



Bettye Anderson with one of her daughters, Iris, in 2017; and with Will and Lorin.

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Bettye Anderson

Many years ago, when I was really ill, two women (alternately) came and sat with me while my partner and sister were both at work. One was Bettye Anderson. In addition to just passing time, Bettye cooked, shared a family photo of her children, and soon “adopted” me. When I was felling like one of the sick and shut in, Bettye encouraged me to ... at least go to the door and breathe the air. Soon I was going down the street, plus a block, around the block! Eventually, I got back to rehearsal, to which she would take me.

My Texas mama and I have been in touch over these many years and I have attended many gatherings with the family. I have been taking photos of things that caught my attention that I was able to record, and she keeps asking me when I’ll do a presentation in a gallery ... soon, I say, honestly. Bettye now lives with Iris and family, so it is harder to just pop in. Recently the matriarch celebrated her 90th birthday! Will, another of her adopted sons, and I went and helped celebrate her!



Kaleb Smith

If you look at his bio on our website, you would not believe that he was the same person you were seeing onstage. That's because he is reluctant to change it (the bio). (I'm just going to have to ask his mother!) It's two years later by now. With physical growth, personal growth, and a pandemic behind him he is about to make a new sense of the talent he was given. Like many a kid before the growth spurt hit, he could do a bunch of stuff that looked impressive ... as indeed it was. But now, that some of that easy stuff does not come so readily, I remind him about the fact that now he has to work on revisiting the gift and work for it to ... express. He is responding well, and I trust that passion and work ethic will continue to guide his growth.

Wish List

As we move into a new season, BDC would like to have more monthly donors - more on that soon!

And we need a Costume Supervisor – someone to gather the costumes after performance, launder/clean them as necessary, ready them for the next.

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