



APRIL - MAY, 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been an eventful month at LBP. The Volunteer Party went off with just a hitch or two, but it was a great success anyway. New volunteer awards were given out. See another article in this issue for the particulars.

The Annual Meeting also was held, and it, too, was a success. Ric Goodwin was elected to the Board for his first term. I, personally, am happy to have Ric as part of our Board. The knowledge of theatre and expertise he brings to us is invaluable and will aid us all in administering to the operations of the theater.

"Lettice and Lovage", though a difficult play for some of us, was still a mild success. I heard many very positive comments from the crowd when I was doing speeches and lights. My admiration for the actors in the herculean job of learning all of those lines and bringing it off is unbounded. My congratulations to them for a job well done.

We are still perusing the possibility of building a larger theater in the Englewood Square Shopping Center. Several of the Board members toured the Broadway Palm Theater in Ft. Myers to see what they had done with an old grocery store. Then, we toured the vacant store in the shopping center on S. Indiana. Our next step will be to meet with the owners of the shopping center and discuss possibilities. Stay tuned.

Bob La Salle, President/Treasurer

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER PARTY: A ROUSING GOOD TIME

BY RIC GOODWIN

Sunday, February 22nd marked our Annual Volunteer Party at Tringali Community Center. This is Lemon Bay Playhouse's yearly opportunity to give a heartfelt thank-you to all of our selfless and loyal volunteers. The festivities drew close to 100 of LBP's finest.

Special shout-outs go to Board Members Bob LaSalle, Kim Fox, Charlie Tyler, Michelle Nietzel, and Jim Sciarrello for their help in organizing and working at the event.

Additional "thank yous" go to Kathy Amelia and the Readers Theater for the entertainment, Doreen Barnett, Mary Lou Ardrey, Louise Goodwin, Murray and Kathy Hudson, and all the others who arrived early and stayed late to help with set-up and

strike.

A highlight of the event was the establishment of the LBP Volunteer Hall of Fame (HOF). Unanimously selected was Jim Suchomel as the Charter Member of the HOF for his 20 plus years of untiring dedication to set design and construction.

Additionally, the board

decided to recognize volunteers with 250 hours or more of service to LBP with special name tags. Please remember to fill out your volunteer record card so your hours can be counted. This year's recipients, and the hours volunteered in 2014, are as follows:

Volunteer	Hours	Volunteer	Hours
Bob La Salle	1,291	Sherry O'Connell	380
Dottie Warner	1,195	Rita Corn	344
Jim Sciarrello	707	Jane Merrit	308
Charlie Tyler	640	Carol Louisngan	296
Donna Hadley	572	Debra Martin	276
Jack Rabito	522	Pat Saracco	276
Jim Walsh	515	Kathy Hudson	275
Ann Hanushek	513	Murray Hudson	273
Marilyn Barton	435	Maureen Young	255
Paul Mullen	430		

Congratulations to everyone!

Mark your calendars now for next year's party that is planned for Sunday, February 21, 2016!



Jim Suchomel accepting the first LBP Volunteer HOF Award from Bob La Salle.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETINGS

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE PLAYHOUSE
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED!**

April 20, 2015 at 7:00pm

May 18, 2015 at 7:00pm

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

IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

SOMETHING TO HIDE

by Leslie Sands

Directed by Michelle Neitzel



The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for an upcoming show on Sunday, April 12 and Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm at the Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

The play, *Something to Hide*, by Leslie Sands, will be directed by Michelle Neitzel and calls for a cast of four women and three men. The show will run from June 10 through June 28, 2015.

This mystery/thriller takes place in a charming house in the English countryside, where a writer is joined each weekend by his wife, who is also his publisher. During the week, he is joined by his mistress. As action begins, the departing mistress is (apparently) run over and killed by the wife, and a plan is hatched to dispose of the body.

SOLD OUT SHOW ENDS EASTER

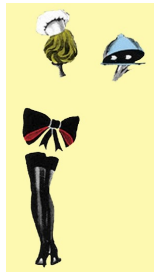
BY PAUL HYATT

DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER

By Marc Camoletti

Directed by Will Horton

March 11 - April 5, 2015



This popular French farce tells about a devious gentleman who has planned a weekend in the country with his chic mistress. He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights and is packing his wife off to her mother's. He's invited his best friend to provide the alibi. Could anything go wrong with this plan?

Information and tickets are available on our website 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.



The cast members of "Don't Dress for Dinner" take a short break from rehearsals to pose for a photo. Pictured seated (left to right) are Wendi Scianna (Suzanne), Michelle Neitzel (Suzette) and Victoria Caruso (Jacqueline). Standing (left to right) are Ric Goodwin (Robert), Robert McInnis (George) and Will Horton (Bernard and Director of the show).

OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

OH, MAMA! NO, PAPA!

by Reginald Denham

Directed by Rita Corn

April 29 - May 17, 2015



A very successful season for the Lemon Bay Playhouse will continue with its next production, *Oh, Mama! No, Papa!* by Reginald Denham, which opens on April 29 and runs through May 17, 2015.

This charming comedy, directed by Rita Corn, tells a story about Eleanor (a widow) and Silas (a widower) who are both chronic complainers about their health. When Louisa (Eleanor's daughter) and James (Silas' son), having tired of their parents perpetual grumbling, accompany them to see Dr. Bolt - hoping to get a firsthand report on just what is wrong with their elders - all four meet for the first time, and immediately strike up friendships. In fact, Eleanor and Silas are smitten with a romantic passion. When these two get together to celebrate, the fun begins.

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The cast of "Oh, Mama! No, Papa!" take time from their busy schedule to pose for a cast photo. Seated (left to right) are Kim Fox (Eleanor), Bob La Salle (Silas), and Donna Hadley (Geraldine). Standing (from left to right) are Stephen Horowitz (Dr. Bolt), Kristi Hibschan (Louisa), Jim Walsh (James), and Lee Hakeem (Dr. Brown).

ONGOING FUNDRAISING EFFORT

BY JIM SCIARELLO

Just a reminder that Lemon Bay Playhouse has several ways that you can participate in our fundraisers. The major ongoing one is for the pay down of the Annex mortgage. Contributions may be made with cash or a credit card by using the donation form, calling the box office or going online at www.lemonbayplayhouse.com. Another easy way, that does not require an actual cash outlay, is through the AmazonSmile program. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. For details on the AmazonSmile program see the last issue of the Spotlight or go to the Amazon website at smile.amazon.com. Thank you for your past contributions.

2015 EDUCATION CLASSES CONCLUDE

BY JIM SCIARELLO

The 2015 Acting Class and Shakespeare Workshop concluded with class presentations on the LBP stage on March 7, 2015. The adult acting class students provided the audience an enjoyable time, using their outstanding acting skills, while performing four scenes from various plays including *Plaza Suite* and *You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water Is Running*.

The Shakespeare workshop students exhibited superb skills while presenting Shakespeare's comedic play, *Much Ado About Nothing*. A total of six scenes were performed for the audience.

The students and the audience participated in an "afterglow" following the performance. Many delicious, homemade "goodies" were enjoyed by all.



The Lemon Bay Playhouse students who attended the 2015 Acting Class for Adults pose for a class picture. The students (standing from left to right) are Marshall Schroeder, Dave Clayton, Barbara Flynn, Bianca McConnaghy, Linda Snyder, Tim McConnaghy, Regina Wilfong, Bob Kurtz, Barbara Scott, Debbie McNeil, Karen Murphy, Ruthi Lange, Linda Bolduc (assistant director), Pauline Whyte. Kneeling, front and center, is Ron DelBello the class teacher. Missing from the picture are Jera Resser and Elinor Uhlhorn.



The Lemon Bay Playhouse students who attended the 2015 Shakespeare Workshop pose for a class picture. The students (standing from left to right) are Robert Kurtz, Charlie Tyler (workshop instructor), Jennifer Lewis, Murray Hudson, Russ Ousley. Seated (left to right) are Joyce Cleary, Kathy Hudson, Sue Atkinson, Connie Mittler and Carol Dowling. Missing from the picture are Ruth Shaulis and Ruthi Lange.

PLAY SELECTION COMMITTEE 2016-2017

BY CHERYL HASTINGS

Due to his very heavy schedule, Jack Rubito has resigned as Chairperson of the Play Selection Committee for the 2016-2017 Season. Cheryl Hastings was chosen as the new Chairperson. Other committee members are Rita Corn, Charlie Tyler, Ric Goodwin, Murray Hudson, Bob LaSalle, and Trisha Kinghorn. The first meeting was held on March 17th. At that time, plays for review were selected.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA



We have successfully completed our SIXTH Annual Shorts Aloud Festival with three sold out performances! Our cast included four new members of our RT family and some of our regulars. Magic by Mike was a big hit - a special thanks to

Rick Moitoza for all the special effects! Doing two performances on one day was a challenge that was met successfully by our cast, and I want to thank all of them for their endurance and stage energy level for that second show after the break! You all deserve ham sandwiches! We continue our monthly RT sessions through June and hope you spread the word of our little funfest we call READERS THEATER!

Upcoming Showcase Productions

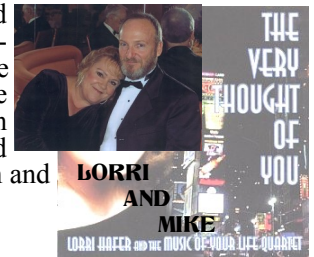
BY RITA CORN

Our Showcase Productions have been selling out this season. Marcy Downey and Tom and Sandy Doyle, and Tim Allan were all sold out performances. Our next one, Lorri Hafer Jazz Quartet, is well on the way to a sell out. With this in mind, I suggest you get your tickets soon for this last Showcase of the season on April 11 at 7:30pm.

LORRI HAFER JAZZ QUARTET "Salutes The Great American Songbook"

Saturday, April 11, 2015; 7:30 pm

Mike and Lorri Hafer, a husband and wife keyboard and vocalist duo, perform a strong selection of the best of the Great American Songbook. During the past decade, the quartet performed on "Music Of Your Life" Big Band and Jazz cruises throughout the Caribbean and in Europe. Get your tickets soon.



LEMONDROPS CHILDREN'S CAMP

BY RITA CORN



Lemon Bay Playhouse will again offer the Lemondrops Children's Theatre Summer Camp taught by our experienced instructors, Patty Tuff and Cheryl Hastings. The camp will be open to children ages 7-12, with a limit of 20 students.

The cost of camp is \$210.

The classes will run for three weeks, Monday thru Friday, from 9:00am to noon. The camp will start July 13 and go through July 31, 2015. The summer camp will conclude with two performances by the students on July 31 and August 1, 2015.

Scholarships will be available again this year, and discounts will be offered to families with multiple children enrolled. The deadline for signing up is June 5, 2015.



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Celebrating our 28th Season! **2014-2015**

<i>DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS</i> by Tom Dudzick	September 3 - September 21, 2014
<i>LADIES IN RETIREMENT</i> by Edward Percy & Reginald Denham	October 22 - November 9, 2014
<i>GREETINGS!</i> by Tom Dudzick	December 3 - December 21, 2014
<i>LETTICE AND LOVAGE</i> by Peter Shaffer	January 21 - February 15, 2015
<i>DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER</i> by Marc Camoletti adapted by Robin Hawdon	March 11 - April 5, 2015
<i>OH, MAMA! NO, PAPA!</i> by Reginald Denham	April 29 - May 17, 2015
<i>SOMETHING TO HIDE</i> by Leslie Sands	June 10 - June 28, 2015

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