



**JUNE-JULY, 2014**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Florida Theater Conference "Spring Fling", a gathering of theater general managers and board members from all over Florida, held at the Ice House Theater in Mt. Dora. The subjects for discussion ranged from financing our theaters to managing volunteers. I got to meet quite a few people from theaters big and small— from an 80 seat theater in La Belle to a 450 seat theater in Eustis. I came away with some good information such as: where to apply for grants, are playbill ads a winner or a loser, reaching out to local schools, fund raising ideas, and much more. We will be discussing some of these ideas at future board meetings. This is the second year that I have attended this conference, and it certainly was worth my time and attention.

On another note, in response to repeated requests from our costume people, the board voted at the last meeting to purchase and install a washer and dryer in the Annex. Using some of the money we received from the BP settlement, we purchased a stackable washer and dryer and had the requisite plumbing and electrical work done. I hooked everything up and we now have the desired laundry facility.

I have been in contact with Truex Construction and they are prepared to begin construction of the new Tech Booth in the first week of July. During the same period, we will have a new sound system and a new video system installed as well. These will be operational when we open our 28<sup>th</sup> season in September. Again, this has all been made possible by the settlement we received from BP.

Bob La Salle, President

### **LBP FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

BY CHARLIE TYLER

In order to prepare for the 2014 Giving Challenge, numerous posts were made to LBP's Facebook page and shared with friends. There were also two mass email campaigns, one of which went out the day before the event.

On the day of the challenge, the gifts contributed to LBP were monitored. A thank you e-mail was sent to each donor as soon as the gift was recorded. Two generous donations were elec-

tronically entered, at the playhouse, within two minutes of the start of the Challenge—anticipating that they will be matched. At the end of the 24 hours, without matching funds, the Playhouse grossed \$5,640.00 or \$1,500 more than we netted with matching last year. Also of note, it was learned that our Charlotte County Coalition received a \$3,000 grant for Best Collaboration. This will be shared among the participating nonprofits. In support of the 24 Hour Giving Challenge, arrangements were made for Readers Theater to perform at the Charlotte Community Foundation's headquarters on May 6. A special thank you goes out to Kathy Amelia, Marilyn Barton, Joyce Cleary, Jack Rabito, and Jim Zakas for their work in support of LBP. With the 24 Hour Challenge behind us, we will now focus on the next phase of the Annex campaign.

As part of our ongoing Annex Campaign, it was discovered that LBP has been put up for a \$250 grant from a donor managed fund at Raymond James Financial. Bob LaSalle completed the paperwork for this grant, returned it to Raymond James, and we have received the check. Also, Jack Rabito will be doing a benefit performance of *Give 'Em Hell, Harry* for us this fall as an additional fund raiser activity. God bless you, Jack!

### **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

**The LBP Box Office will be closed starting Monday, June 30. Season ticket applications may be mailed in or dropped off until July 31. The box office will reopen on Monday, August 4, 2014.**

### **IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING DATES**

**June 16, 2014 at 7:00pm**

**July 21, 2014 at 7:00pm**

**Changes in meeting dates or times will be posted on the website and sent by email**

## CALLING ALL ACTORS

BY RITA CORN

### ***DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS***

**By Tom Dudzick**

**Directed by Michele Strauss**



Open auditions for *Don't Talk to the Actors*, a comedy, will be held Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at the playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., Englewood Fl. 34223.

The best plans go awry when the cast and crew of a Broadway-bound play resort to manipulative, diva-like behavior and chaotic abandon to get what they want. Playwright Jerry and his fiancé are a couple of Buffalo greenhorns suddenly swept up in the whirlwind of New York's theatre scene.

Director Michele Strauss is looking for 3 females and 3 males of various ages. The show runs from Sept. 3 thru Sept. 21, 2014.

Perusal scripts will be available at the Box Office. For information call (941) 475-6756 from 10:00am to 2:00pm weekdays.

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## 2014 - 2015 SEASON SHOWCASE PRODUCTIONS

BY RITA CORN

Lemon Bay Playhouse is proud to announce its upcoming 2014-2015 Showcase Productions.

Our first showcase of the season will be the irresistible **Marcy Downey's "It's my Party: The Fabulous 50's and 60's!"** on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, at 7:30pm. Marcy is a unique, versatile entertainer who never fails to come through with a fun filled evening, leaving you with a smile on your face and a bounce in your step. Every performance a sellout!!

**Tom and Sandy Doyle's "Les Paul and Mary Ford of Today Tribute"** is planned for Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at 7:30pm. This amazing husband and wife team captures the magic of Les Paul and Mary Ford through Tom's spellbinding guitar and Sandy's smooth vocals. Let them take you back in time with the top hits such as: How High the Moon, Via Con Dios, Bye, Bye Blues, The World is Waiting for the Sunrise and many, many more.

**Tim Allan will appear on stage bringing you his "String Instrument Concert"** on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at 7:30pm. Tim will entertain you with musical variety from jazz to country—playing guitar, banjo, mandolin, and ukulele. He has enjoyed engagements on television, cruise ships, top hotels, and in concert venues around the world. You don't want to miss this talented entertainer.

**Lorri Hafer Jazz Quartet "Salutes the Great American Songbook"** is slated for Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 7:30pm. Mike and Lorri Hafer, a husband and wife keyboard and vocalist duo, will perform a strong selection of the best of the Great American Songbook. The focus will be on artists such as George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and Harry Warren. Also included will be swing songs of the big band era and loving tributes to Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Rosemary Clooney, and Billie Holiday. You'll be dancing in the aisles to this talented quartet.

## OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY PAUL HYATT

### ***THE HEIRESS***

**by Ruth and Augustus Goetz**

**Directed by Leanne Hanson**

**June 11 through June 29, 2014**

What happens when a shy but wealthy young woman falls desperately in love with a delightful young fortune hunter whose attraction to her is not exactly romantic?

This dramatic story of *The Heiress*, by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, will be presented by the Lemon Bay Playhouse beginning on Wednesday, June 11 and running through Sunday, June 29.

Elements of mystery and intrigue will draw audiences in as the action unfolds on stage.

Director Leanne Hanson has assembled a strong cast of players for this production, which will conclude the 2013-2014 season for the Playhouse.

Information and tickets are now available online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) or by visiting or calling the box office at 941-475-6756 between 10am and 2pm weekdays and one hour prior to curtain time. Reserved seat tickets are \$18.00.



Photo by John Bass Photography

The year is 1850 and the characters in the show, *The Heiress*, are seen gathered in the front parlor of Dr. Sloper's house in Washington Square for a portrait. Seated (left to right) 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 (from left to right) are Jennifer Reed (Maria), Mike Hilton (Morris Townsend), and Ric Goodwin (Dr. Austin Sloper).

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## LBP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

BY RITA CORN

Lemon Bay Playhouse is proud to announce that we have granted four \$1000 scholarships this year to very deserving Lemon Bay High School students. This was all made possible by our loyal 50/50 patrons.

The LBP scholarship committee, consisting of Arlene Knight, Doreen Barnett and Rita Corn, awarded scholarships to the following students: Victoria Chamberlain (Fine Arts), Kayla Kraft (Musical Theatre), Trevor McDonald (Film Production), and Jake Robinson (Music-Teaching).

We thank our patrons for their generosity and our volunteers for giving their time to collect the funds. With your help, we will continue to award scholarships to our talented students each year.



## WHAT'S NEW AT READERS THEATER

BY KATHY AMELIA



As our "season" is winding down, Readers Theater will have its last monthly session on June 2, 2014 at 9:30 am before our summer hiatus. We will be off from JULY through SEPTEMBER this year, resuming our RT "first Monday" get-together on October 6, 2014. I want to thank all of our at-

tendees who volunteer to read our selected skits or sit in the audience, supporting our readers and our program. It is a joy to watch your enthusiasm as we present an array of pieces each month, especially when new "volunteers" step up on our stage to experience RT firsthand. I hope your summer is relaxing and fun, returning to Florida refreshed and ready to embrace our playhouse and our unique theater experience. Looking to see you in the future on the aisle.

## ACTING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

By RITA CORN



Lemon Bay Playhouse will again offer adult acting classes next season.

A combined adult acting class will be instructed by Ron DelBello beginning Tuesday, January 13, 2015, from 10:00am to noon and run thru February 24, 2015, with a rehearsal day on March 3, 2015, and ending with a performance on Saturday, March 7 at 1:00pm. The class is open to both newcomers to acting, and actors with experience. Instruction will focus on the students' levels.

Shakespeare classes will be instructed by Charlie Tyler again next season and will be held beginning Thursday, January 15, 2015, from 10:00am to noon and run thru February 26, 2015, with a rehearsal day on March 5, 2015, and ending with a performance on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 1:00pm.

The cost for these popular classes is \$50.00. Reserve your space early by calling the Box Office at (941) 475-6756 between 10am and 2:00pm weekdays.

## GUESS THIS ISSUES' EVENTS



June 14th



June 15th



July 4th



July 14th

## 2014-2015 SEASON TICKETS

NOW AVAILABLE

BY JIM SCIARELLO



This season, LBP is again providing you with seven great plays for your enjoyment. The 2014-2015 season brochure is now available. If you did not receive a brochure for our 28th season plays, Showcase Productions and Shorts Aloud Festival, be sure to

pick one up in the lobby or download it from our website. You may also download the ticket order form from our website at [http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com/season\\_ticket.html](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com/season_ticket.html).

The cost of the 28<sup>th</sup> season tickets is at the same low price as they were for last season. 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 plays 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 Subscription Pass tickets may be purchased by completing the season ticket form and mailing it to or dropping it off at the Box Office. All season ticket sales will end on July 31, 2014. Flex Subscription Pass sales will continue as long as four productions are available.

Seats will not be assigned for the Flex Subscription Pass. Purchasers will receive a code to be used when buying tickets to the four plays they wish to see after August 4, 2014. The code may be used to select the shows and seats desired by calling (941) 475-6756, by visiting the box office, or going online at [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com).

## LBP IS SEEKING GRANT WRITERS

BY JIM SCIARELLO



Lemon Bay Playhouse is in need of individuals who would like to assist the playhouse in obtaining grants. The individual(s) will work with board level volunteers to research new grant opportunities with government agencies, corporations, and foundations. It will also require preparing grant applications and monitoring grant reporting. To perform these tasks, the typical skills required include good written and verbal communications, project management, computer software experience (e.g. MS Word and Excel), conducting prospect research, working independently, and taking initiative. If you are interested, or would like more details, please contact the business manager at (941) 474-9610.



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## *Celebrating our 27<sup>th</sup> Season!*

### **2013-2014**

*SINNERS* by Norm Foster  
*THE GOOD DOCTOR* by Neil Simon  
*A CHRISTMAS CACTUS* by Eliot Byerrum  
*THE LAST ROMANCE* by Joe DiPietro  
*A TOUCH OF DANGER* by Francis Durbridge  
*THE FOURPOSTER* by Jan de Hartog  
*THE HEIRESS* by Ruth Goetz and Augustus Goetz

September 4 - September 22, 2013  
October 23 - November 10, 2013  
December 4 - December 22, 2013  
January 22 - February 16, 2014  
March 12 - April 6, 2014  
April 30 - May 18, 2014  
June 11 - June 29, 2014

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**Visit our website at: [www.lemonbayplayhouse.com](http://www.lemonbayplayhouse.com) (or scan the QR code)**



"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."