



THE
5th Annual
**GREAT
BIG
WILD WEST
HERO
SHOW**

FRIDAY + SATURDAY, APRIL 17 + 18, 2015

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Comedy, and Other Assorted Enjoyable and Lawful
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WELCOME TO THE 5TH ANNUAL JUNIOR PLAYERS SHOWCASE!*

Message from the Director

This is my third year as instructor for this amazing group of talented performers. It's as much fun as it ever was and I hope you think so too!

Acting can be a pretty risky business for the ego, so we keep the fun and entertainment factor high while making it okay to reach out now and then and try on a mood or emotion. From September until April, we meet on Monday nights to learn about voice, improv, script comprehension, and general theatre skills and knowledge. It's a great way to develop acting skills, but it's so much more than that! It builds imagination, social skills and self-awareness through fun interaction. As a result, students are more confident and poised in situations such as public speaking, debating, and of course acting.

Rule Number One is always to have fun and respect each other and the audience; all successful performing flows from that. I'm not sure what Rule Number Two is except maybe that everyone dies at Halloween.

Tonight, enjoy a small sample of what we've been working on!

- Roger Harrison



* Rebecca says it's the 6th but let's not spoil her fun

Part 1

Everybody!
- choreography by Gail Alger -

Welcome & Introduction

SmokeBomb!

Spontaneous Theatre

Monologue by Rebecca Hellekson

Sitcheeshuns

Intermission (15 minutes)

Part 2

THE GREAT BIG WILD WEST HERO SHOW

Written, Produced, and Directed by Roger Harrison

**Wardrobe & Costuming by Lorraine Williams, Treva Piekema and
Joeline Gascoyne**

Lighting & Sound by Malachi Barter

The Great Big Wild West Hero Show Theme Song by Roger Harrison

***Palisades Curtain Call* written and performed by Roger Harrison
Engineered and Produced by Simon Harrison at GraceNote Studios**

**Set design & construction by Roger Harrison with assistance from
Ernie Rudy**

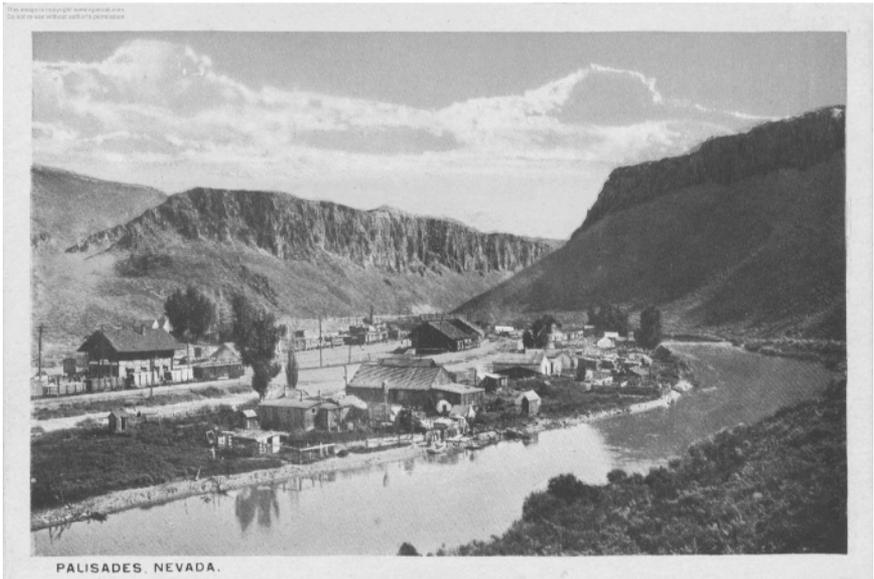
Palisades, Nevada, 1873.

Not long after Palisade (originally called Palisades) was founded in 1868 as a mining town and railroad transfer point, a train conductor made a comment to one of the townsfolk that his passengers had complained about the lack of gunfights and Indian attacks in the supposedly Wild West that he'd read so much about back east.

The townsfolk decided to give the tourists what they wanted. They staged gunfights and bank robberies to keep the image of the Wild West alive and make some tourist dollars to boot.

The Army and even the local Shoshone Indian tribe were in on the hoax. But nothing lasts forever, and after a few years the secret was out.

It didn't end anything like this, but it sure would have been fun if it had!



Above: Palisades, Nevada patiently awaiting its first traffic jam, pretty unlikely after April Schauers recruited everyone out to Disneyland. Note Will Travell's Pony Express horse afraid to cross the river and Lou Swire's telegraph business booming as an unfortunate result. ("Who's Morris Code?")

THE GREAT BIG WILD WEST HERO SHOW

- CAST (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) -

Anna Sassin * Chandra Laskoski

April Schauers * Rebecca Hellekson

Betty Whont * Rayanne Ligard

Brock Lee * Myles Barter

Carrie Oakey * Madison McCarthy

Charlie Hoarse * Cordell Janzen

Chief Peeping Tom * Micah Barter

Chief Talking Bull * Mark Williams

Dusty Sandmann * Katie Hrabec

Eileen Dover * Rebecca Hill

Helen Wiels * Kari Janzen

Hilba Lee * Mariah Barter

Jed Dye * Ian Berube

June Schauers * Chloe Fike

Lou Swire * Stephanie Berube

Lou Tennant * Kylie Nelson

Mack Aronie * Evan Hunt

Major Belcher * Cory Giebelhaus

Mayor Naise * Roger Harrison

Norma Lee * Tianna Ligard

Notti Lee * Jessica Hill

Owen Moore * Devon Piekema

Paige Turner * Jill Janzen

Phil Harmonic * Marty Barter

Ray Deo * Matthew Hrabec

Robyn Banks * Tyra Berube

Russell Cattell * Jordan Piekema

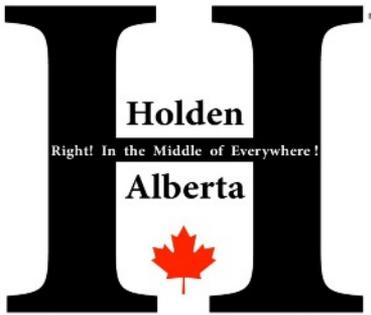
Rusty Steele * Evan Fike

Skip Roper * Keaton McCarthy

Tex Tyle * Bryce Hunt

Will Travell * Isaiah Berube

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Congratulations to Beaverhill Players for staging another fine performance!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Over a year ago, when we were gearing up for last year's *Robin Hood's Official Rules of Hockey*, I told the class what I wanted to do for 2015's Showcase. Well, that day has finally come, and it's been even more fun than I thought it would be.

There hasn't been a single lesson go by that made me wish I didn't do this. I'm blessed and lucky to spend time with such a great bunch every Monday. They've never failed to teach me and make me laugh. Everything's a two-way street (except, of course, as they immediately pointed out, a one-way street) and for everything I give them, I get double in return.

So before I thank anyone else, I gotta say... **To you, my students, thank you for every moment. I love you crazy gunslingers and I look forward to seeing you again next year, and for those leaving us, I wish you the best of luck in all you do.**

Rebecca Hellekson, thank you for stepping up and stepping in to assist and instruct when Gail had to leave us for a long while. Without your help and support things would have been nowhere near as calm and organized, though perhaps those aren't words that those who know you might use! And thanks for staying behind after class so often to fill in the blanks as things took shape, when so often you reminded me that the best days were yet to come. I shall continue my search for pretzel-flavored anything for you. And perhaps we shall eat them as we write the next script together.

Lorraine Williams and Treva Piekema, you've shared your sartorial skills with us for years now, making our cast members look like they've just stepped off pirate ships or out of Sherwood Forest. This year is no exception, and I thank you not just for that but for your efforts in promoting the show and taking care of details that would otherwise have been overlooked. I'm also very appreciative of your support of the program in general.

This goes for our new discovery in Joeline Gascoyne. Just as the workload gets heavy for Lorraine and Treva, along comes you to so generously share the load. Thank you for volunteering your time and effort so that we can all share the world we've made.

Gail Alger, fate and a patch of ice took you for a spin this past Christmas and despite a bad ankle break you still came up with an opening routine. And thank you Lucy Upham for showing us what it was! Thanks for coordinating front of house and all the help you were able to give. And counting the money. Money is good. That reminds me, I still owe you \$20 for props.

Jill Janzen, thank you for sharing your musical talents with us both during and after class as you lent your voicing to the Great Big Wild West Hero Song and brought it to life. I hope you didn't get in too much trouble leaving late.

Julianne Foster, thanks for being our Head Shusher and being prompt with the prompting.

To Kristine Winter for rescuing Palisades's signs from the fate of being hand-painted by me. I suggest everyone go see your offerings at the Gallery.

To Kathy and Laurie and the Village of Holden for donating the printing of these programs.

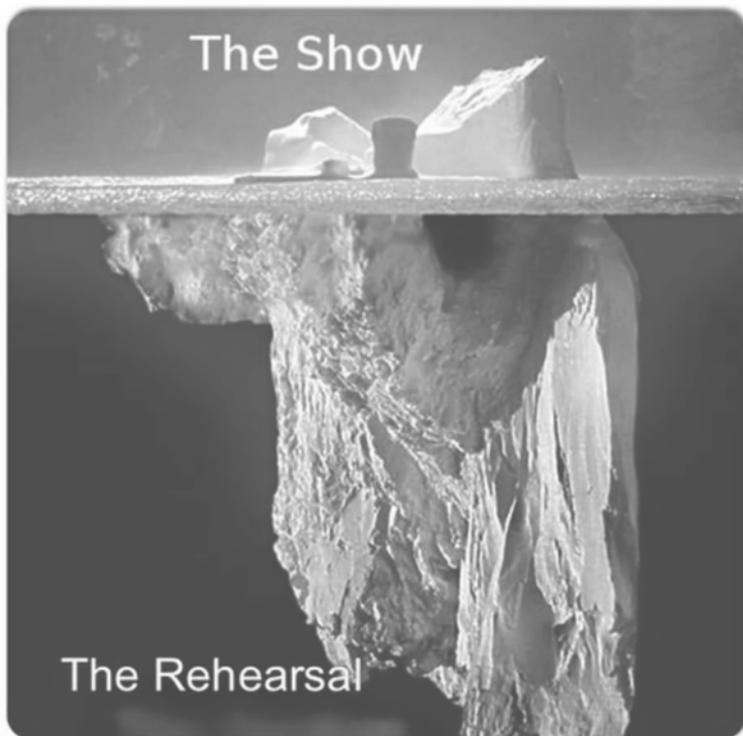
Dave Maruszczyk, thanks for providing us a dvd every year.

To Chris Shin for taking the still photos of cast and performances. Between you and Dave, pizza party is always a hit!

Laura Rudy, thanks for your support and encouragement and guaranteeing front of house and concession for us. No you-know-what required this year (sorry about that).

To all the parents and other volunteers that we don't have room to list, you know who you are and so do we, and your contribution to the success of this program cannot be overestimated. Thank you.

And last but certainly not least I thank you, the audience, for attending tonight's performance and supporting us.



The Beaverhill Players is a community theatrical group from Holden which does two plays a year in addition to running the Junior Players program. It is a registered non-profit organization and is run solely by volunteers.

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