



**FEBRUARY - MARCH, 2015**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I trust that everyone had pleasant and happy holidays. I know I did.

I am pleased to announce that "Greetings!" did very well at 94% of available tickets. Kudos to all of our volunteers that were instrumental in bringing this delightful play to our stage. Also, both of the Showcase productions, Marcey Downey and Tom & Sandy Doyle, sold out as predicted. Both shows were wonderful and I am looking ahead to those that are coming up, especially Shorts Aloud.

Plans are well underway for our Volunteer Party to be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Tringalli Center as usual. It is our way of saying thank you to all of our loyal volunteers who do so much to make Lemon Bay Playhouse the great success that it is. I am pleased to say that, this past year, we had 120 volunteers who put in more than 16,000 hours. Wow!

Also, our annual meeting will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the theater. Ballots will go out in mid-February, so be on the lookout for them.

In further news, I am still on the board of the Charlotte County Hospitality Association and have attended several meetings. They provide information and access to all the restaurants, hotels, and entertainment businesses in Englewood, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda and surrounding communities. It gives us a chance to network with all the people in the area involved in the hospitality industry.

They are instituting several Hospitality Committees around the area, and I am to be chair of the Englewood committee. Our charge is to find out all the activities going on in our areas and disseminate that information to all the businesses in the area and the other committees. It is a good vehicle for us to publicize our theater to a large number of people. I shall remain on this board for another year at least.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob La Salle, President/Treasurer

## **SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER PARTY**

BY RIC GOODWIN



It's that time of the year again when Lemon Bay Playhouse extends a Thank You to our fantastic family of volunteers with the Annual Volunteer Party. Mark your calendars and save **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This year's festivities will be held at the Tringali Family Center in Englewood (3460 North Access Rd, just north of the library). Time for the event will be 4:30- 7:00pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Readers Theater. Catering will be provided once again by Gary Miller. We will need to provide Gary with an accurate count: you can make your reservation by stopping by or calling the box office at 941-475-6756 weekdays between 10:00am and 2:00pm. **Please make your reservation by Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>**. See you there!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT READERS THEATER**

BY KATHY AMELIA

February is a busy month for Readers Theater as we prepare for our Sixth Shorts Aloud Festival on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 and again at 7:30. This is our annual production in readers theater format by RT participants. It is always exciting to see some of our monthly RT readers on the main stage! The show always sells out quickly so get your tickets soon at a special price of \$12. As part of our March 2<sup>nd</sup> RT, I always like to bring back one of the selections from Shorts Aloud to honor this yearly event. See you on the aisle.

## **IMPORTANT MEETING DATES**

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

February 16, 2015 at 7:00pm  
March 16, 2015 at 7:00pm  
At Lemon Bay Playhouse

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY**

Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 4:30pm - At Tringali Center

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 2:00pm - At Lemon Bay Playhouse

## IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

### *OH, MAMA! NO, PAPA!*

by Reginald Denham

Directed by Rita Corn



The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for its next play on Sunday, Mar. 1 and Monday, Mar. 2 at 7:00pm at the Playhouse Annex, 80 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

This comedy will be directed by Rita Corn and calls for a cast of two men and four women for this rare comedy.

Eleanor (a widow) and Silas (a widower) are both, if you take their word for it, near death. Louisa (Eleanor's daughter) and James (Silas's son), tired of their parents' moaning, accompany them to see Dr. Bolt. Eleanor and Silas meet for the first time and are romantically attracted. Low and behold! The aches and pains disappear. When they get together to celebrate, the fun begins. The show runs from Apr. 29 through May 17, 2015.

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

## Upcoming Showcase Productions

BY RITA CORN

Our Showcase Productions have been selling out this season. Marcy Downey and Tom and Sandy Doyle were both sold out performances. Our next one, Tim Allan, is well on the way to a sell out. With this in mind, I suggest you get your tickets soon for our last Showcase of the season, Lorri Hafer Jazz Quartet which will be at 7:30pm on April 11, 2015.

### TIM ALLAN

#### "String Instrument Concert"

*Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015; 7:30 pm*



This concert performance will be a musical variety from jazz to country, popular to sing along. Tim will even include international songs as well as classics - all played on guitar, banjo, mandolin and ukulele. You may even hear Dueling Banjos.

### LORRI HAFFER 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.



## OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

### *LETTICE AND LOVAGE*

by Peter Shaffer

Directed By Bob LaSalle



Theatergoers around the country have praised this ingenious comedy and the story it tells: Lettice Duffet, an expert on Elizabethan cuisine and medieval weaponry, is a tour guide at an old London estate. However, when her lectures become more fiction than fact, Lotte Schöen, an inspector from the Preservation Trust is sent to fire her. But something happens between these two, and it's a revelation.

The director, Bob LaSalle, has assembled an excellent cast of three women and one man to entertain our audiences. The show runs through Feb. 15.

Information and tickets are available on our website 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 cast of "Lettice and Lovage" appear in front of the Grand Staircase of the Fustian House. Standing (l to r) are Nick Nichols (Mr. Bardolph and Surly Man), Jenni Elliott (Lettice Duffet), Becky Moran (Lotte Schoen), and Carol Rose (Miss Frammer).

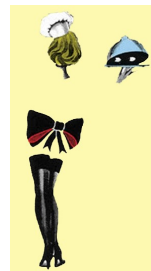
## OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION

### *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?

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## 6TH ANNUAL SHORTS ALOUD FESTIVAL



Once again, Lemon Bay Playhouse's Readers Theater will be presenting their annual Shorts Aloud Festival. This will be its sixth year, and this popular event is always well attended. A unique form of live theatre, the actors always give the audience a laugh-filled performance with twists and surprises.

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

## ACTING CLASS AND WORKSHOP

The adult acting class and the Shakespeare workshop are going quite well. The adult acting class has sixteen participants. This class is an introduction to the methods and theories of acting and includes many of the concepts. Ron DelBello, a drama teacher with a background in directing and educational theatre, is teaching the class. This 8-week class will be meeting on Tuesdays from 10:00am to noon at the playhouse annex.



The Shakespeare workshop has nine people registered and is studying Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. This workshop is being led by Charlie Tyler, who instructed and directed Shakespeare in schools for 28 years and has taught adult workshops in Shakespeare since 2000.

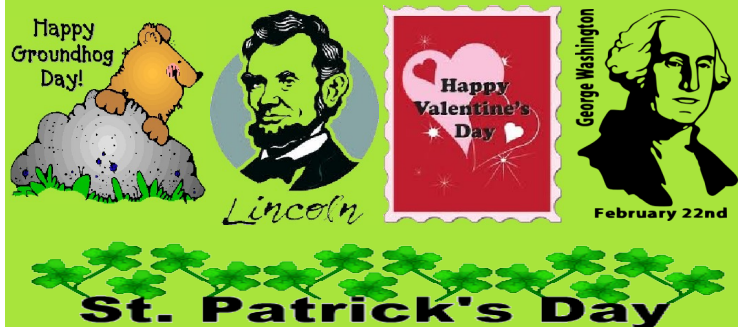
The class and workshop will run through February and they will culminate, as they did last year, with a performance event on Saturday, March 7 at 1:00pm. Afterglow to follow the performance.

## VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT IDEA



Looking for a great gift for that special person? Need an item for your silent auction or fundraiser? Want a gift to reward exceptional employees? Can't find a present for that special occasion? Lemon Bay Playhouse has the perfect solution for all of those needs. A Gift Certificate! You may purchase a gift certificate any time during the season and it will be good for any play during that season. For more information, or to purchase a gift certificate, call the LBP Business Manager at (941) 474-9610.

## FEBRUARY AND MARCH HOLIDAYS



## ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS

BY JIM SCIARELLO



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## LBP WISH LIST ITEMS



The wardrobe department of Lemon Bay Playhouse is in desperate need of a few items that will assist them and make their job a lot easier. Two much needed items are a dress form, size M-L, and a steamer. Please check your attic, closets and garage for these items. If you no longer need them, they will be a great help to our wardrobe volunteers. In the event you want to purchase either of these items, as a donation, they are available at Amazon. If purchased through the AmazonSmile program this purchase will benefit LBP in two ways—a donation of the item and a 0.5% donation of the purchase price. If you have any of these items, or if you are purchasing them, please call Ann, the business manager, at (941) 474-9610.



## ANNUAL MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

The Lemon Bay Playhouse Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00pm at the theater. A mailing will go out to all members, prior to February 12, 2015, with the agenda and ballots for voting. Please save the date and join us at the meeting.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00am on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night. Also, take this time change as a reminder to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home.



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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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