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## Beechmont Players present Lifetime Achievement Award to Anderson resident

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Beechmont Players, Cincinnati's premiere eastside community theatre group, is pleased to award the "Lifetime Achievement Award" to Anderson resident Ed Spencer. Ed joined Beechmont Players in 1974 as lighting designer for "Little Mary Sunshine". He has been an active and invaluable member of the Players ever since.

In the spirit of true community theatre camaraderie, Ed has cheerfully performed any role Beechmont Players asked of him. Over the past 36 years, Ed has served repeatedly on the Board of Beechmont Players. Ed represented Beechmont Players on Anderson Township's Fine Arts Committee and the Anderson Township Leadership Council. He was also a member of the Clermont Regional Council for the Arts. Ed served as an advocate for Beechmont Players with the Anderson Township Board of Trustees when the Township was considering construction of a new Civic Center. Because of his efforts, Beechmont Players served as consultants to the Township during construction of the Anderson Center and became the "Arts Organization in Residence" at the Center when it opened in January, 2008.

Ed feels very strongly that the technical side of production is often not given the proper respect that it deserves. He is always looking for ways to draw more people backstage at Beechmont Players so they can learn how to run lights or build sets or do any of the multiple jobs it takes to produce a show. He is always willing to teach someone how the job gets done. Many times just being around Ed is a learning experience. He often comments on related aspects of staging a performance while working. Newcomers can learn much about such things as sight lines and stage etiquette as well as how the "big" jobs get done from Ed.

Ed has directed more than 20 productions for Beechmont Players, all comedies or farces and has been an important part of the set construction or lighting of approximately 70% of the productions Beechmont has staged in their 51 years of quality community entertainment. Ed has been awarded the Mario Pitocco and Jack Rouse Awards in acknowledgement of his contributions to local theater by the Association of Community Theaters. He is also a recent recipient of Anderson Township's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Beechmont Players is proud to acknowledge Ed's contribution to their organization and to local community theater. Ed's dedication, versatility and passion exemplify the best qualities of our local theater culture.

Join Beechmont Players as they celebrate 51 years of quality community entertainment with the family-friendly summer musical Jack and the Giant August 6 – 14. To find out more about Beechmont Players, or to order tickets on-line, visit [www.beechmontplayers.org](http://www.beechmontplayers.org).

**ABOUT BEECHMONT PLAYERS:** Beechmont Players provide a consistently excellent fare of comedies, farces, dramas, musicals and mysteries, drawing on the talents of actors and technicians who are among the best in the area. The Players' creatively mix cherished classics by established playwrights with exciting regional premieres and offerings from foreign dramatists. Each year, the Players' excellence is acknowledged with multiple awards at the ACT (Association of Community Theatres) Convention, which celebrates the rich artistic heritage and talent Cincinnati has to offer theatre-goers.



Lifetime Achievement award winner Ed Spencer at the Anderson Township 4th of July Parade with favorite Beechmont producer, Cheryl Boettger.

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