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GROUP SALES

The Board of Trustees voted at their May 30 meeting to approve a discount sales rate of \$12 per ticket for group sales of 20 or more persons during the '06-'07 season, excluding Tuesday night performances.

The Board also approved a group sales rate of \$20 per ticket for groups of 10 or more persons for the World Premiere of "Sin, Sex, & The CIA", excluding the opening night performance.

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LBP AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

LBP awarded a \$500 scholarship in May to high school volunteer Andrew Cochie, who has devoted many hours in past seasons as the lighting and sound technician for many of our productions. Andrew has been very busy in his senior year acting/singing/dancing in local high school productions.

Andrew is the son of actress Marcia Cochie, who presented the award to him at LBP's Award Night program in May. His sister Meredith, who appeared on our stage several times, was the recipient of a similar award from LBP four years ago. Andrew will be entering college next Fall to study hotel management.



Marcia Cochie presents her son Andrew with a \$500 scholarship given by the Lemon Bay Playhouse. Photo provided.

NEW THEATRE PROGRESS REPORT

LBP Trustees and other interested members attended four workshop sessions and visited three area theatres recently to develop plans for construction of a new theatre. In addition, LBP President Jim Hanushek met with CRA (Community Redevelopment Area) representatives to discuss the possibility of building a theatre on County owned land on West Dearborn Street between Mango and Orange Streets in the downtown district.

The workshop sessions were conducted by local Architect Elaine Miller-Sanchez and Chicago architect/theatre design consultant Ron Jerit, who were retained to develop a conceptual model of a new theatre based on a wish list presented to them by LBP representatives. A detailed booklet based on the workshops will be made available to all members this month.

The conceptual model which evolved from the workshops encompasses a multi-faceted Performing Arts Center which would contain a state-of-the-art, 300-seat theatre, a smaller 80+-seat, black-box theatre, control rooms, two multi-purpose rehearsal halls, lobby, box, office, dressing rooms, scenery-storage-construction-and-paint-rooms, business offices, restrooms, and other amenities.

The estimated cost to build and equip such a theatre complex would range from \$10 million to \$14 million. LBP President Jim Hanushek told attendees at the May General Membership Meeting that the Board must now decide how large the new theatre project should be in LBP's best interests and how it might be accomplished. He also noted that some bylaw changes might be required to facilitate the project.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

KATS Director Rebecca Kinnie says enrollment in the Children's Theatre program scheduled for July 17th through the 29th is going well and *Fairy Tale Courtroom* will be presented July 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Playhouse.

REHEARSALS

V.P. Bob LaSalle reported that the August premiere of "Sin, Sex, & the CIA" will cut into the rehearsal schedule for the Sept. production of "Moon Over The Brewery" and rehearsal space will be rented at the Englewood Arts Center to take care of this situation. He noted that the Box Office will remain open during the summer to meet the needs of the expanded season offering.

WORLD PREMIERE

Chairman Janet Landis announced that World Premiere flyers for "Sin, Sex & The CIA" are being distributed in the Chamber of Commerce PULSE publications and the Englewood Sun is inserting WP ads on a "no cost" basis to help promote this special event. She said volunteers are needed for the "Opening Night Gala" and Mary Lou Ardrey will arrange refreshments for this event.

NEW TO LBP

Trustee Murray Fitzhugh says a new storage shed for props, furniture, and other stage items is scheduled to be delivered to LBP on Aug. 1 and Pres. Hanushek announced that a new credit card system will soon be available at the box office to handle debit cards, MC and Visa purchases.

TICKET SALES

Some 558 seats were sold to season ticket holders during the current season as compared with last year's total of 830 on 5/31/05. Group Sales also were down; 318 seats to date as compared with 464 last season. It was suggested this may be due to news items that indicated "LBP always sells out" and the elimination of group sales discounts.

LOBBY ARTIST

Mary Cavanaugh is the lobby artist being featured during the current production of "Visiting Mr. Green, which opened June 28th. From all reports auditions were "terrific" and rehearsals went very well for this show directed by Richard Blanchard.

"It is the Mission of Lemon Bay Playhouse to enrich the Greater Englewood community through theatrical productions, other cultural activities, challenging volunteer opportunities and education and training in the performing arts."