



FEBRUARY-MARCH 2011

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of Lemon Bay Playhouse would like to invite **both members and volunteers** to attend a special forum, February 7, 2011 at the theatre starting at 6:00 pm. Two topics are scheduled to be discussed – future playhouse expansion and bylaws revisions.

All of us have a vision of the future for our playhouse. We would like to hear *your* opinions, so together we can continue planning the future of LBP.

The forum will begin with a report from ‘The Future Building Task Force’ and then proceed to an open forum. In order to hear as many people as possible, each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to share his or her vision. The order of speakers will be determined by a random drawing of ‘tickets’ given out at the meeting.

Due to the time constraint, the number of speakers may be limited by the moderator in order to allow time for the bylaws revision discussion or the meeting may be extended at his option.

Please note: This is not to be a debate and no decisions will be made that evening. All ideas will be considered at a future Board meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

March 24, 2011

The LBP Annual Meeting will be held from 6 pm – 8 pm at Rotonda Golf and Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL.

This is a **members only** event, and registration must be received by March 10, 2011 to attend. Please call the box office Monday-Friday 10:00 am-2:00 pm or email lemonbayplayhouse.com to register. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available along with a special presentation by Lemon Bay Playhouse's own Readers Theater.

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FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

I would like to thank all of our numerous volunteers for their dedication to Lemon Bay Playhouse. You are *each* unique and vital to the success of LBP. Unfortunately, there may be times when it is not made clear how much we value your contributions. That is what the upcoming Volunteer Banquet is all about. I hope to see a record number attend so that the Board and I can publicly thank *you!*

Maggie Deitsch

PS: Please be sure to tally your hours for 2010 on the blue time cards by February 10th. You should now be using the yellow ones for 2011.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

LPB FORUM

February 7, 6:00 pm

BOARD MEETINGS

February 21, 6:00 pm

March 21, 6:00 pm

READERS THEATER

February 7, 9:30 am

March 7, 9:30 am

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.

ENGLEWOOD/CAPE HAZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXPO 2011

Lemon Bay Playhouse is taking part in the Englewood/Cape Haze Chamber of Commerce Expo 2011. The event is February 24, 25, 26 at the Tringali Center in Englewood. Volunteers are needed to greet people and share information about the playhouse. If you would be interested in being a LBP representative, please contact Kent Neilson, Volunteer Coordinator at 941-698-1408.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER February 19, 2011

This year's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will once again be held at the Tringali Center in Englewood from 4:30 pm until 7 pm. Please be sure to call 941-475-6756 or sign up in the box office M-F 10-2 pm so we will have an accurate count for dinner reservations. Although this is *your* night off, if you would like to help with setting up or tearing down please contact Kent Neilson, Volunteer Coordinator at 941-698-1408.

AUDITIONS

THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB

by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten
Directed by Mary Lou Ardrey

March 6 & 7 at 7:00 pm Comedy/Drama 5 women - Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids, and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other's lives. The play focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years. The team captain, the wisecracking overachiever, the pampered beauty, the acerbic fatalist, and the sweet new mother share their love, laughter, and strength. The Dixie Swim Club is the story of these five unforgettable women—a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever.

SHORTS ALOUD

Auditions for Shorts Aloud will be held on March 6 at 7:00 pm in the Annex and Monday, March 7 in the Theater at 12 noon after the regular Readers Theater monthly session. *Shorts Aloud* the Readers Theater annual showcase, will be presented April 2 & 3, 2011.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS

by Ron Bupp



Bob La Salle spends so much time and is engaged in so many aspects of Lemon Bay Playhouse that one would assume that he is a full time paid employee. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Bob is a full time uncompensated volunteer, and his participation in every play helps anchor each of our successful productions.

Bob was born, raised, and educated in Rhode Island. After graduating from a two year community college, he enrolled at Johnson and Whales University in Providence and went on to earn a Bachelors and Masters Degree. He has been married to the lovely and talented Linda for 48 years, and they raised and educated 3 fine sons together. He spent most of his working life employed by New England Telephone (Verizon) and retired from that company in 2000, after 37 years of service. He and Linda spent a couple of years as snowbirds wintering in Florida and in 2003 moved here as permanent residents. It was as a snowbird that he met two of our other faithful volunteers, Ralph and Marion Barnes, who introduced him to Lemon Bay Playhouse.

His first job at our theater was as Stage Manager for the play *Don't Dress For Dinner*. He immediately became interested in the technical aspects of theater and began to work doing lighting and sound for our shows. However, it became apparent that he was also a fine actor when he played an important role in our production of *Veronica's Room*. Since then, he has acted in a number of our shows and has expanded his theatrical involvement by also directing several of our plays.

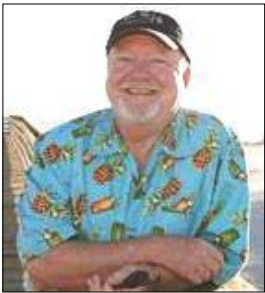
Bob is now completely in charge of all our lighting and sound, and he performs the job with virtuoso efficiency, jumping nimbly from job to job. He has an extensive library of music, which he uses to set the mood for many of our shows. He also serves on our Board of Trustees as Treasurer. All of his efforts are performed with boundless, buoyant energy, and he sets an example for us all. Thank you Bob!

UPCOMING EVENTS



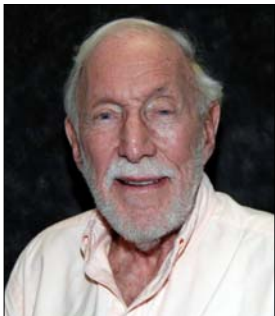
Frank Pisani—Singer, Actor, Comedian, and Impressionist! Saturday, Feb. 5th at 7:30 pm & Sunday, the 6th at 2:00 pm *Dinner option at La Stanza Ristorante is also available for Sunday's performance.

Tim Allan brings his stringed instrument virtuosity to the playhouse on February 11 & 12. Tim has appeared on stages all over America wowing audiences with his playing of guitar, banjo, and mandolin. His appearance on our stage sold out last year. Get your tickets early.



You'll be wearing a "Margarita Smile" when legendary Gulf Coast singer, songwriter, and humorist **Brent Burns** takes the LBP stage Friday, March 25 & Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 pm. Brent was the 2008 Trop Rock Music Award Winner for "Entertainer of the Year" and "CD of the Year" (Ragtops & Flipflops) and received the WAVE award for his humanitarian efforts. It was recently announced that he was also the 2010 Trop Rock Music Award Winner for "Songwriter of the Year" and "CD & Song of the Year" (I've Got A Beach In My Backyard).

IN MEMORIAM



One of our favorite LBP actors has passed to that great theater in the sky. **Ed Sealy**, who our audiences enjoyed in *Catch Me If You Can* (1996), *Getting Mama Married*, *A Delicate Balance*, *The Sunshine Boys*, and *Taking Leave*, died in January. We all know what a fine actor and extraordinary gentleman Ed was. He will be sorely missed.

DEARLY DEPARTED OPENS MARCH 2

Playhouse audiences are unlikely to see a more hilarious play this year than *DEARLY DEPARTED*, the 4th production of our current season. Written by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, and directed by Playhouse veteran Bob LaSalle, the fun begins when the head of the Turpin family keels over dead at the breakfast table. In the process of arranging the funeral, the grieving widow, oozing contempt from every pore, wants "mean and surly" engraved on the tombstone. What follows is a richly imagined cast of characters, who act as goofy as college students high on crazy glue.



Director Bob La Salle (back row center), has cast all roles in *Dearly Departed*, which opens March 2nd, and includes (front row left-right) Ann Hanushek, Monica McIntire, Carol Louisgnan, Lynn Means, and Donna Hadley. Back row, (left-right), Paul Mullen, Gary Craig, (La Salle), Brad Jenkins, and Nick Nichols. Also in the cast, but not shown, are Lee Lawler and Jeremy Stone. This promises to be a sell-out so get your tickets early.

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NOTE: You should expect your ballot to arrive the first week of March. Ballots will include choices of board candidates, future playhouse expansion and revision of bylaws. Completed ballots must be returned before 2 pm, March 24, 2011 to the playhouse box office or brought to the meeting.

At the last board meeting, the present Board of Trustees approved that 7 board members will serve in the upcoming year. This means that there will be 5 vacancies to be filled. If you are interested in serving, please respond with a letter of interest and your resume' to Sherie Ragan before the next board meeting on Feb. 21, 2011.

Directions: Take Placida Road South to Rotonda Blvd West. Proceed 1.1 miles East on Rotonda Blvd West to Rotonda Circle, Turn right onto Rotonda Circle. The Country Club is 0.7 miles on the left side of the road. We look forward to seeing you there.



96 W. Dearborn Street
Englewood, FL 34223

Celebrating our 24th Season!

2010-2011 SEASON

<i>TRYING</i> by Joanna McClelland Glass	September 1-19, 2010
CHAPTER TWO by Neil Simon	October 27 - November 14, 2010
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN by Jack Weinstock & Willie Gilbert	January 5-23, 2011
DEARLY DEPARTED by David Bottrell & Jessie Jones	March 2-20, 2011
THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope & Jamie Wooten	April 27 - May 15, 2011
SEE ROCK CITY by Arlene Hutton	June 22-July 10, 2011

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LBP Box Office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Phone 941-475-6756

Visit our website at: 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."