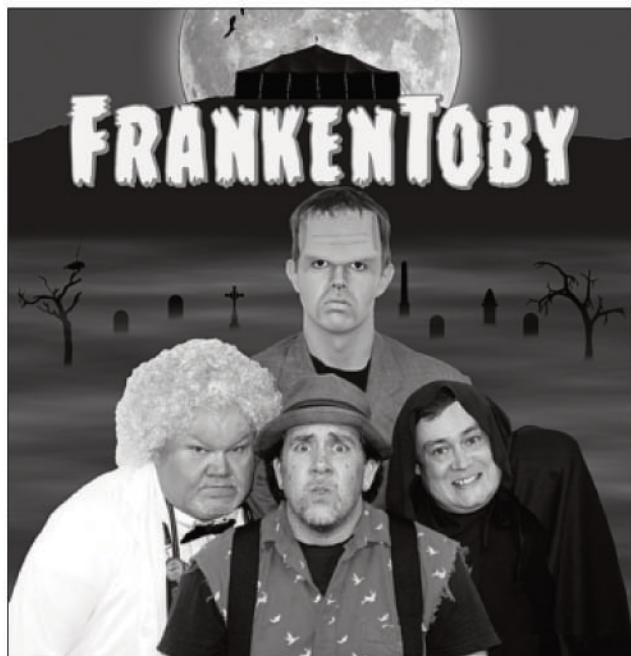


First ever Halloween Toby Show



Mystery and mayhem abound as Rivertime Players present Frankentoby, their first ever Halloween themed Toby Show set to run the month of October in an authentic tent theater venue.

Frankentoby finds Toby working at the Sleep Late Bed 'n' Breakfast, operated by sisters Martha and Abby Late. Victor Bubbastein, an out-of-towner, arrives with his two cohorts looking for rooms to perform some cryptic experiments. Soon people inexplicably begin changing identities and scary characters invade the Bed 'n' Breakfast.

Shane Bridges, Artistic Director, is the playwright, director and stars in the role of Toby.

"This is our first ever Halloween themed Toby Show, and I really think it's gonna knock'em dead, pun intended," said Bridges.

"Toby shows were part of an American folk-theatre art form of touring tent dramas," states Mark Tubbs, Executive Director. "Beginning in the late eighteen hundreds, by 1929 over 700 of these shows were traveling the Midwest and Southeast. West Tennessee was

the Bisbee's Comedians territory from 1927 until 1964. Now only one Toby Show remains and it is here in Parsons." Make plans now to enjoy an evening of Hysterical Historical Fun. There will be eight performances of Frankentoby: October 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th. The tent opens at 6:30pm and Frankentoby begins at 7:30pm each night. The 45' x 90' tent theater will be setup beside the Parsons Municipal Building at 535 Tennessee Avenue South. Admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 13. For more info, visit www.rivertime-players.org or call 731-847-6358.

About Rivertime Players

Rivertime Players is a non-profit community theatre organization based in Parsons, TN that strives to present quality dramatic and musical theatre entertainment, and create opportunities for children and adults to develop talents in theatre arts. They are caretakers of the last Toby Tent Show which began as the Henderson Stock Company in 1898.