



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER, 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer is gone, and we start a new season here at LBP. This one promises to be a doozy. It's a full season with another Christmas show, so get your tickets early.

Your Board of Trustees has been busy over the summer. The five projects listed in our strategic plan are under way with Rob Davis volunteering to look into replacement of our ragged old curtain and Ron Bupp heading up the updating of our marquee. I have made a start in looking into sound and video systems for our theater as well. The tech booth project is going to be a bit more difficult as it will have to be done next July when we are not in performance.

Speaking of our Board, we are looking for some good board candidates. As you know, we are a working board, and the success of our theater depends very much on the work put in by our board and the volunteers that so willingly work for us. If you love Lemon Bay Playhouse and want to see us grow and prosper, joining our board and pitching in may be the thing for you. If you want more information about what the board entails, call us at the theater and leave your name and contact information or stop by and see me. I'm usually here every weekday until noon. Or call me directly at 941-408-6541.

Bob La Salle, President

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES BOARD MEETINGS

October 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm (note date change)
November 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm

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

**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.**

****Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov 3****

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

BY RON BUPP



Comedies, dramas and mysteries come alive on our stage with every production. But the gray fabric of everyday life as portrayed on our stage by our actors is brought to life when they appear in costume. The costumes must be vibrant and natural and no one is more aware of this than our wonderful costume chairperson Donna Walters.

Donna was raised in the Canton, Ohio area and graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Elementary Education. She spent 30 years teaching special needs children at the elementary level. A very tough job by any standard, but one in which she excelled and loved. She also had time to raise and educate two children of her own. In 2001, Donna and her husband Chuck retired to Florida and now live on Manasota Key. As new residents, one of the first things they did was become season ticket holders at Lemon Bay Playhouse. She later saw a news article regarding our acting classes and completed both the beginner and intermediate programs. Thus began her love affair with our theater, and she has been with us ever since. She took on the job of costume chairperson several years ago, and has successfully costumed approximately 25 of our productions. She is quick to point out that her work is a team effort and gives great credit to Barbara Moitoza, Jean Monroe, Carol Ashton and Cathy Hudson for their tremendous help and support. Donna loves working with actors and her infectious charm and virtuoso efficiency are an inspiration to all involved. She says the most difficult part of her job is finding period costumes, and she often has to travel out of the immediate area to find them. Her greatest reward is seeing her costumes on stage in a fine play.

As an active member of our Readers Theater and Outreach Group, she readily admits that when she is performing as an actor, she is enthralled by the magic and excitement of the stage.

Donna, we thank you for your fine work and dedication that inspires us all.

AUDITIONS

CALLING ALL ACTORS - TWO AUDITIONS

BY RITA CORN

A CHRISTMAS CACTUS

Open auditions for *A CHRISTMAS CACTUS*, a comedy by Eliot Byerrum, and directed by Bob La Salle, will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 and Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, at 7:00pm, at the Playhouse.

This delightful comedy turns Christmas into a Dickens of a holiday for private investigator Cactus O'Riley as she solves mysteries, delivers small miracles, and takes a second chance on love. Add to that the appearance of two fugitives and her secretary's mother, who thinks this is a Christmas murder mystery party, and you are guaranteed to have laughs galore. It's not only fun and exciting to be part of a theatrical ensemble, but it's a great personal experience to walk through the stage door as an actor.

The Director is looking for 4 males and 2 females of various ages. The show will run from Dec. 4 through Dec. 22, 2013. Perusal scripts and sides will be available at the Box Office. For further information call 941-475-6756 on weekdays, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.



THE LAST ROMANCE



Open auditions for *THE LAST ROMANCE*, a comedy by Joe DiPietro, and directed by Dan Higgs, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24 and Monday, Nov. 25, at 7:00pm at the Playhouse.

A crush can make anyone feel young again—even an elderly widower. A chance meeting leads Ralph to woo the elegant but distant, Carol. Defying Carol's reticence—and his lonely sister's jealousy—Ralph regains a happiness that seemed all but lost.

The Director is looking for 2 male and 2 female actors. The show will run from Jan. 22 through Feb. 16, 2014. Perusal scripts and sides will be available at the Box Office. For further information call 941-475-6756 on weekdays, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

CALLING ALL WOODWIND MUSICIANS

BY BOB LA SALLE



If you play saxophone or clarinet, we are in dire need of your services. Our Christmas show, "A Christmas Cactus" takes place on Christmas Eve and key to the play is a street musician who plays Christmas Carols on a saxophone. The music will be recorded so no one will have to appear on stage every night. We would be forever grateful if you would volunteer to record the songs. Your name will appear in the playbill and there may be other rewards as well. Just contact the box office at 941-475-6756 weekdays between 10am and 2pm or drop us a note and we will get in touch with you.

COMING SOON!

OUR CURRENT PRODUCTION

BY JAY HALCROW

THE GOOD DOCTOR

By Neil Simon

Directed by Carole Kleinberg

The Good Doctor, written by Neil Simon, who based this play on Anton Chekhov's stories, opens on October 23 and runs through November 10. The play is an extraordinary combination of the work of the two most well known playwrights from the eras in which they lived. This play is full of stories illustrating human foibles, infectious humor, and poignant drama. It's impossible to tell where Chekhov stops and Simon picks up the story. Is the basic nature of modern people so different from those of Chekhov's 19th century Russia? You can decide for yourself after seeing this remarkable play.

Under the direction of Carole Kleinberg and with talented local actors on stage, prepare yourself to enjoy this romp through the Russian landscape for an evening of unending entertainment and a closer look at what we were, and still are, as human beings.

Information and tickets for this show are now available online at 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. The Lemon Bay Playhouse is celebrating its 27th season, so join us and be part of our exciting theater community.



The talented cast and director for this show appear above. The seven actors play 28 roles in this 12 scene show. Standing (from left to right) are Robin Mazey (The Writer, Narrator, Voice, Father), Richard Blanchard (Sexton, Man, Sailor, Navy), Maureen Young (Madame Brassilhov, Woman {Act 1, Scene 5}, Woman {Act 2, Scene 3}), Michael Levassuer (General Brassilhov, Husband, Army, Banker Kistunov), Mike Hilton (Cherdyakov, Kuryatin, Peter, Policeman, Assistant (Pochatkin), Boy). Seated (from left to right) are Mariah Phillips (Wife {Act 1, Scene 2}, Julia, Wife {Act 1, Scene 6}, Girl {Act 2, Scene 2}), Carole Kleinberg (Director), Ruth Shaulis (Mistress, Pochatkin, Girl {Act 2, Scene 4}).

SHOWCASE PRESENTATIONS

BY JIM SCIARELLO

Lemon Bay Playhouse has four very exciting and entertaining Showcase Presentations this season. These talented professionals will delight you with the variety and quality of their performances. LBP has booked Cynthia Sayer, a very popular repeat entertainer and three artists new to our stage. Reserved tickets are \$18.00 each and are available online or from the box office (941-4756756). Tickets will be selling quickly, so choose the entertainers you want to see and purchase your tickets now to get the best seat selection available.



KARDENNI - Magic, Mind and Marvel **Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013; 7:30 pm**

Born in Germany, Kardenni moved at an early age to the American Northwest. It was there he learned his art and mastered his skills. Over the past 15 years, Kardenni has developed a unique style of magic that is exceptionally amazing, funny, and original. His style is inspired by art, music, and philosophy.



CYNTHIA SAYER **Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014; 7:30 pm** **"Strummin and Toe Tapping"**

Cynthia Sayer is regarded as one of the top 4-string banjoists in the world today. A member of Woody Allen's jazz band for over 10 years, Cynthia's solo career has taken her well beyond these New Orleans roots to become an acclaimed bandleader and guest artist.



BARBARA VAN EYCKEN **Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014; 7:30 pm** **"Country To Pop, A Tribute To Patsy Cline"**

Ms. Van Eycken discovered Patsy Cline's music and story in 2000, and the next year, after winning first place for "Best Female Tribute Artist" in a major competition, this native New

Yorker knew she was on to something big.



CAROL AND JOHNNIE **Saturday, April 12, 2014; 7:30 pm** **"Music and Mayhem"**

Carol and Johnnie perform songs, comedy, ventriloquism, and impersonations with a dash of audience participation. Nostalgic medleys include songs from the Golden Oldies, Pop Standards, Old Time Rock and Roll, and Classic Country.

It didn't rain on our parade! However, during the **Pioneer Days Parade** staging, it poured. As the parade started, the sun came out, making the event a huge success. To view pictures of the LBP float go to the web site at <http://sdrv.ms/14e9ixq>

ACTING CLASSES

BY RITA CORN

Once again, LBP will offer the following acting classes this season. The first one starts October 1, and the remaining will start in the new year.

Adult Intermediate Acting, instructed by Ron DelBello, will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 10:00AM to noon at the Annex and will run thru Nov. 12, with a performance on Sunday, Nov. 17. The cost for this class will be \$50. Sign up forms are available at the box office.

Adult Beginning Acting, instructed by Ron DelBello, will begin Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 10:00AM to noon at the Annex and will run thru Mar. 4, with a performance on Saturday, Mar. 8. The cost for this class will be \$50.

Shakespeare Workshop, instructed by Charlie Tyler, will begin Thursday Jan.16 from 10:00AM to noon at the Annex and will run thru Mar. 6, with a performance also on Saturday, Mar. 8. The cost for this class is \$50.

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.

Lemondrops Summer Theater Camp for Children

This camp was very successful and fantastic positive comments were received from the parents. Plans are underway to repeat this program in 2014.

READERS THEATER HAPPENING

BY KATHY AMELIA

As everyone who comes to our monthly sessions knows, Readers Theater is always a wild trip—the kind of trip where your imagination is co-pilot to the script, and the results can be very interesting. On September 30, 2013, members of our outreach troupe took this unique form of theater to the Myakka River Elementary School, where we performed for students from Grades PreK - 5. The selection of Aesop's "Tortoise and the Hare" had a cast that included the Vice Principal and two teachers. Grimms' "The Fisherman and the Wife" had the "fish" (Marilyn Barton) amid a sea of children, who were the sound effects of the stormy sea. It was rewarding to see the children smiling and getting involved in the stories. I want to thank Barbara Harrington, Donna Walters and Marilyn Barton for doing a great job, letting the children's imagination run free! We all left there feeling a little younger. See you on the aisle.

50/50 PAYS OFF BIG TIME

BY RITA CORN

Our theater goers were not the only ones benefiting from our 50/50 scholarship raffle this year. Four Lemon Bay High School students were chosen from ten candidates. Through the generosity of our patrons and the efforts of our 50/50 volunteers, the four students each received a \$1,000 scholarship. Thank you, everyone! The students receiving the scholarships were Connor Byrnes, Molly Hauer, Clint Thompson, and Caitlin Waldrop. LBP hopes to award even more scholarships next year.

We thank our committee, consisting of Doreen Barnett, Rita Corn, and Arlene Knight, for all their hard work in selecting these outstanding students.

ENJOY THESE HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER





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Celebrating our 27th 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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"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."