



**JUNE - JULY, 2016**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Some interesting things have transpired over the past two months. First, we have had a hearing aid loop system installed in our theater. All of you that have the T-coil in your hearing aids, and it is turned on, will be able to hear our productions through your hearing aids now. We also have some receivers with earphones for those of you that don't have the T-coil installed.

Second, we are going to have our roof replaced. We have been noticing several leaks appearing, one in the lobby, a second in the Green Room and a third in one of the bathrooms. I had a roofer in to inspect the roof and it was determined that the roof was too old and out of code and needed to be replaced. I solicited four bids for the work and at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the board we decided to table the action until all board members had the opportunity to review the bids. We are hoping to procure a grant to help defray the cost of this expensive project.

Third, we are going to have the parking lot repaved and striped. We have been noticing the beginnings of pot holes and cracks in the pavement surface and decided it was time to repave. We have applied for a grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and are waiting for their reply and must wait for that before proceeding.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob La Salle, Executive Director

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

BY KATHY AMELIA

I want to wish all the participants of our Readers Theater Program a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing them in the fall. At our last session in May, we had 40 people present and we enjoyed a "wrap up" of our season. Our outreach program had our last performance on May 10 at The Springs, an assisted living facility in Northport, where we have performed

three times to their residents. It is always fulfilling to make these treasured senior citizens laugh and enjoy live theater. Over the summer, I will start brainstorming our EIGHTH SHORTS ALOUD FESTIVAL so we can begin the creative process in January, 2017. So stretch out in the hammock, frolic in the waters up north and see you on Dearborn in about four months for our first RT October 3, 2016.

From the aisle, Kathy

## **LOOKING AHEAD . . . NEW FACES**

BY RIC GOODWIN

As we wrap up our 29<sup>th</sup> season with our final production of Sean Grennan's comedy *Making God Laugh*, we are excited and busy getting ready for our upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> season. You can read all about our seven diverse and entertaining productions, Showcases, and Shorts Aloud Festival in the Season Brochure mailed to your home or online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com).

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce two new directors we will be welcoming to LBP for our 2016-2017 season: Peter Ivanov and Tim Fitzgerald.

Peter Ivanov will be directing our lead-off production of the zany comedy *Exit Laughing* by Paul Elliott. Peter comes to us from Sarasota and has extensive acting and directing credits in See LOOKING AHEAD on Page 3

## **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

**The LBP Box Office will be closed starting Monday, June 27 and will reopen on Monday, August 1, 2016. New season ticket applications may be mailed in or dropped off until July 31.**

**BOARD MEETINGS - NEW TIME  
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE PLAYHOUSE  
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED!**

**June 20, 2016 at 6:00pm**

**July 18, 2016 at 6:00pm**

**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.**

## 2016-2017 SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE



This season, LBP is again providing you with seven great plays for your enjoyment. The 2016-2017 season brochure is now available. If you did not receive a brochure for our 30th season plays, Showcase Productions, and Shorts Aloud Festival,

be sure to pick one up in the lobby or download it from our website. Both the ticket order form and the season brochure are also available from our website at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com/season\\_ticket.html](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com/season_ticket.html).

Are you here for the whole season? If you are not already a season subscriber, here is a chance to purchase reduced price tickets and have the same seat for each show. Purchase a season ticket and get seven shows for the price of six at a cost of \$108 per person. One free ticket!

Not here for the whole season and still want to purchase reduced price tickets? Then our Flex Subscription (Four Pack) Pass is perfect for you. The cost for four shows is \$68 per person. That is a savings of \$1 per ticket. Each Flex Subscription Pass is valid for one ticket to a performance of your choice to any four of our plays you choose.

Season and Flex Pass Subscription tickets may be purchased by completing the season ticket form and mailing it to or dropping it off at the Box Office. Renewals of season tickets **have been completed**. New season tickets seats are still available. **All season ticket sales will end on July 31, 2016**. Flex Pass Subscription sales will continue as long as four productions are available.

On August 1, 2016, individual tickets for all performances and events may be purchased by phone, online, or at the box office. Purchase your tickets for this exciting season as soon as possible for the best available seats. - JPS

## SUMMER ADULT ACTING INTENSIVE WORKSHOP

BY RIC GOODWIN

Lemon Bay Playhouse is proud to offer an Adult Acting Intensive Workshop this summer. The workshop is for beginning and intermediate students from high school age through senior adults on a first come-first served basis. Class size will be limited to 20 participants.

The workshop will be held at the theatre and will run for four successive Saturdays: July 16, 23, 30 and August 6 from

9:30am to 12:30pm. The cost of the workshop is \$50. This intensive training will include units dealing with tension/anxiety, auditioning, moment-to-moment monologue work, character analysis, finding emotion, and beginning scene work.

Instructor for the workshop is Ric Goodwin, the Artistic Production Manager for LBP. Ric is a Professor Emeritus of Theatre from Ashland University, Ohio and holds an MFA in Acting. He has over 150 acting and directing credits in educational, professional, and community theatres across the country. For additional information and to register for the workshop please contact Ric directly by emailing him at [ric.and.louise@gmail.com](mailto:ric.and.louise@gmail.com) or by calling him at (216)-301-6633.

## THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Lemon Bay Playhouse is proud to announce that we have awarded three \$2,000 scholarships to three very deserving students from local high schools. This amount exceeded our 2015 scholarship awards which totaled \$5,000. All three recipients have

applied and been accepted to colleges of their choices.

Our scholarship committee, chaired by Arlene Knight, met and reviewed the applications received. The students selected by the committee were found to be quite worthy recipients for the scholarships. The students chosen and the high school they attended are as follows:

Student	School Attended
Reed Coffey	Port Charlotte High School
Kelsey Morrison	Lemon Bay High School
Gianna Rivellini	Lemon Bay High School

Congratulations to all these students. We are proud to have a hand in their education. We also thank our patrons for participating in the 50/50 scholarship fund. Without your help we would not be able to award these scholarships every year.



## IN MEMORIAM

On May 6 Jean Airey passed away and Lemon Bay Playhouse lost a dedicated and valuable volunteer. Jean maintained the playhouse web page for many years. She was also very active in the organization of the Pioneer Days Parade and weekend celebration for Englewood. Her volunteer work did not end there. She was also involved with the Suncoast Writers Guild, serving as its president, the Lemon Bay Historical Society, serving as its vice president, and the Women of the Moose. Her support for community organizations and events will most certainly be missed.

On March 4 Lee Ardrey passed away after spending six years in a nursing home. Lee was the husband of Mary Lou Ardrey who is a longtime volunteer. Lee was a dedicated member of Lemon Bay Playhouse and was ready to help when needed. He was a valued contributor in the earlier years of the playhouse growth and provided much support to his wife in her playhouse endeavors. Lee will be remembered for his involvement in the playhouse.



## IT'S AUDITION TIME!

BY PAUL HYATT

### EXIT LAUGHING

By Paul Elliott

Directed by Peter Ivanov

Auditions on July 24 and 25, 2016



The Lemon Bay Playhouse will hold open auditions for "Exit Laughing" on Sunday, July 24, and Monday, July 25, at 7:00pm at the Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. The show was written by Paul Elliott and will be directed by Peter Ivanov. The script calls for four women and one young man and the production will run from September 7 through September 25, 2016.

This gentle comedy shows us what happens when, after 30 years, one of the four members of a "girls" bridge group dies. Things get interesting when one of the members decides to "borrow" the ashes from the funeral home for one last card game. This begins one of the most zany and unforgettable nights of their lives! (and yours!)

For more details visit [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com). Scripts are available for perusal at the Box Office between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays. For information call (941) 475-6756.

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Colorado and Florida. Locally, Peter has numerous directing credits at Venice Theatre and teaches many of their adult acting classes. Peter also directed *Exit Laughing* last season for Venice.

Audition dates for *Exit Laughing* will be Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> at Lemon Bay Playhouse. Production dates are September 7<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Fitzgerald will be directing our holiday season offering, the comedy *Bob's Your Elf* by Norm Foster. Tim, who hails from North Port, has over 40 years of theatrical experience as an actor, director, stage manager and sound designer. Locally, Tim has worked at Venice Theatre and Sarasota Players. In addition to Tim's theatre life, he is also a travel consultant.

Audition dates for *Bob's Your Elf* will be Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>. (\*note- this is a change from our typical Sunday and Monday audition days\*) Production dates are November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>.

LBP will have another first-timer to open our Showcase Productions this season as we welcome Rod Rawlings in his one-man show *Mark Twain Turns 70*. Rod brings to the stage more than just his astounding resemblance to Mark Twain; he also brings to life Twain's timeless words and music when he plays guitar and sings. Rawlings moved to Florida with his family as a teenager. After serving two tours in Vietnam, he studied Journalism at the University of Maryland and later worked as a reporter for a business newspaper in California. A former hospital administrator, voice actor and then real estate broker in Florida, Rawlings says he's just beginning the third act of his life. Just being in his company can make you feel like you're dangling your feet in the Mississippi River, watching a riverboat chug out of sight. This production will be Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, mark your calendars now!

See you at the theatre!!!

## OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

### MAKING GOD LAUGH

By Sean Grennan

Directed by Ron Bupp

June 8 - June 26, 2016



For the final production of its very successful 29th season, the Lemon Bay Playhouse will present *Making God Laugh*, by Sean Grennan. Directed by Ron Bupp, it will open on June 8 and run through June 26, 2016.

This touching, yet funny play takes us smoothly through thirty years of holidays with a typical American family. The mother, father and three grown children all have hopes and dreams. As time passes the family discovers that, despite what we may have in mind, we often arrive at unexpected destinations. As Woody Allen once said, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans."

Visit [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) or stop by or call the Box Office at 941-475-6756 between 10:00am and 2:00pm weekdays and one hour prior to curtain time for more information and tickets. Reserved seat tickets are \$18. Student tickets are available at \$12 each.



The cast that will take you through 30 years in the history of the life of a middle class American family are (left to right) Bob La Salle (Bill), Ruth Shaulis (Maddie), Kim Fox (Ruthie), James Manns (Richard), and Ian Bisset (Thomas).

## LEMONDROPS SUMMER CAMP

Once again Lemon Bay Playhouse will be offering the Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp. Registration is now open for all children of ages seven through fourteen. The classes start on Monday, July 11 and run daily from 9:00am to noon for three weeks. The classes end with two performances on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30 at 7:00pm for family, friends, and volunteers.

This class will be taught by Patty Tuff and Cheryl Hastings, two excellent teachers, and will be assisted by several volunteers. The students will learn improvisation, characterization, blocking, puppetry, stage direction, and many more acting related activities. This cost of the camp \$200 and scholarships are available to those who qualify. Register soon to guarantee a place in the class.



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## ***Celebrating our 29<sup>th</sup> Season!*** **2015-2016**

<i><b>A BENCH IN THE SUN</b></i> by Ron Clark	<b>September 2 - September 20, 2015</b>
<i><b>MURDER AT THE HOWARD JOHNSON'S</b></i> by Ron Clark & Sam Bobrick	<b>October 21 - November 8, 2015</b>
<i><b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b></i> by Andrew Bergman	<b>December 2 - December 20, 2015</b>
<i><b>PLAZA SUITE</b></i> by Neil Simon	<b>January 20 - February 14, 2016</b>
<i><b>ON GOLDEN POND</b></i> by Ernest Thompson	<b>March 9 - April 3, 2016</b>
<i><b>PROOF</b></i> by David Auburn	<b>April 27 - May 15, 2016</b>
<i><b>MAKING GOD LAUGH</b></i> by Sean Grennan	<b>June 8 - June 26, 2016</b>

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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."