

CSI-themed Toby Show in Parsons

TSI:PARSONS TOBY STUPID INVESTIGATOR



Rivertime Players invites you to their 11th annual Toby Tent Show, TSI:Parsons - Toby Stupid Investigator. "Dead men tell no tales, as the saying goes," says Rivertime Players Artistic Director Shane Bridges. "But our concern is that dead people don't laugh at our brand-new old jokes!"

Toby shows were part of American folk-theatre touring tent dramas. They began touring in the late 1800s and 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. If you're reading this now, there are people in your community who remember the Bisbee show coming through town. Now only one Toby Show remains and it is in Parsons," states Mark Tubbs, Rivertime Players Executive Director.

TSI:Parsons finds Toby helping a friend host a group of visitors from Nashville, but one of them isn't going to be making the return trip to Music City. Luckily, Toby just received his \$39.99 crime scene investigation kit in the mail. Can Toby use his newfound forensic skills to find the murderer? Our first Toby Show murder mystery promises to keep everyone guessing. Can you figure out whodunnit?

The Parsons Toby Show attracts a thousand people each year, from all over, and it's an easy drive from where you are. Tickets are affordable, and the entertainment is always family friendly. So, take advantage of the crisp fall weather, make a day of it, and take in this hysterical, historical art-form under our 45' x 90', 300-seat tent.

TSI:Parsons is scheduled to run for six performances: September 29th and 30th, October 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th. The tent opens at 6:30pm and the show will begin at 7:30pm each night. The tent theater will be set up beside the Parsons Municipal Building at 535 Tennessee Avenue South. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 12 and under. For more information, visit www.rivertimeplayers.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.