

It's Toby Time

Rivertime Players to present Star Bores Episode LXXXVIII

Rivertime Players celebrates their tenth year of Toby Shows with a Star Wars themed production, Star Bores Episode LXXXVIII: A new Dope.

Star Bores finds our hero sucked from his Parsons home into an alien world of political intrigue, lightsaber battles, flatulence, and rap battles. In the wake of Emperor Palpatine's untimely death, Darth Drumpf and Princess Hillarileia race to the Galactic Council to make their respective cases for the Chancellorship! In the words of Toby, "Well, it looks like I've got myself into the middle of some serious star wars here!"

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

of Toby. "The Rivertime Players are closing out their first decade of Toby Shows in Parsons with a big, silly, silent by deadly bang! Because in space, no one can hear you toot," claimed the Toby Hall of Fame inductee.

Toby Shows were part of an American folk-theatre art form of touring tent dramas. Beginning in the late eighteen hundreds, by 1929 over 700 of these shows were traveling the Midwest and Southeast, according to a 1949 New York Times article. West Tennessee was Bisbee's Comedians' territory from 1927 until 1964. "Now only one Toby Show remains and it is here in Parsons," states Mark Tubbs, Executive Director. "Our goal is to present Toby

Shows as authentically as possible to preserve this art form and to honor the original show companies.

Make plans now to enjoy an evening of Hysterical Historical Fun. Star Bores Episode LXXXVIII: A New Dope is scheduled to run six performances: Sept. 23rd, 24th and 30th, Oct. 1st, 7th and 8th. The tent opens at 6:30 p.m. and Star Bores will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night. The 45'X90' tent theater will be set up 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 information, visit www.rivertimeplayers.org or call 731-847-6358.