

Theater presents comedy 'Everybody Loves Opal'

By Lisa Britton

BAKER CITY — The lovable junk collector named Opal Kronkie is back on stage with Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre's production of "Everybody Loves Opal."

The show runs Friday through Sunday, and again Sept. 20-22 on EORT's stage, 2101 Main St., Baker City. Performances start at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and

3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 for EORT members and \$8 students, and may be purchased at Betty's Books, Random Resales, www.bakerlivetheatre.com and at the door.

Leanne Hinkle reprises her role as Opal, an eccentric, kindhearted woman who lives near the dump on the edge of town. Her cluttered home gains new treasures every time she returns with her little red wagon packed to the brim.

As nice as she is, Opal always falls prey to those whose intentions are not very nice. This time around brings Gloria (played by Joeline Murray), Bradford (T.J. Miller), and Sally Ann Bozo (Bre Miller). The three have made a living selling "the very best bootleg perfume," but the authorities are hot on their trail. Then they discover Opal's isolated home and convince her to become a partner in their business.



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Leanne Hinkle, center, reprises her role as Opal Kronkie in "Everybody Loves Opal. The cast also includes TJ Miller, left, and Joeline Murray.

While discussing this, Bradford said, "This dame has a flaw — she's honest."

"But is she smart?" Sally Ann said.

Opal is delighted at the offer —

but has no idea that the trio plan to take out a hefty insurance policy on her, then knock her off to collect the money.

Bumbling Opal Kronkie always seems to come out all right in the end ... has her luck run out?

John Murray makes an appearance as Officer Joe Jankie. Judy Head stars as the doctor in this production, bringing in a humorous interlude as she tries to assess Opal's history.

"What's your occupation?" the doctor asks.

"Collector," Opal answers.

"Of art?"

"Junk," Opal said.

"Your parents' occupations?"

"Junk."

"How far back?"

"Mayflower," Opal said.

Lisa Ensworth directs, with Hinkle as co-director. Stage crew includes Sebastian Cole, Bob Hinkle, Jean Simpson and Hunter Benavidez.

AUDITIONS

EORT will hold auditions at 6 p.m. Sept. 24 for "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical."

Auditions are open for one male and four children (ages 8 to 17), plus alternate "nuns" for singing roles.

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