



## DECEMBER 2010-JANUARY 2011

### FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To our Members, Volunteers and Patrons:

As you may already know, Russ Kyper, Rex Govorchin, and Roy Lovesky resigned as members of the Board of Trustees of Lemon Bay Playhouse on November 8, 2010. Their resignations were duly accepted by the remaining Board members. Our current Board is now Sherie Regan (President), Steve Stump (Vice-President), Robert LaSalle (Treasurer), Kelly Davids (Secretary) and Marion Barnes (Member at Large).

If you would be interested in serving as a member of the Board, please mail your letter of interest and resume to the playhouse or [info@lemonbayplayhouse.com](mailto:info@lemonbayplayhouse.com) by December 13.

Following the resignations of our previous Board members the following actions were taken:

For the current time, the Board approved a moratorium on the capital campaign.

The steering committee has been temporarily dissolved, and all staff members associated with these activities have been relieved of their responsibilities.

We anticipate continued discussions and fact-finding about proposed Playhouse expansion and have made no additional decisions at this time.

Therefore, any communication you have regarding The Lemon Bay Playhouse, professional or otherwise, should be directed to the current Board.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Sherie Ragan, President  
Board of Trustees

### PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

(More information to come in the  
February/March Spotlight!)

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

February 19, 2011 – Tringali Recreation Center

### ANNUAL MEETING/DINNER

March 24, 2011 - Rotonda Golf and Country Club

### FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Many thanks to everyone involved with the production of *Chapter Two*. It was another big hit for LBP due to all of your hard work and dedication.

Rehearsals are underway for our next show *Catch Me If You Can* which is being directed by Steve Credeur (more about that further in this newsletter).

We have so much going on in the next two months – concerts, auditions, shows - please be sure to check the listing of events so you don't miss out!

I'd also like to thank all the faithful volunteers behind the scenes in the box office, house managers, 50/50 people, and the poor souls who got dragged into doing something that needed doing 'immediately' or because 'there is no one else to do it', and they just happened to stop by! It does make life interesting when your day takes a unexpected turn doesn't it? Like any other volunteer organization, there never seem to be enough hands. The Amish have a saying "Many hands make light work", so if you have some extra time or talent please, consider one (or more) of the many areas that are open for volunteering.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Maggie Deitsch

PS: Welcome back, snowbirds! We have all been looking forward to your return!

## IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, December 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 17, 2011 at 6:00p.m.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE PLAYHOUSE  
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED!

Changes in meeting dates/times will be posted on the website and sent by email to members who have an active email address with the playhouse.

## 2011-2012 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Trustees has approved the 2011-2012 Season, which will also be our 25<sup>th</sup> Season!

### LUV

(Comedy by Murray Schisgal)  
August 31– September 18, 2011

### ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR

(Comedy by Alan Ayckbourn)  
October 26–November. 13, 2011

### POSTMORTEM

(Mystery thriller by Ken Ludwig)  
January 4–29, 2012

### BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

(Comedy by Neil Simon)  
February 29–March 25, 2012

### THE GLASS MENAGERIE

(Drama by Tennessee Williams)  
May 2–20, 2012

### STEEL MAGNOLIAS

(Comedy/Drama by Robert Harling)  
June 27–July 15, 2012

**NOTE:** this is the proposed season schedule, pending granting of royalties.

**DIRECTORS:** Are you interested in directing one of LBP's 2011-2012 season's plays? All requests will be considered. Please mail your resume to the playhouse, Attn: RITA CORN

## KUDOS TO "THE WITCHES OF LBP"

On Halloween, these ladies did a wonderful job handing out thousands of treats on a VERY hot day AND helping with traffic control for our patrons leaving the playhouse in the middle of it all!



*Our terrific witches were Anna Davis, Barb Neilson, Becky Koranchan, Mary Raybold, Joan Black, Mary Jane Handlin, Sue Finucan, and Jane Suttner (not shown).*

### READERS THEATER

Monday, December 6, 2010 &  
Monday, January 3, 2011 at 9:30 am

Come and read plays, or just enjoy listening to others read!

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS



Did you miss seeing Steve sitting in the dark corner of theatre for the last three shows at LBP or our Showcase Productions? Meet **Steve De Dominici**, one of our lighting/sound techs.

A native of Boston and retired from the Transit Authority, this former snowbird is now a full time resident of Englewood and has rapidly become someone to depend on here at LBP. He is a man used to change, as evidenced by his former jobs at the TA (bus & streetcar driver, Real Estate Acquisition Dept., Contract Administration for Design & Construction). This is a useful trait when you're involved with the technical department here.

He admits that he didn't like retirement at only 55 yrs old. "The loss of structure was not pleasant, I found myself at a loss looking for things to do". Having been an extra in a few movies up North, Steve thought the theatre looked like it could be fun. Fun it is, but he is in also in an area that is an extremely important part of any production, and Steve values that.

Along with tech veterans Bob LaSalle and Ann Shaughnessy, Steve gets it... "Lighting and sound is an integral part of the play, and the actors depend on us. I feel like the cymbals player in an orchestra. I sit and sit, and then suddenly, I have to play at just the right moment." He does admit that it can be a little nerve-wracking sometimes.

His other interests include the beach, the gym, traveling, and sports. He has also done stained glass and shared a secret new hobby...he's teaching himself to play a ukulele. While his immediate plans are to stay in his corner, Steve admits with a smile, "I might tryout for a small part sometime".

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

While we welcome volunteers in any capacity, the following are our urgently needed areas:

Stage Managers, Backstage Crew, Set Décor, Props, Lighting and Sound Techs, Building and Maintenance, and storing furniture after the close of shows. If you have experience or an interest in any of these areas, please contact Maggie Deitsch at 941-451-9439.

### HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO PICK THE PLAYS AT LBP? DO YOU HAVE A GREAT ONE TO SUGGEST?

Here's your opportunity! If you would like to join the Play Selection Committee, interested actors, directors, or anyone with stage experience is asked to send a short bio to: Rosie Tremo, c/o LBP or to tremodilly@hotmail.com before January 31, 2011. (Scripts will be read February-July, 2011).

The Play Selection Committee welcomes your suggestions for plays to read! If you've seen a great play: drama, mystery or comedy, please call or write to the playhouse Attn: Rosie Tremo before February 1, 2011.

## ADULT ACTING & SCRIPT WRITING CLASSES

Classes are still available and will be held upon receiving a minimum number of students for each class. For registration or further information, please contact Ron DelBello at 941-698-1549 or [delbello@hotmail.com](mailto:delbello@hotmail.com)

### OPEN AUDITIONS – CALLING ALL ACTORS!

**Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 pm**

Our last three plays of the season are:

#### **DEARLY DEPARTED**

by David Bottrell & Jessie Jones  
directed by Bob LaSalle.

5 Men/6 Women - show dates March 2-20, 2011  
Auditions January 9-10, 2011

#### **DIXIE SWIM CLUB**

by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, James Wooten  
directed by Mary Lou Ardrey.

5 Women – show dates April 27-May 15, 2011  
Auditions March 6-7

#### **SEE ROCK CITY**

by Arlene Hutton  
directed by Ron Bupp.

1 Man & 3 Women - show dates June 22- July 10, 2011  
Auditions May 1-2

Actors will be reading

one drama and one comedic monologue.

Come and join the fun and meet the directors.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

**Diva and The Italian Guy Christmas Show**

**Saturday, December 18, 2010 at 7:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 2:00 pm**

Marcy 'Diva' Downey and Buddy 'The Italian Guy' Sebastian, present this year's unique Holiday-themed cabaret show, featuring outstanding vocal talent and laugh-out-loud comedy, sprinkled generously with holiday songs.

#### **Auditions for DEARLY DEPARTED**

**January 9 & 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the theater.**

5 men, 6 women. Scripts are available for perusal at the box office from 10 am to 2 pm, Mon.-Fri. Advance preparation isn't required. Director Bob LaSalle will ask actors to read from the script.

#### **Walker & Wolfe**

**Friday, January 28, 2011**

**Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 7:30 pm**

*Broadway to Hollywood* Songs – Impressions – Comedy – Dance – What more could you ask for? Their talents have taken them from Broadway to television and travels throughout Europe, South America and the Far East. Doug Walker & Leslie Wolfe have performed in venues such as Broadway shows, soap operas, and Carnegie Hall.

## CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

**JANUARY 5–23, 2011**

Lemon Bay Playhouse will bring the exciting and funny *Catch Me If You Can* to the stage of the playhouse beginning on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Written by Robert Thomas and adapted from the French version by playwrights Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert, the play enjoyed a successful Broadway run in 1965 starring Tom Bosley and Dan Dailey.

Our production of the play is directed by Steve Credeur who successfully staged *Murder by Misadventure* last season. This mirthful whodunit tells the story of an advertising executive whose honeymoon is interrupted when the bride disappears. Another young woman shows up and insists that she is the missing wife, and a priest backs up her story. A very funny local detective is assigned to the case, and the laughs begin. An entertaining little delicatessen owner enters the scene, and before you know it, there are two murders. A talented cast of seven experienced actors, five of whom have entertained you here in the past, will insure a fun-filled time for all. Welcome to our new actors Don Lerario, David Habershaw, and Bethany Fisackerly.



Cast of *Catch Me If You Can* include: (seated) Kim Fisackerly, (standing l-r) Don Lerario, Nick Nichols, John Wyczlinski, Jack Rabito, and Dave Habershaw. (Bethany Fisackerly not shown.) The show runs January 5-23.

**La Stanza Ristorante** at 285 W. Dearborn Street is sponsoring all of the plays at Lemon Bay Playhouse for the 2010-2011 Season.

**Note:** Seats can only be guaranteed until 5 minutes before curtain time. Please be sure to allow sufficient time prior to our performances to enjoy a dinner at LaStanza to complete your theatre experience.

### CHANGED PLACES & NEW FACES

Theatres are ever-changing places – the shows and concerts, the sets and props, and even the people! No wonder it's hard to keep up sometimes. To help you out, here is a list of who is doing what:

Maggie Deitsch, Managing Director  
Darlene Benson, Business Manager  
Rita Corn, Artistic Director  
Ann Hanushek, Production Manager  
Bob LaSalle, Lighting & Sound  
Rob Davis, Playbill & Spotlight Layouts, Theatre Photographer  
Ron Bupp, Publicity and Spotlight articles  
Kent Neilson, Volunteer Coordinator



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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



*Celebrating our 24<sup>th</sup> Season!*

2010-2011 SEASON



*TRYING* by Joanna McClelland Glass

**CHAPTER TWO** by Neil Simon

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Jamie Wooten

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September 1-19, 2010

October 27 - November 14, 2010

January 5-23, 2011

March 2-20, 2011

April 27 - May 15, 2011

June 22-July 10, 2011

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**Visit our website at: [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com)**

"It is the mission of Lemon Bay Playhouse to enrich Englewood and surrounding communities through theatrical productions, volunteer opportunities, education and training in the performing arts, and to provide a venue for other cultural activities."