

Bluebird Arts and Education Alliance to kick off new season

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The Bluebird Arts and Education Alliance of Highlands High School is gearing up for its second season.

From plays to author visits, the alliance has some exciting things in the works, said Chuck Keller, alliance chair and teacher at Highlands.

"We started this last year as a way to bring in some money to enhance our arts programs," Keller said. "Last year was a success, and we hope it is even better this year."

Keller said the group formed in response to budget cuts from the state and partnered with groups

like Playhouse in the Park, WNKU and the Blue Marble Children's Bookstore to bring in a variety of events to the school's newly renovated Performing Arts Center.

With the money raised last season, Keller said the group is working to bring writers-in-residence, accomplished writers that live in the area, to the school to work with the students on their writing skills.

This year, the alliance's season will feature three plays by Playhouse in the Park, an author series in the spring featuring local authors, and possibly come collaboration with a local opera.

Keller said the alliance serves two purposes, from raising money for the school to bringing arts

opportunities for the community as a whole to enjoy.

The first event, the world premiere of Playhouse in the Park's production of "The Worst Happy Day Ever" is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at Highlands.

"What I think is going to be nice about this play is that while it's geared towards children, it is also meant to appeal to adults," Keller said. "I think this is a great event to kick off the season."

For more information about the alliance and its upcoming events, visit www.bluebirdalliance.com.

Tickets for the upcoming show, which cost \$7, are available on the website, at the door, and at Bowman's Framing, 103 North Fort Thomas Ave.