

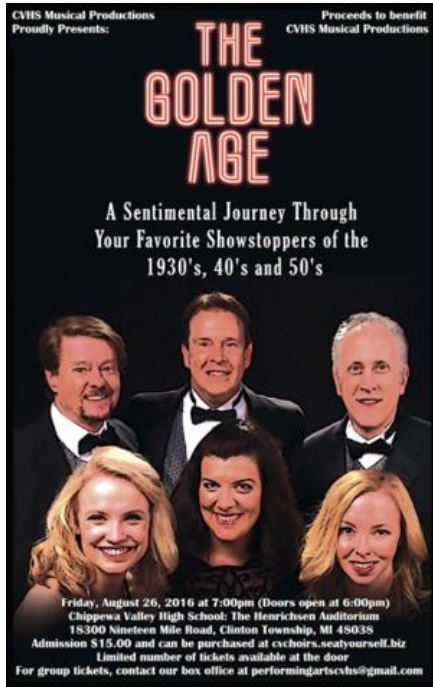
CLINTON TOWNSHIP

'The Golden Age' coming to CVHS

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"The Golden Age" will be performed Aug. 26 at Chippewa Valley High School. (Photo provided by James Pecar)

CLINTON TOWNSHIP — The sounds of Broadway during the World War II era will be coming to Chippewa Valley High School this month.

"The Golden Age," a musical revue of musical numbers from shows of the 1930s, '40s and '50s, will sound from the school's stage during an Aug. 26 performance.

The musical was created by Don Bischoff, Chippewa's choreographer. Bischoff has more than 30 years of experience in performing, directing or choreographing.

"It's a love affair with this music for me," Bischoff said. "It's always been my dream to put together a sort of musical revue of all the American standards from the '30s, '40s and '50s. These are songs that everyone should know and should live forever."

The musical features more than 25 numbers for a six-person main cast consisting of three women and three men, plus a five-piece band. There is also a multimedia component to the show with a slideshow of more than 200 images, which features the likes of Judy Garland and Fred Astaire.

"It brings all of the hits," said Chippewa Valley drama club director Nick Marinello. "If you know anything about movies or Broadway in the '30s, '40s and '50s, you'll recognize that all of the favorites are there."

The performance will not feature any Chippewa students, but rather a crew of local performers which Marinello estimated has 200 years of combined musical experience. The featured performers will be Bischoff, Stephanie Butler, Danielle Caralis, Doug Clark, Catie Hauff and Tom Woodman.

"It's Bischoff's brainchild and passion to put a show like this on. For a number of years he's been thinking about wanting to do this," Marinello said.

Bischoff will be taking his cast and show to perform the musical in Maine this October as part of a historic theatre restoration project.

"We're happy that, on the way there, they're going to stop off and show the community a great show," Marinello said.

The performance at Chippewa will also be a fundraiser for the school's musical theater program. Students from the program will assist in assembling the set and work as audience ushers.

It is the first summer performance at Chippewa since Marinello has been with the program, but he and Bischoff expressed optimism about summer performances becoming a more regular occurrence.

Tickets cost \$15 and are currently on sale at <http://cvchoirs.seatyourself.biz>. A small number of tickets will be available for purchase at the door, and pre-purchased tickets should be printed for admission.

Doors open for the Aug. 26 show at 6 p.m., with showtime at 7 p.m.



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