

**AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2011**

## **FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **SUMMER GREETINGS TO ALL FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

We all hope you are having a pleasant and safe summer. This is the time of year for our theater to be dark. While we are between seasons, preparations for the coming season are under way. Repairs and improvements are in process as we get ready for another successful season.

This is the time for reflecting on our past season and making necessary adjustments for the wellbeing of our theater. Your Board has recognized our financial position and is tackling that thorny problem. While we remain solvent, there have been expenses that would seriously deteriorate our bottom line.

Your Board has decided to eliminate the position of Managing Director which will help increase profitable operations. The fine work of our previous Managing Director, Maggie Deitsch, has left us in excellent condition. She has downloaded all the files from her computer and turned over all her work product. We are grateful for the excellent organization she has left behind. Her organizational skills and work ethic will be beneficial for years to come. We wish her the very best in whatever undertaking she pursues.

Your Board has made the decision to return to a "working" Board. You may have heard from some of the Trustees already as they tackle the work load ahead. The efforts of several volunteers will be needed in the not too distant future to accomplish all the various tasks of running our theater. If you have even a few hours that you might be able to give to the theater, we have a job for you! Board member Doreen Barnett has graciously accepted the position of volunteer coordinator. Please feel free to contact her at (941) 473-0338 to explore the opportunities available.

### **AUDITION SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Auditions for *Absurd Person Singular*, directed by Bob La Salle, have been rescheduled for Sunday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in the theater. There are roles for 3 males and 3 females. Scripts are available in the box office for actors to read on the premises.

### **IMPORTANT MEETING DATES**

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

August 15, 2011, 6:00 pm

#### **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.

# Remodeling Project Adds Space to Wings



*Bob Gschwend and Chuck Heady assess their progress.*

**A**ugust brought a new look to the rear of LBP building. Driving around the back of the theater, you will notice a temporary enclosure under the roofed area. We are getting ready for our second play of the season, "Absurd Person Singular". It takes place in 3 different kitchens belonging to couples of 3 different economic levels. Since we have virtually no wing space on the stage, the addition was built to accommodate moving set pieces on and off the stage. Jim Suchomel and his crew enclosed an 8 ft. by 10 ft. space with a floor that is raised 16 in. above the parking lot surface. This makes it level with the stage, so our backstage crew can quickly roll kitchen pieces in and out. We want to thank Jim Suchomel, Bob Gschwend, Chuck Heady, Bruce Herget, Jerry Price, Jim Sciarelo, Rob Sprague, Steve Stump, and Dale Wallace for all of their hard work.



*Jim Sciarelo (standing) and Jim Suchomel choose just the right tool.*



*The finished product*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SPECIAL AREAS!

We have a wonderful cadre of volunteers at LBP, but there is always room for more. At LBP, work is fun!

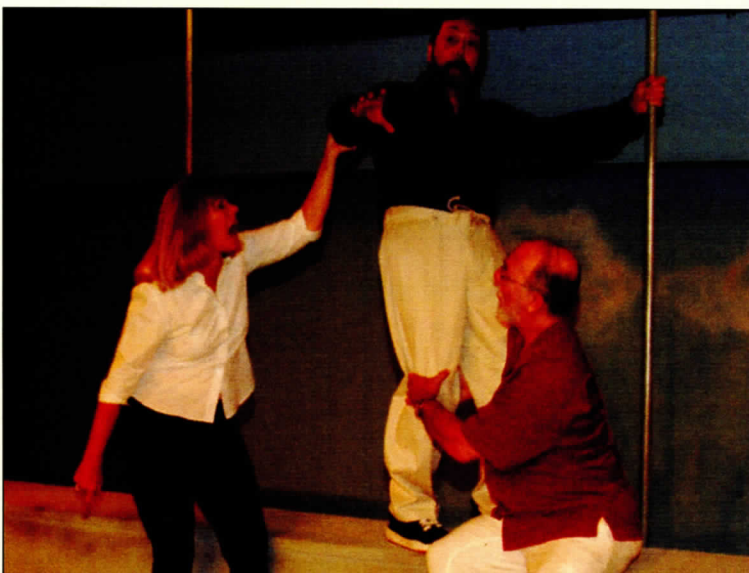


**Costume Help.** Do you have a flair for fashion, enjoy looking for treasures in thrift stores, and can do basic sewing? We have the *perfect* volunteer opportunity for you! LBP desperately needs some costume help. Please contact [ann@lemonbayplayhouse.com](mailto:ann@lemonbayplayhouse.com) or call the box office at 475-6756 and leave a message.

**Stage Managers.** If you love the theatre, are very organized, and think that you would enjoy working behind the scenes to help make plays come alive, you might be a great candidate for becoming a stage manager. The stage manager works hand-in-hand with the director, noting blocking (stage movements), giving lines to actors, gathering and directing the backstage crew, and generally making sure that everything runs smoothly. If you'd like more details, contact [ann@lemonbayplayhouse.com](mailto:ann@lemonbayplayhouse.com) or call the box office at 475-6756 and leave a message.



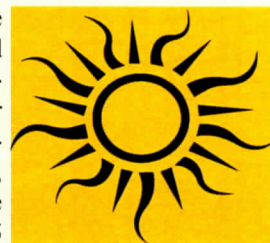
**Box Office Help.** Since many of our volunteers are seasonal, the box office is short staffed for the summer months. If you like to deal with people, use a computer, and are interested in being the first person patrons meet at LBP, telephone Darlene at 941-474-9610 or e-mail her at [boxoffice@lemonbayplayhouse.com](mailto:boxoffice@lemonbayplayhouse.com).



Are you ready to fall in **LUV**? The cast, shown above are: Kim Fox, Bob La Salle, Steve Horowitz. Directed by Becky Moran. Tickets are available at the box office or online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com).

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We are re-establishing our Sunshine Committee to have our members and volunteers know that we care. Therefore, should you know of a member or volunteer who is seriously ill, hospitalized, or who has suffered a family loss, please notify the committee through the Lemon Bay Playhouse box office. (475-6756).



## HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY, LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE

Attention all of you wonderful Lemon Bay Playhouse volunteers, devoted workers and generous supporters!

In case you hadn't noticed, we are about to start – hold your breath – our 25<sup>th</sup> season!

What a milestone this is! From our very humble beginning in that little storefront down Dearborn Street in the fall of 1987, we've come a long, long way.

Thanks to the gutsy optimism of that tiny gang of founding thespians, the awesome amount of hard work by the marvelous troupe of dedicated theatre lovers and the warm embrace of the entire Englewood community we can all take pride in a great accomplishment, dramatically unfolding at 7:30 p.m. on August 31, when the curtain opens for . . . **LUV**.

Let the Season and the celebrating begin!

~Paul Hyatt

## LUV

by Murray Schisgal  
August 31 - September 18, 2011

Lemon Bay Playhouse's 25<sup>th</sup> season gets off to a rollicking start with Murray Schisgal's "theatre of the absurd" play, **LUV**, a parody of the angst of the 1960s, when the "in thing" was to take pride in self-absorption and romantic self-pity.

Becky Moran, making her directorial debut at LBP, has chosen an outstanding cast to portray the outlandish characters in this comedy of seesaw relationships, where misunderstandings lead to hilarity.

Bob La Salle plays Harry Berlin, a deeply depressed man about to jump off a bridge. An old college acquaintance, Milt Manville, played by Steve Horowitz, happens by and intervenes. Milt has done well in his career – stock broker by day and "used bric a brac and personal accessories" by night. Milt convinces Harry that only love will save him. Then, he connives to have Harry fall in love with his wife Ellen, played by Kim Fox, in hopes that she'll divorce him so that he can marry the woman he loves. The ruse works, with comedic results sure to delight any audience.

Get your tickets now for an evening or matinee of fun! **LUV** runs from August 31 to September 18.



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## *Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Season!*

**2011-2012 SEASON**

LUV by Murray Schisgal  
ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR by Alan Ayckbourn  
Ken Ludwig's POSTMORTEM  
BAREFOOT IN THE PARK by Neil Simon  
THE GLASS MENAGERIE by Tennessee Williams  
STEEL MAGNOLIAS by Robert Harling

August 31– September 18, 2011  
October 26 - November 13, 2011  
January 4-29, 2012  
February 29 - March 25, 2012  
May 2-20 2012  
June 27-July 15, 2012

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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](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."