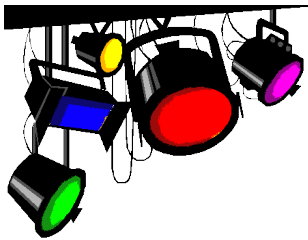




JUNE - JULY, 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I attended the organizational meeting of the Olde Englewood Village Association (OEVA). This is the community group that is working with the Sarasota County CRA to develop and improve Dearborn St. and the Englewood area. I volunteered for

and was elected to the board as VP. Taylor Meals, President, revealed that there is a move under foot to change the name of the town to Englewood Beach.

I think it is important that LBP keep in touch with the plans and goings on in this area. For instance, the West Villages of North Port is planning to build 30,000 to 35,000 homes, two schools, a hospital, and Braves Stadium on the North side of River Rd. This influx of people will effect Englewood tremendously. Add to that the extent of building that is going on in our immediate area and it is imperative that we start thinking ahead as to what we can be doing to prepare.

I'm happy to report that our season has been a resounding success. Our gross intake, not including the last play, is \$151,646.63. All of our plays have done well and *Office Hours* pulled in an amazing \$32,353. Special kudos goes to our Readers Theater whose *Shorts Aloud* brought in \$3,200. We are proud of you guys. We are evidently doing the right thing.

Our new set designer/construction supervisor, Bob Parker, has been doing a wonderful job. The two sets he has built with us have been perfect, as you will see when you attend our last play of the season, *Senior Follies*.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob La Salle, President

**The LBP Box Office will be closed starting Monday, June 26 and will reopen on Tuesday, August 1, 2017
New season ticket applications may be mailed in or dropped off until July 31.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT READERS THEATER

BY GEORGE AND GRACIE



Our last monthly RT gathering was in May. Readers Theater will resume in October. Be on the lookout for some new material for the 2017 - 2018 season of our Readers Theater.

Have a great Summer and we will see you in the Fall.

George and Gracie

LEMONDROPS CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATRE CAMP RETURNS



Registration for our fifth Lemondrops Summer Camp closed June 1st and was very successful. There were a total of 22 children that signed up for the camp offered by Cheryl Hastings. The three-week camp will include activities such as improvisation, theater games, body movement, blocking, tongue twisters, puppetry and rehearsals for the 45 minute performance of the play, "The Day of Tranquilitist". The play script was written by Cheryl. All students will have an opportunity perform in the show.

The camp will run from 9:00am to noon, Monday to Friday, July 10 through July 28, ending with 2 evening performances on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29.

-JPS

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

**BOARD MEETINGS
In the Green Room**

**June 19, 2017 at 6:00pm
No July Meeting Scheduled**

**Changes in meeting dates or times will be posted
on the website and sent by email**

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO TWO LEMON BAY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

BY MELISSA MUTKOSKI

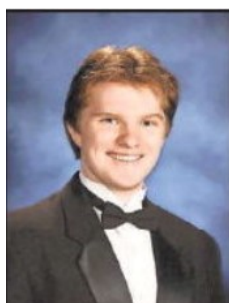


On the evening of May 8th, Lemon Bay Playhouse was able to award two graduating high school students, **Hannah Guzik** and **Logan Lynn**, scholarships of \$3000 each. These students would like to thank all the LBP theatergoers that have supported

our Scholarship Fund by playing our 50/50 Raffle whenever you've attended a show this past season. Those \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills add up fast, and at each show one of you won half the money collected that night! A chance to win an average of \$50 to \$70 and support our local college students at the same time!



Hannah Guzik plans to study fashion and dance and has auditioned for the Rockettes in New York. She has been involved in dance since she was a small girl. While at LBHS during her senior year, she was given the responsibility of choreographing the entire senior musical along with other pieces. To quote her drama teacher, "Her work is detailed and uniquely her own. In short, it is stunning."



Logan Lynn hopes to attend the University of Central Florida to study animation and art business. Logan was raised by his mother who, during Logan's junior year, contracted colon cancer. Through her rigorous treatment, Logan had to assume many of the duties at home while maintaining his studies. He is a four-year volunteer of the Teen Leadership Board of the Elsie Quirk Library and participates with the children literacy program.

Lemon Bay High School Seniors can apply for these scholarships by submitting an application (found on our website), a statement of 300 words or less about their goals, and at least two letters of recommendation to our Scholarship Committee. Students do not have to be planning a career in the performing arts alone, but must reference their current and past involvement.

Congratulations to **Hannah** and **Logan**, this year's winners. We wish you both fantastic first years in college this fall!

THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Lemon Bay Playhouse offers scholarships to Lemon Bay High School seniors interested in pursuing a career in the performing arts. The applicant must be a graduating senior and complete and submit the application form.

The applicant shall prepare a statement of three hundred (300) words or less setting forth their vocational or professional goal and relate how past, present and future activities make the

accomplishment of this goal probable. The statement must be signed and a recent picture attached. The picture must be able to be reproduced for the newspaper.

The applicant must enclose at least one but not more than three, current, dated and signed letters of recommendation from someone in authority from the school you are now attending. Similar letters may be enclosed from someone in authority from your work experience. These letters may cover the applicant's ability, work habits, leadership, personality and integrity. Letters should also state your current involvement in the performing arts.

At least one letter of endorsement from a responsible community (non-school) person. This person should not be related to the applicant. Also, attach a complete transcript. Interviews may be required. We are looking forward to receiving your application in 2018.

The full application process, and the application for applying for the scholarship, is on our website at:

<https://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com/education-outreach/scholarship/>

Please return the completed application to:

Lemon Bay Playhouse

96 W Dearborn Street

Englewood, FL 34223

Attn: Scholarship Committee

-JPS

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE THANKS ARLENE KNIGHT

BY MELISSA MUTKOSKI



Arlene has been a volunteer at Lemon Bay Playhouse for many years, doing whatever needed to be done, including the play reading committee, managing the lobby artists, helping out at the Box Office, and most recently helping Bob La Salle with the Scholarship Committee. Arlene enjoyed meeting the students and handing out the scholarships to Lemon Bay High School students on awards night each year.

Unfortunately, Arlene is moving back to her home and her family in New Hampshire this summer. Since her husband passed away three years ago, she has been spending more and more of the year up north, so this year she decided to sell her Florida home. We will miss her volunteerism, but she promises to come back to visit and will be attending shows when she does.

This means we will be looking for someone new to take over handling the scholarship process. The job starts in January when the volunteer calls Mary Jo Holleran, the Career Counsellor at Lemon Bay High School, to let her know how many scholarships we will be giving out that year. Mary Jo then presents us with a list of applicants. The volunteer submits the applications to Bob and The Board of Trustees, who review them and decide who will be selected for the scholarships. The volunteer then provides that information to the school. The volunteer attends the awards night ceremony in May and presents the scholarships to the students chosen.

Arlene says she will miss getting to meet the "theater kids" who win the awards each year. If you would like to volunteer for this responsibility, please contact Bob La Salle at the playhouse.

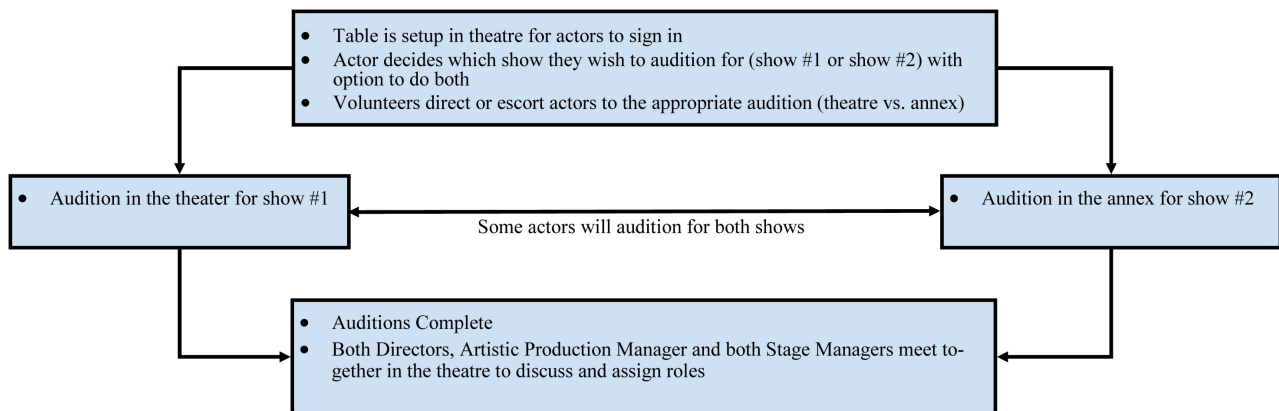
MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - DOUBLE-UP AUDITIONS AT LBP

BY RIC GOODWIN

The Board of Trustees Audition Committee (Bob, Ron, and Ric) met on Wednesday, May 31 and made a bold decision regarding auditions for the upcoming 2017-2018 season. Lemon Bay Playhouse has made the decision to double-up auditions for six of the shows in our upcoming season. This is sometimes referred to as cluster auditions (auditioning multiple shows on the same date). Venice Theatre has moved to cluster auditions for a majority of their 2017-2018 season. Players Theatre and the Manatee Players already use this auditioning process. In order to remain competitive in casting our shows, we have decided to use this audition procedure.



Later Life and *Over the River and Through the Woods* will audition together on Sunday, August 27 and Monday August 28, *Crimes of the Heart* and *Flemming* will audition together on Sunday, November 19 and Monday, November 20, and *Tin Woman* and *Sylvia* will audition together on Sunday, February 25 and Monday, February 26. We will call *Over the River and Through the Woods*, *Flemming* and *Sylvia* "Early Bird Auditions", and these shows will still have their original audition dates for any additional casting needs. As in the past, all auditions will start at 7:00pm. Actors will have the option of auditioning for one or both shows but because the shows run back to back, actors who are cast can only do one of the two shows. Scripts and sides will be available for perusal on our website (sides only) or at the Box Office between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays. The flowchart below defines how the double-up auditions will run. For information call (941) 475-6756. Hope to see you there!



VOLUNTEER CURTAIN CALL

BY JIM MANNS



Some people you meet are just plain funny, which would be this month's spotlight volunteer Lora Resignato. Every time I hear her name it puts a smile on this author's face. Though there is a very serious side to Lora, a woman who has spent her life helping people get healthy and encouraging others to live a healthy lifestyle. Born in Brooklyn, NY this mother of two began her medical career in Brooklyn's King County Hospital as a registered nurse in the emergency room. Some 20 years later Lora decided to go back to school to get her degree. At the age of 42 she graduated from Stockton State College at the top of her class. So began her work as an educator in the field of public health.

She was invited to the Governor's Mansion to receive the very prestigious Governor's award presented by Lawton Childs for her unceasing work in the reduction of tobacco use among teens. Her work as a health educator continues to this day. As a certified nurse educator in the teaching and counseling of type 2 diabetics (As this article goes to press, Lora is in Orlando at a medical conference). She is currently working in an endocrinologist office in Port Charlotte.

Lora's life in theatre began 20 years ago after taking an acting class taught by Janet Castro. She is a past president of the Charlotte Players and lucky for us at LBP, the coordinator of our wonderful House Managers. She has volunteered as an actor in many plays, a short list... *Steel Magnolias*, *Oliver*, *Meet me in St Louis*, *Crossing Delaney* and *Nana's Naughty Knickers*; where I had the pleasure to meet her. Lora has worked for several years in Venice traveling with Troop in a Trunk, having brought the theatre to over 4,000 kids.

Did you ever notice that the volunteers at our LBP give no matter where they go? There is no better example of that than Lora Resignato. A final thought on the power of encouragement. I have seen Lora interact with people and that is what always comes to mind, she lifts people up. Perhaps we can all remember that, encourage someone, you never know what it might yield. It worked for me. Thanks Lora.

LBP - GOOD NEIGHBOR

BY PAUL HYATT

In its continuing outreach of support for the Englewood community, the Lemon Bay Playhouse gave a special performance of *Tuesdays with Morrie* to benefit the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library.

On the evening of March 14, 2017, a complete sell-out crowd was captivated by the superb, heart-touching drama that unfolded on the LBP stage.

All revenue from ticket sales (at \$25 each) plus the 50/50 drawing and donations for refreshments yielded over \$2600 that the Friends group will use to sponsor free programs for children, teens and adults throughout the year, at the Library.

From the high praise, still coming in, from attendees of that night's show – almost all of whom were in the Playhouse for the very first time – LBP has also shown that it is a good friend (as well as next door neighbor) to the Elsie Quirk Library.



IT'S AUDITION TIME!

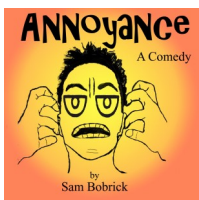
BY PAUL HYATT

ANNOYANCE

By Sam Bobrick

Directed by Michele Strauss

Auditions on July 23 and 24, 2017



The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for "Annoyance" on Sunday, July 23 and Monday, July 24 from 7:00pm at the playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

The play, a comedy, written by Sam Bobrick and directed by Michele Strauss, calls for a cast of one female and two male actors. The show will run from September 6 through September 24, 2017.

In the first scene, a very annoying man goes to see a woman therapist in the hopes that she will help him become less annoying. He drives her over the edge. In the second scene, he sees her husband, also a therapist, and drives him over the edge. In the third scene, he sees both therapists, who have decided to take drastic measures to rid the world of this most obnoxious man. Of course it doesn't go as planned.

Visit our website at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com for more details. Scripts and sides are available for perusal on our website (sides only) or at the Box Office between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays. For information call (941) 475-6756.

2017-2018 SEASON TICKETS ON SALE



This season, LBP is again providing you with seven great plays for your enjoyment. The 2017-2018 season brochure is now available. If you did not receive a brochure for our 31st season plays, Showcase Productions, and Shorts Aloud Festival, be sure to pick one up in the lobby or download it from our website. Both the ticket order form and the season brochure are available

from our website at:

www.lemonbayplayhouse.com

Are you here for the whole season? If you are not already a season subscriber, here is a chance to purchase reduced price tickets and have the same great seat for each show. Purchase a season ticket and get seven shows for the price of six, at a cost of \$120 per person. One free ticket!

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Season and Flex Pass Subscription tickets may be purchased by completing the season ticket form and mailing it to or dropping it off at the Box Office. All season ticket renewals were completed on May 31. New season tickets seats are available and will be assigned after May 31, and **all season ticket sales will end on July 31, 2017**. Flex Pass Subscription sales will continue as long as four productions are available. The season tickets purchased will be sent out in the mail the first week in August.

On August 1, 2017, individual tickets for all performances and events may be purchased by phone, online, or at the box office. Purchase your tickets for this exciting season as soon as possible for the best available seats. -JPS

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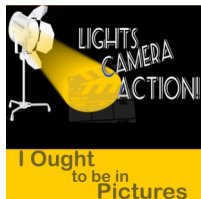
BY PAUL HYATT

I OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES

By Neil Simon

Directed by Ron Bupp

April 26 - May 14, 2017



For the sixth production of its 30th Season, the Lemon Bay Playhouse presented *I Ought to Be in Pictures* by Neil Simon and directed by Ron Bupp. The performances ran from April 26 through May 14, 2017.

This play told a touching story about Herb, a Hollywood screenwriter currently between "gigs" and suffering from writer's block, who is surprised when his past reappears in the form of Libby, his estranged young daughter from Brooklyn. She has made the trek cross country with dreams of movie stardom. With encouragement from Steffy, his once-a-week girlfriend at his side, Herb decides to take another stab at fatherhood and hopefully this time, get it right.



Photo by John Bass Photography

The fantastic cast selected for this show (left to right) are Sarah Sita (Libby), Mike Levasseur (Herb), and Kathi Faulkner (Steffy).

OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

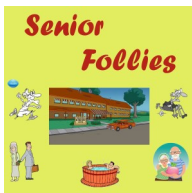
BY PAUL HYATT

SENIOR FOLLIES

By Billy St. John

Directed by Ric Goodwin

June 7 - June 25, 2017



The Lemon Bay Playhouse announces its current show, "Senior Follies", the last production of the 2016-2017 season. The play is a comedy, written by Billy St. John and directed by Ric Goodwin. The show will run from June 7 through June 25, 2017.

Who says being old can't be fun? The rocking is not done in chairs at the Pleasant Valley Retirement Home, especially since Howard discovered Viagra! The feisty divorcee and lovely widows who are constantly scurrying out of his reach,

breathe a sigh of relief when a new resident actually seems to enjoy Howard's advances. She turns out to be a con artist intent on fleecing Howard with the help of her husband (posing as her brother). Several residents at the Pleasant Valley Retirement Home don their sleuthing caps to unmask the imposters in their midst. Humor, romance, and mystery combine to make this a show that will have you cheering at the climax!

Ric notes that "there is an old adage that comes to us from Vaudeville... 'Leave them laughing'. And that is just what we have chosen to do with *Senior Follies* to close out our 30th season. This production has been fun to put together... fun for me, fun for the cast and crew, and finally (hopefully) fun for you, our audience.

I am reminded of a Stephen Sondheim song lyric from the musical comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*: Old Situations; New complications; Nothing portentous or polite; Tragedy tomorrow; Comedy tonight!

And...that is what you are in for as we perform this comedy on our stage."

Information and tickets are available online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com or by visiting or calling the Box Office at (941) 475-6756 between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays and one hour prior to curtain time. Reserved seat tickets are \$18. Student tickets are available at \$12 each.



Photo by John Bass Photography

The actors for *Senior Follies*, our last production of our 30th season, take a break from rehearsals to pose for a picture. Seated in the front row (left to right) are Jenni Elliott (Mrs. Rivers), Jim Manns (Lowell/Jack), Bob La Salle (Howard), Paul Bravo (Douglas) and Cheryl Hastings (Mildred). Standing in the back row (left to right) are Victoria Caruso (Sybil/Sadie), Lora Resignato (Sara Jane), Barbara Lorio (Bernice), Donna Hadley (Iris), and Dottie Warner (Ida).



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