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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jim Hanushek Sex & the CIA - our very first World Premiere, our lights were on for those performances, and people were coming and going daily! In addition, LBP hosted its first Chamber of Commerce business card exchange, providing an opportunity to introduce many Englewood businesses to our venue. All-in-all, a great summer for Lemon Bay Playhouse!

You received this newsletter because you are a member of Lemon Bay Playhouse. Membership doesn't really have any mandatory obligations, but we are looking to you for some help. The next two general membership meetings are critical to the future direction of our organization. We need either your attendance at the meetings, or an email or letter expressing your thoughts.

On Monday, September 25, at 7:00 PM at the playhouse, the main topic of discussion will be the idea of a new building. In the last issue of Spotlight (available on our website), we gave you the results of our series of workshops regarding the building itself. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, "we will be looking for your reactions, questions, and comments about the possibility of a new building." We will also be looking for ideas of activities that could take advantage of the various areas and rooms in the proposed building. We need your input!

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WORLD PREMIERE OPENING NIGHT

LBP's first ever World Premiere Opening Night was a truly memorable event! Champagne flowed, delicious food was served in a lovely setting inside and outdoors. Amid the gowns and tuxedos, flowers were everywhere to add to the festivities.

The hilarious new American farce written and directed by Michael and Susan Parker (see photo below) *Sin, Sex & the CIA* kept the audience laughing from beginning to end.

It was a thrill for everyone at LBP to host the beginning of a great production. We wish the Parkers a long and successful future for their play.

Kudos to Mary Lou Ardrey and all her volunteer assistants, and to Janet Landis and many others who made the night such a success. See page 2 for more photos.



Celebrating our 20th Season!



2006/2007 SEASON



MOON OVER THE BREWERY	SEPTEMBER 13-OCTOBER 1, 2006
BLITHE SPIRIT	NOVEMBER 1-19, 2006
DRIVING MISS DAISY	JANUARY 10-28, 2007
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MOON OVER THE BREWERY IS FIRST PRODUCTION OF 2006-2007 SEASON

Now in rehearsal is our first production for the new season here at Lemon Bay Playhouse, *Moon Over the Brewery* written by Bruce Graham, and directed by Ed Kechejian. It will run from September 13th through October 1st.

It is the story of a very precocious and intelligent 13 year old girl, Amanda, played by a newcomer to our stage, Kaitlyn Terpstra, her single mom Miriam, played by Monica Doherty (whom you will all remember from *Scandal Point*), and Warren, Miriam's current suitor, played by Bob La Salle. Throw into the mix Amanda's imaginary friend Randolph, played by Gary Blomberg, and you have the ingredients for a funny yet poignant story of the struggle of a teenage girl to grow into the world of adults.

Amanda conjures up Randolph, a very handsome and dapper young man, whenever her mother brings a new suitor home. Between the two of them they manage to humiliate and embarrass the gentleman until he leaves, never to be seen again. Enter Warren and the question arises, how can a seemingly dull postman, wearing shorts and black knee socks, but very much in love with Miriam, defeat the dynamic duo and turn Amanda into a life time friend? That is the substance of the play and the makings for a fine evening at the theater.



Cast of our next production *Moon Over the Brewery*: seated left to right, Kaitlyn Terpstra and Monica Doherty. In back are, left to right, Gary Blomberg and Bob La Salle. The show runs September 13 through October 1.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The General Membership Meeting this month will be held on Monday, September 25 at 7 PM. Don't miss it! The new season is well underway and exciting things are happening.



More Opening Night photos: top left, Dottie and Bill Hanson with President Jim Hanushek. Top right, Pat Tremo, Gerry Fitzhugh, Bob La Salle. Bottom, LBP's own "Chorus Line" of volunteers.

CHANGE IN MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. Subsequent Board meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month.

This reflects a change in scheduling, as the Board now will meet before any General Membership meeting not the day afterwards, as was done in the past.

Just a reminder...all members are welcome to attend. According to our present by-laws "All members are encouraged to attend all Trustees' meetings to stay informed of issues concerning LBP. Members may not vote at these meetings, but may participate according to policies adopted by the Board of Trustees."

TWENTY YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Lemon Bay Playhouse is excited to be celebrating its 20th year this coming season...still in its prime with an exciting future ahead! Plans are being made to commemorate this great milestone.

Paul Hyatt is leading a committee to publish a booklet with lots of nostalgia and photographs of LBP's early days and its growth over the years.

The Playhouse also plans to open its doors to the public at a gala Open House, with tours and displays of its past history. More information soon....and we welcome your ideas and participation in the plans and preparations!

"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."

KIDS AS THESPIANS (KATS) HUGE SUCCESS

Our eleven young thespians performed *Fairy Tale Courtroom* for a packed house on July 29th.

The cast included Dean Hughes as the Bailiff, Taylor Mahanna as the District Attorney, Chris Capitelli as the Defense Attorney, K C Hughes as the Wicked Witch, Caitlin Waldrop as the Clerk, Vincent Spanton as the Judge, Michael Boozan as the Scarecrow, Rheana Deal as Dorothy, Madison Simic as Snow White, Faith Jacobson as Sleeping Beauty, and Taylor Sommers as Prince Charming.

Special thanks go to Bill & Dottie Hanson, Rob Davis, Rita Corn, Rosie Tremo, Janet Landis, Jim & Ann Hanushek and Kay Scott for all their advice and help behind the scenes. We couldn't have done it without you!

We are looking forward to next summer, and we are planning to shake things up a bit to allow more kids to participate!



Cast of *Fairy Tale Courtroom*

DONATIONS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

We have a favor to ask. We know that many of you buy items for the playhouse with your own money. If you buy something that will be used at the playhouse, and you do not want to be reimbursed, please give a copy of your receipt to Ann, the Business Manager. That does a number of things, all of which are good: it gives us a better idea of our cost of doing business; it gives you proof of the donation if the IRS ever wants you to verify the gift; it makes our auditor happy when we have an accurate record of donations; and it gives you credit for the donation in our records.

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On Monday, November 27, at 7:00 PM at the playhouse, those in attendance will be voting on a proposed set of bylaws. Paul Hyatt, Bob LaSalle, Paul Phillips, and I have gone through the bylaws with an eye on simplifying some areas, updating others, and making sure that the membership has the ultimate control of selecting Trustees. You will read more information about the proposed changes in the next newsletter. Once the Board of Trustees approves the document, however, it will be available both for reading at the playhouse and downloading from our website (www.lemonbayplayhouse.com).

These next two membership meetings are two of the most important since I've been involved with Lemon Bay Playhouse. Your participation in one form or another is critical!

Yours,
Jim Hanushek

CHANGE IN AUDITION DATES FOR BLITHE SPIRIT

Auditions for *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward, will be held on **Saturday, September 9th and Sunday the 10th** at 7:00 PM at the playhouse. This is a change from the previously published schedule, so please take notice.

The cast consists of five women and two men, ages of actors can be anywhere from early 20s to 60s.

The maid (very nervous and rushes through everything.)
Mr & Mrs. Condomine whose house is where the action takes place.
Dr. & Mrs. Bradman, friends invited to the séance.
Madame Arcati, the Medium (somewhat of a loose cannon.)
Elvira, the ghost of the first Mrs. Condomine (The Blithe Spirit.)
Rita Corn will direct and Bob LaSalle will be Technical Director.
The first week of rehearsals will be held at the Englewood Art Center. This play is a classic and will be a lot of fun.

Rehearsals begin September 25. The play will run November 1-19, 2006.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PLAYHOUSE

Come on down!....volunteers are needed at the Playhouse! No experience needed for many areas of the theater! Can you.....work in the box office? on props? on costumes? for publicity? public relations? archives? Can you help build a set? Crew backstage? Fundraise? Make posters? Can you "bake a cherry pie?"....we need it all! Please visit or call the box office at 475-6756 for more information.