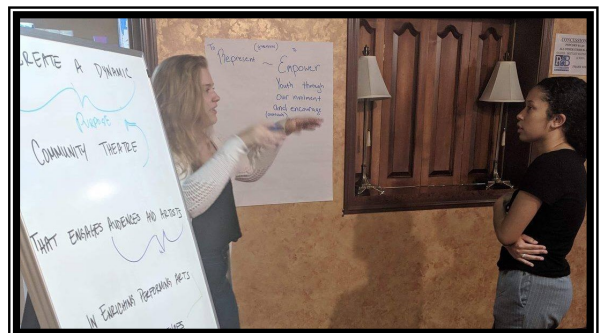
**Tuesday, February 19th**—Chix Who Mix  
SVRC Marketplace 5-7:30pm

We are excited to be joining three other Saginaw arts organizations for this fun event!

Round up your flock and join us by clicking [here](#).

The founding members of the P&B Youth Advisory Council have been hard at work since August, drafting a mission, vision, and logo for themselves. Be prepared to see a lot of inspiring work coming from these young adults!

## Photo Gallery



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Audrey first graced our stage in 1978 as Maria in *Man of La Mancha*. Since then she has performed, directed, stage managed, and served on the Board of Directors and various committees including the Play Selection Committee. We are so grateful for her years of dedication and efforts to make Pit and Balcony what it is today.

**AUDREY  
LEWIS**





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