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Civic to Kick Off 2018 with *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*

The world's most famous detective is back for another go at one of the most famous cases of his career!

The Civic Auditorium stage becomes the gloomy and foreboding world of fog, quicksand, moors and monsters to create a crazy web of clues...and Sherlock Holmes and his ever present companion Dr. Watson must untangle them quickly to save the latest heir to the Baskerville fortune from a centuries old curse!

This marvelously madcap adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' turns into an all-out comedic theatrical adventure which will keep the audience guessing until the very end! And this Sherlock Holmes who-dun-it comes with a twist ...the humor, the horror and all of the stage magic is done by **five actors playing nearly 40 roles**. Director Todd Espeland states that the audience will witness the fun, watching the actors transform before your eyes with just a bit of costume and light changes.

Also unique to this production is the addition of *LIVE* Sound Effects! The Director of Kalamazoo's All Ears Theatre, Don Ramlow, shared his vast experience and knowledge in the area of live sound effects at an audition workshop for volunteers in October. Civic volunteers learned the history of radio sound effects and were inspired to audition for this unique role in one of our productions.

The five Foley Artists (sound effects) will be onstage with the actors and audiences will see them creating live sound effects using items like a rain machine, a small door with various locks, and a wind machine. Also in the mix are a fireplace blower, a piece of sheet metal, a typewriter and boxes containing items found outdoors (like dirt!) to be used to change the sound created by certain items.

The fast paced nature of the plot, seeing actors transform before your eyes, the minimalistic set, and the live sound effects by our Foley Artists will work to create a highly theatrical play that engages and excites the imagination!

Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* plays in the Civic Auditorium January 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30 pm and Sundays January 14 and 21 at 2:00 pm. Ticket prices range from \$15 - \$25. For more information call 269-343-1313 or visit the Civic's website at www.kazoocivic.com.