

Boardman Performing Arts Center,

Friends and supporters of the Boardman Performing Arts Center (BPAC) have scheduled the First Annual “Celebrate the Arts” Gala for Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. This special event will celebrate the first 10 years of the BPAC with reprised performances from many of the alumni stars from musical productions that have entertained thousands. It will also salute Boardman’s rich performing arts legacy with performances from pre-BPAC musicals dating back to the 1960s when legendary director William Dykins staged such shows as *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Li'l Abner*, *Camelot* and *Guys and Dolls*.

Commitments to perform have already been received from distinguished alumni including Todd Hancock (*The Music Man*), Chris Fidram (*Fiddler on the Roof*), Broadway star John Scachetti (*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*) and many, many more.

Also being featured during the evening will be special performances from the recognized band, orchestra, jazz and choral programs representing all levels of the Boardman Schools.

The principle goal of the event will be to raise the additional \$25,000.00 needed to replace the BPAC’s aging sound system. A keepsake ad book is being developed and sponsors are being sought.

The initial steering committee for the event includes Larry & Kathy Moliterno, Tim & Kathi Welsh, Larry Saxton, Elaine Mancini, Tom Costello, Dick Dowell, Mark Huberman, Jeannine Hodge, Heidi Domhoff, Michael Yatsco, and Nick Opritza.

Tax deductible contributions to the event can be made payable to the Boardman Local Schools — BPAC and be sent to 7410 Market St., Boardman, OH 44512.