

# Bailey Theatre Company receives \$10,000 grant



BTC performance of "Sight Unseen" at Glen Isle Resort July, 2022. Pictured (Left to Right) Todd Sullivan, as Jonathan, David Jensen, as Nick and Caitlin Hilzer, as Patricia.

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Bailey Theatre Company (BTC), a new professional theatre, has just received a \$10,000 grant from The Laura Jane Musser Fund. These funds will be used for the theatre's operations and to help bring a theatre to our town of Bailey.

BTC is founded by community members Bill Bruner & Ina Marlowe; their wealth of theatre experience has seen the theatre grow even through the pandemic. The goal of the theatre is to open a space by the end of 2023 and provide live professional entertainment to the Bailey area residents and visitors.

In the meantime, BTC is doing dinner and fundraising play readings at Glen Isle Resort in Bailey. The next event for the theatre will be a reading of the play "Doubt: A Parable" on September 17th & 18th. "Doubt: A Parable" is a Pulitzer and Tony award-winning play. BTC strives to bring top quality productions to the Bailey area.

Synopsis: "Father Flynn delivers a sermon at St. Nicholas School and Church in the Bronx in 1964. Addressing the idea of religious uncertainty, he tells a story about a cargo ship that sinks in the middle of the ocean. Everyone on board drowns except one man, who manages to build a makeshift raft. Looking up

to the sky, the man navigates by the stars, using them to discern his way home. Not long after he sets his course, though, clouds appear and obscure the stars, making it impossible for him to know if he's still headed in the right direction. For 20 nights, the sky remains starless, and he wonders if he has "seen Truth once, and now has to hold on to it without further reassurance." Turning his attention to his listeners, Father Flynn says, "There are those of you in church today who know exactly the crisis of faith I describe. I want to say to you: Doubt can be a bond as powerful and sustaining as certainty. When you are lost, you are not alone."

The church in which Father Flynn delivers his sermon is also a Catholic school. One day, a young nun named Sister James visits Sister Aloysius in her office. Sister Aloysius is the school principal, and she lightly scolds Sister James for being a "very innocent person." She urges James to be more suspicious and a harsher disciplinarian. She also asks why Sister James doesn't send more students to the principal's office, and James says that she likes to handle classroom situations on her own."

Catering for the reading is provided by Hungry Herd Catering, and there will be wine and beer available for a donation.

For tickets for Saturday at 6:30pm, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2b598csx>; or for tickets on Sunday at 2pm, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bdzzkma2>. The theatre is also always looking for sponsors and supporters throughout the community. For more information about sponsorships, contact Bill Bruner at [btcmanningdirector@gmail.com](mailto:btcmanningdirector@gmail.com), or check out the website: [www.Baileytheatrecompany.org](http://www.Baileytheatrecompany.org). BTC is an approved 501(c)(3) charity by the IRS, and all donations or sponsorships are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law.