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BTE Stages Sensory-Friendly Performance of *Sideways Stories* on Saturday, July 12th

BLOOMSBURG, PA – JULY 2 – BloomSBurg Theatre Ensemble will hold its free Kathy Baas Sensory-Friendly performance of *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* on Saturday, July 12th at 2 PM. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, adapted from the Louis Sachar novels by John Olive and directed by Amy Rene Byrne, is a family-friendly comedy about students at a 30-floor school.

Although open to all, a sensory-friendly performance is modified to accommodate patrons who experience heightened sensory input, anxiety, have dementia or learning differences, or are on the autistic spectrum. These accommodations can include character cards with cast pictures and descriptions, lowered decibel levels on sound cues, visual cues like glow sticks to signal upcoming potentially disconcerting action, raised house lights, and a quiet room. BTE also encourages audience members to bring earplugs and comfort/fidget devices as needed.

BTE runs programs, such as the Kathy Baas Series, to actualize its founding mission of creating accessible and civically central professional live theatre.

Series performances are free and open to any audience members who feel these modifications would make the theatrical experience more enjoyable. Patrons can reserve seats, request buffer seating, and ask about accommodations by contacting the Box Office at 570-784-8181 or boxoffice@bte.org.

Since 1978, BTE has been enchanting audiences across central and eastern Pennsylvania with vivid productions of classic and contemporary theatre. BTE is a professional ensemble company, where the actors are employed full-time.