



**AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 2014**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are poised and ready to begin our 28<sup>th</sup> season. We have a wonderful and varied selection of plays to present beginning with "Don't Talk to the Actors" by Tom Dudzik. This is the first of two plays by the same author that we will produce this season. The second, "Greetings", is a quirky and very funny play that will be performed at Christmas time. Mr. Dudzik remarked that we are certainly very courageous to produce two of his plays in the same season.

When you enter the theater for the first time this season, you will notice that some changes have taken place. First, we have a new tech booth. It is an enclosed booth now that will shield the audience up in that corner from being disturbed by our lights and antics. It also gives us more room for new electronics.

Second, we have a new sound system. This is evidenced by the fact that the big, ugly, black speakers that were hanging in front of the stage are gone. In their place are three state of the art speakers suspended from the ceiling at the front of the theater. There are also new speakers backstage that will enable us to use sound effects more effectively.

Third, if you look up at the bar that the lights are hanging from over the audience, you will see a new video projector. To accompany that there is a large screen at the front of the stage. This screen can be lowered from the booth. We hope to present a few "Classic Movie Nights" this season. Let us know what your favorite classics are, and we will try to include them. We will keep you posted.

Lastly, you will notice that, at long last, the theater has received a fresh coat of paint. A crew of dedicated volunteers gathered one afternoon in July and painted the place. My thanks to those of you who helped us spruce up our theater.

I have included a few pictures of the construction for your edification (see page 2). It looks to be another great season here at LBP, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all here.

Bob La Salle, President

## **THEATRE CAMP**

BY RITA CORN

This year our theatre camp has been blessed with 19 talented students ranging in age from 7 to 12 with 4 boys and 15 girls. Our experienced and knowledgeable instructors Patty Tuff and Cheryl Hastings have prepared an original play which is written by Cheryl, with choreography by Patty. This delightful play is called "The Cat Revue Caper" and stars 19 Cats-all with different personalities.

The students are learning stage directions, blocking, line memorization, improvisation, puppetry and much more. They are all working hard preparing for this play and having fun at the same time.

All involved in this theatre camp, instructors, students and crew, are having a ball working on this production and looking forward to the show. Like they say, "There's no business like show business!"



The students, teachers, and crew of the Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp pose for a picture. In the first row (l-r) are Cheryl, Sebastian, Jayden, Brenna, Billy, and Rita. In the second row (l-r) are Peyton, Lilly Ann, Charlie, Grace, Krista, and Debbie. The camp participants in the third row (l-r) are Nathan, Myranda, Isabella, Maria, Jannine, Taylor, Skyler, and Becca. Standing in row four (l-r) are Matt, Jarus, Alina, Kaylee, Luke, Eli, Maddy, Patty, and Carolina.

## **IMPORTANT MEETING DATES BOARD MEETINGS**

**August 25, 2014 at 7:00pm (Date Change)**  
**September 15, 2014 at 7:00pm**



## IT'S AUDITION TIME! *LADIES IN RETIREMENT*

BY PAUL HYATT



Open auditions for *Ladies in Retirement*, by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7 and Monday, Sept. 8 at 7:00pm at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

In this compelling mystery/drama a former actress, Miss Fiske, and her long-time companion and housemate, Ellen, become involved in competing schemes that grow more sinister with the arrival at their home, of Ellen's two sisters. A surprise turn of events will keep audiences glued to the unfolding story.

Director Ron DelBello will need six women and one man to fill the cast.

Scripts are available for perusal at the Box Office, between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays. For information call 941-475-6756.

## UPCOMING CLASSES

BY RITA CORN

Lemon Bay Playhouse will again offer acting classes next season. The adult acting class will be instructed by Ron DelBello beginning Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 from 10:00am to noon and run thru Feb. 24, with a rehearsal day on Mar. 3 and a performance on Sat., Mar. 7 at 1:00pm.

This class will combine both new students and ones with experience, so if you never acted before but always had the desire, here is your chance to strut your stuff. Or, if you feel like you would just like to pick up some tried and true tips for acting, sign up right away since this is a very popular class and will fill up early.

Shakespeare classes will again be instructed by Charlie Tyler next season and will be held beginning Thurs. Jan. 15, 2015 from 10:00am to noon and run thru Feb. 26, with a rehearsal day of Mar. 5 and a performance on Sat., Mar. 7 at 1:00pm.

This year's class will focus on Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing", so you don't want to miss out on this exciting class.

These classes are again being offered at only \$50, so be sure to sign up early. Call the box office at 941-475-6756 for additional information and to sign up.

## A NEW TECH BOOTH IS BORN



Photos by Bob La Salle

## OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

## *DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS*

By Tom Dudzick

Directed by Michele Strauss



Comedy lovers will get their money's worth when they see *Don't Talk to The Actors* at the Lemon Bay Playhouse, opening Sept. 3 and running through Sept. 21.

The play, by Tom Dudzick, is about a young playwright who is thrilled to hit the "big-time," but dismayed by the money and ego-driven behavior of Broadway theatre people when he and his fiancée arrive in New York to begin production.

Director Michele Strauss has put together a talented cast to portray the wide variety of characters involved in this rousing story.

Information and tickets are available online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://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.



Photo by John Bass

The cast of *Don't Talk to the Actors* has been chosen, and they take a short break from rehearsals to pose for a picture with the Director. Seated (l to r) are Sandi Wood (Lucinda Shaw), Rita Corn (Beatrice Pomeroy), Alyson Gamble (Arlene Wyniarski), and Director Michele Strauss. Standing (l to r) are Charlie Tyler (Mike Policzek), Ron Bupp (Curt Logan), and Paul Mullen (Jerry Przepczniak).

## WHAT'S NEW AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA

The summer is coming to a close, and the fall season will be upon us. Labor Day will be right around the corner, but this year there will be NO Readers Theater on the holiday. We are changing our RT start date to October 6, 2014 at 9:30am for refreshments, we will enter the theater at 10:00am for our program.

We look forward to a wonderful RT season and successful outreach performances! And of course it is never too early to start thinking about our 6th SHORTS ALOUD - this year offering three performances!

Show times are February 28 at 7:30pm and March 1 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. Mark your calendars and buy your tickets soon at the special price of \$12.00.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you in October!



# MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEER ACTORS

BY JIM SCIARELLO (on behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of Lemon Bay Playhouse)



We had seven fantastic shows, with a total of 115 performances, making our 27th season one that surpassed any previous year. This is all attributed to our incredibly talented and dedicated volunteer actors. Because of them, the Directors, and all of the volunteers "behind the scenes" who supported the plays performed on our stage, we were able to accomplish this. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped accomplish this feat.



The cast from Norm Foster's play *Sinners*, take time to pose for a photo. Seated (l-r) are Aden Leonard (Carolyn Cavanaugh) and Michelle Neitzel (Monica Lloyd). Standing (l-r) are Patty Tuff (Diane Gillis), Charlie Tyler (Peter Kramer), and Paul Mullen (Roy Cavanaugh and Minister Lloyd).



The talented cast for *The Good Doctor* appear above. The seven actors play 33 roles in this 12 scene show. Standing (l-r) are Robin Mazey, Ruth Shaulis, Mike Hilton and Richard Blanchard. Seated (l-r) are Michael Levassuer, Maureen Young, and Mariah Phillips.



The performers in the Christmas murder mystery, *Christmas Cactus*, are (l-r) Bill Fisackerly (Stuart Windsor), Kim Fisackerly (Cactus O'Riley), Rick Moore (Fred Booker), Lee Lawler (Adelaide Booker), Nick Nichols (Neville Smedley), and Bob La Salle (Ramon Ramirez and Director).



The actors from *The Last Romance* take time for a photo op. Seated (l-r) are Donna Hadley (Rose Tagliatelle), Don Walker (Ralph Bellini), and Jenny Walker (Carol Reynolds). Standing is Mike Hilton (The Young Man).



The cast of *A Touch Of Danger* takes a break from rehearsals to pose for a photo. This group of remarkable actors consists of (front row l-r) Wendi Scianna (Connie Palmer), Jim Choate (Max Telligan), Maureen Young (Harriet Telligan), and Jessie Choate (Liz Ferber). In the back row (l-r) are Jim Walsh (Jeff Seago), Paul Mullen (Graham Digby), Charlie Tyler (Vincent Crane), Murray Fitzhugh (Lloyd Mitchell), and Jennifer Lewis (Rose).



The actors in *The Fourposter* are Ruth Shaulis (Agnes) and Jim Walsh (Michael).



The year is 1850 and the characters *The Heiress* are seen gathered in the front parlor of Dr. Sloper's house in Washington Square for a portrait. Seated (l-r) are Shelley Beauchemin (Elizabeth Almond), Mariah Phillips (Marian Almond), Ann Hanushek (Lavinia Penniman), Caitlin Waldrop (Catherine Sloper), and Leann Frizzell (Mrs. Montgomery). The cast members standing (l-r) are Jennifer Reed (Maria), Mike Hilton (Morris Townsend), and Ric Goodwin (Dr. Austin Sloper).



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## ***Celebrating our 28<sup>th</sup> Season!*** **2014-2015**

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

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"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."