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New Theater Season Opens at Ice House Soon

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV ---- A murder mystery on a soap opera set promises lots of laughs in the season's first play staged by the Morgan Arts Council's Ice House Theater Project with six performances opening on March 20.

"The Bold, The Young and the Murdered" caught director Brice Williams' attention immediately. "I wanted to start this exciting new year with a comedy, something for the whole family," he explained. "At the same time we have never done a murder mystery. The delightful script by Don Zolidis turned up and I discovered I could have both."

The play's action alternates between the filming of scenes on the long-running soap opera "The Bold and the Young" and the real life squabbles back stage. The hunky hero, Jake Strong, played by Joe Gilbert, has self-esteem issues. The villainous old man, Valencio Di Carpathio played by Chuck Walker is more interested in soup. The heroines, played by Margi Griffiths, Karyn Williams, and Jennifer Teeter are slightly psychopathic. The executive producer gives the squabbling cast an ultimatum: complete one episode overnight or the show gets cancelled. But when the director, played by Marjorie Kellman, ends up murdered, and other cast members start dropping like flies, it seems like his threat might actually come true. Can these misfits discover the murderer before the show is literally killed off?

While some of the humor may fly over younger audience members' heads, the show is appropriate for all ages. There are no plans to cancel the performances although seating has been rearranged to allow for "social distancing."

"The Bold, The Young and the Murdered" plays at the Ice House Fridays and Saturdays, March 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 pm and 2pm Sunday matinees on March 22 and 29.

The Ice House is located in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV on the corner of Independence and Mercer streets. Funding for the production is provided by the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and local hotel/motel taxes. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.