**Auditions for “The Circus of Terror”**

 *The Circus of Terror* is a NEW murder-mystery musical comedy written by locals, Luke Davidson and Jonathan Horn.  Set during late 1929 on the site of a run-down circus in desperate need of financial assistance, the circus performers endure numerous obstacles that prevent them from putting on a show — including a mysterious killer who is murdering the circus’ main acts.  Bruce Bulgar, the greedy, conniving ringleader, begins the show by singing a verse.  The carnies and other characters join him in a grand performance.  But during the performance, Louie Laughingstock, the circus’ best clown, suddenly dies.

            Afterwards Eddy Biggar, the circus’ assistant manager, — among other characters — attempt to find the reasoning behind Louie’s sudden death, but they cannot.  Officer Howard, a bumbling, accident-prone police officer, enters and announces that there is a dangerous murderer loose in the area, and he believes the murderer is connected to the death of Louie Laughingstock.  The carnies are thrown into frenzy, and Eddy and Bruce are faced with the challenge of putting a show together in three days in order to make some money.  Otherwise the tax collector, Ms. Zimmerman, will shut down the circus.

            The story involves many other whacky twists and turns that leave the audience wondering “whodunit?”  Many personal secrets and feelings are revealed from different characters as the story progresses.  All because of the murder of one clown.

 Jonathan Horn wrote the music for the show.  Jonathan is currently studying at Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN as a double major in Music Composition and Theatre.  He has written several compositions for piano, as well as a few other instruments.  Luke Davidson is studying at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY as a Musical Theatre major.  He has written screenplays for a few short films, such as *Crazy About Macy* directed by Adam Jacobs.  *Crazy About Macy* won “Best Narrative” and “Best of the Festival” at the EDU Film Festival in Minneapolis, MN.