



**DECEMBER, 2014 - JANUARY, 2015**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

There was not much activity over the past two months. "Ladies in Retirement" went off as scheduled in spite of some very challenging problems. Kudos to Ron DelBello for overcoming these problems and bringing the play to the stage. It was a very successful run.

The set for "Greetings" was built with yours truly helping for several days. This is a difficult time of year as many people go home for the holidays. It was a challenge to get enough people together to do the job. My congratulations to Jim Suchomel for getting the job done.

A special note here: Jim will have to retire soon due to his health and we will need to find someone to replace him - a difficult problem as his are big shoes to fill. Anyone who has carpentry experience would be most welcome. It is possible that we could even split the responsibilities between two or three people. If you are interested, please speak to Ann or me and we will explain the duties of the job.

I attended a meeting of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County at which Jane Chu, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts gave a talk. I was astounded to hear that the arts represent 3.2% of the GDP nationally. And in Sarasota County, they bring a huge amount of money into the economy, especially during the snow bird season. The National Endowment gives out numerous grants to the arts every year. The catch is that they all have to be met dollar for dollar by the recipient of the grant. We will be looking into this when we commence raising money for our new theater.

Bob La Salle, President/Treasurer

### **IMPORTANT MEETING DATES**

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

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

**December 15, 2014 at 6:00pm (time change)**

**January 19, 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.**

## **LBP FACILITY UPDATES**

BY RIC GOODWIN

Due to the recent resignation of building manager Mike Hilton, the LBP Board made the decision to eliminate that part-time position and sub-contract the cleaning and lawn maintenance of the theater and Annex to local independent businesses. ACSC of Southwest Florida will handle cleaning and Tom Campbell Total Care Home and Business will take care of mowing, trimming and landscaping. A special thanks to Ann Hanushek for finding and researching these businesses.

A new volunteer committee was formed to oversee light building maintenance. A Lemon Bay Playhouse shout-out to volunteers George and Diane Mahoney and Tony Durner for offering to perform weekly walk-throughs of our spaces, changing burned out light bulbs and reporting any plumbing, electrical, or other major problems as they arise. Lemon Bay Playhouse is indeed fortunate to have George, Diane, and Tony on our team of superb volunteers.

## **WHATS NEW AT READERS THEATER**

BY KATHY AMELIA

All of us at Readers Theater send out wishes for a joyous holiday and healthy New Year! Our season is in full swing with great attendance at our monthly sessions and outreach appearances filling the calendar.

Speaking of calendars, make a note on yours for Shorts Aloud auditions. They are scheduled for January 17 and 18 at 7:00pm in the Annex. Our Sixth Annual Shorts Aloud Festival is on Saturday, February 28 at 7:30pm and two performances on Sunday March 1 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. The show will have the theme "The Magic of Readers Theater". Reserved seat tickets are still reasonably priced at \$12.00 each.

Come join us!

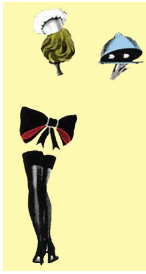
## IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

### ***DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER***

by Marc Camoletti and adapted by Robin Hawdon

Directed by Will Horton



The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for its next play on Sunday, Jan. 11 and Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:00pm at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

This comedy will be directed by Will Horton and calls for a cast of three men and three women. For the auditions the Director recommends that the actors be prepared to perform a one minute comedy monolog.

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?

## Upcoming Showcase Production

BY RITA CORN

Our Showcase production on November 15, 2014 was a terrific success with a sold out crowd and several on our standby list.

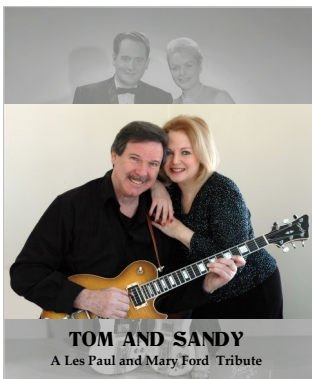
Marcy wowed the audience with her strong, clear radiant voice and style and had the audience in the palm of her hands from opening to closing. Her impersonations were impeccable and kept the people in stitches laughing.

With this in mind, I suggest you get your tickets for our next production of Showcase, which will be Tom and Sandy Doyle in "Les Paul and Mary Ford of Today Tribute"

### **TOM AND SANDY DOYLE**

**"Les Paul and Mary Ford of Today Tribute"**

*Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015; 7:30 pm*



Come and see this amazing husband-and-wife team capture the magic of Les Paul and Mary Ford through Tom's spellbinding guitar and Sandy's smooth vocals that will take you back in time! As Tom worked with Les Paul for over 45 years, he acquired a unique first-hand account of musical history as well as the invention and development of the electric guitar as we know it. Hear the Doyles as they entertain with stories

and recreate top hits such as; How High the Moon, Via Con Dios, Bye Bye Blues, The World is Waiting for the Sunrise and many more! To see a video demo of their performance please visit [www.tomdoyleguitars.com](http://www.tomdoyleguitars.com), their web site link.

## OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

### ***GREETINGS!***

By Ron Dudzick

Directed by Ron Bupp



For this special time of year, the Lemon Bay Playhouse will present *Greetings!*, a warmhearted play by Tom Dudzick, opening on Dec. 3 and running through Dec.21.

Praised by one reviewer as "A loving holiday wonder", it gives audiences an intimate view of how a family in turmoil is transformed by its youngest, and mentally challenged member, during a Christmas gathering.

Director Ron Bupp chose a very talented cast of three men and two women to spin this enchanting tale.

Information and tickets are available on our web site 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. Student tickets are available at \$12 each.



The characters cast for *Greetings!* welcomes you to an evening of enjoyment at the home of Phil and Emily Gorski. Front and center is Ian Bisset (Mickey Gorski). Seated (l to r) are Gloria Bandy (Emily Gorski) and Wendi Scianna (Randi Stein). To complete the cast are Jack Rabito (Phil Gorski) and Jim Walsh (Andy Gorski) (l to r) in the last row.

## OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION

### ***LETTICE AND LOVAGE***

by Peter Shaffer

Directed By Bob LaSalle



In this delightful comedy, Lettice Douffet, an expert on Elizabethan cuisine and medieval weaponry, is a tour guide at Fustian House, an old London estate. However, when her lectures become more fiction than fact, Lotte Schoen, an inspector from the Preservation Trust, is sent to fire her. But then, what happens between these two is a revelation. "An evening of enchantment and delight." - New York Post.

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## ACTING CLASSES

BY RITA CORN

If you missed the classes last year, here is your opportunity to join in. LBP will offer two more classes in the new year. The classes and details follow:

**Adult Acting Class**, instructed by Ron DelBello, will begin Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 10:00AM to noon at the Annex and will run thru Mar. 3, with a performance on Saturday, Mar. 7 at 1:00pm. The cost for this class will be \$50.

### 2014 Adult Acting Class Participants



**Shakespeare Workshop**, instructed by Charlie Tyler, will begin Thursday Jan. 15 from 10:00AM to noon at the Annex and will run thru Mar. 5, with a performance also on Saturday, Mar. 7. The cost for this class is \$50.

### 2014 Shakespeare Workshop Participants



These classes are a great value for the money and were very popular last year. We encourage you to sign up early to guarantee a spot in the class.

We also plan to repeat the **Lemondrops Summer Theater Camp for Children** again in 2015. Last season, the Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp concluded with evening performances of *The Cat Revue Caper*, a original play written by Cheryl Hastings, with choreography by Patty Tuff. This delightful play starred all camp participants, each portraying a different Cat and all with different personalities. The camp was very successful and fantastic positive comments were received from parents and students.

### 2014 Lemondrops Summer Camp Participants



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## 2015-2016 SHOWS SELECTED

The play selection committee did a wonderful job of choosing many great shows for the 2015-2016 lineup, our 29th Season. The final list of the selected shows, and the performance dates, are listed below. In addition, the playhouse will be choosing four Showcase Productions, and a Readers Theater show, which will be performed between the plays. It will prove to be an enjoyable and entertaining season for the Lemon Bay Playhouse theatre goers. Season tickets will be on sale in the spring and individual ticket sales will start in August. We look forward to your continued patronage and support.



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**2015 - 2016**  
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### OUR 29TH SEASON PRODUCTIONS

*A Bench in the Sun* ~ a Comedy  
by Ron Clark  
Sep. 2- Sep. 20, 2015

*Murder at the Howard Johnson's* ~ a  
Mystery/Comedy by Ron Clark &  
Sam Bobrick  
Oct. 21 - Nov. 8, 2015

*Over The River and Through the*  
*Woods* ~ a Comedy by Joe DiPietro  
Dec. 2 - Dec. 20, 2015

*Plaza Suite* ~ a Comedy by Neil Simon  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 14, 2016

*On Golden Pond* ~ a Comedy by Ernest  
Thompson  
Mar. 9 - Apr. 3, 2016

*Proof* ~ a Drama by David Auburn  
Apr. 27 - May 15, 2016

*Making God Laugh* ~ a Comedy/Drama  
by Sean Grennan  
Jun. 8 - Jun. 26, 2016



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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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