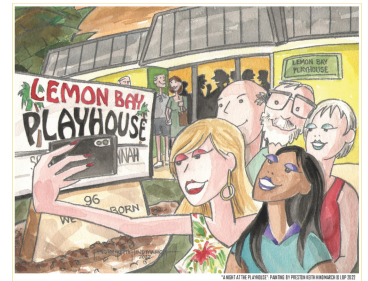




2023—2024 Season Productions



Baggage By Sam Bobrick

Sept. 6 - Sept. 24, 2023

Directed by Jenni Elliott

ROMANTIC COMEDY



Two difficult single people, Phyllis and Bradley, both trying to heal from their respective disappointing relationships, get their luggage mixed up at the airport. After a very disagreeable first encounter, the two decide to help each other get over their heartaches by forcing a friendship that eventually leads to the two dis-

covering that while they may be too difficult for everyone else in the world, they are perfect for each other.

Let's Murder Marsha By Monk Ferris

Oct. 18 - Nov. 5, 2023

Directed by Pam Hayes

COMEDY - some elements of mystery

LET'S MURDER MARSHA BY MONK FERRIS



A happy housewife named Marsha, hopelessly addicted to reading murder mysteries, overhears her loving husband discussing her upcoming birthday surprise with an interior decorator. To her ears, though, it sounds like they are planning to murder her! With the assistance of her next-door neighbor, she

tries to turn the tables on them with a poisoned potion. When her own mother shows up for her birthday a day early, Marsha thinks she is in on the diabolical scheme. When her maid's date, a policeman, shows up to take the maid out, Marsha thinks he is on to her poisoning attempt. Well, finally, just when you would think all this would be cleared up, Marsha's intended victims discover what she has supposed, and decide to teach her a lesson by pretending to be murderers. This is a terrific show for family audiences who like their comedy broad, fast, and nonstop.

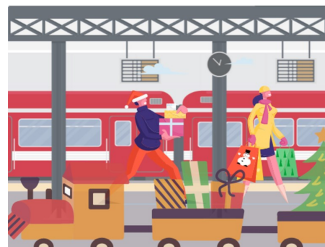
The Christmas Express By Pat Cook

Nov. 29 - Dec. 17, 2023

Directed by Carol Warren

HEART-WARMING

The Christmas Express by PAT COOK



"This is the most hopeless place in the world!" Hilda intones as she and Satch, her assistant, argue over what time it is. She dreams of faraway places and only finds tedium in running the Holly Railway Station. That is, until Leo Tannenbaum drops in out of nowhere the day before Christmas Eve. Suddenly, an old radio that hasn't worked in years springs to life, the local group of carolers (which usually yowls like a

gang of wet cats) begins to sound like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the whole town gets the Christmas spirit. Coincidence? Or is Leo doing all this? Even Satch changes his tune when it turns out that Leo might be on the run. This nostalgic theatrical greeting card is full of eccentric small-town characters, wise cracking their way to finding the true wonder of Christmas. And on the way, they make us all wish we could take a ride on The Christmas Express.

The Sunshine Boys By Neil Simon

Jan. 17 - Feb. 11, 2024

Directed by Steve Black

COMEDY - A Neil Simon classic



Al and Willie as "Lewis and Clark" were top-billed vaudevillians for over 40 years. Now they aren't even speaking. When CBS requests them for a "History of Comedy" retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries, and laughs. The story follows the attempt by a young

theatrical agent to reunite his elderly uncle, a former vaudevillian great, with his long-time stage partner for a TV reunion. Despite their celebrated reputation, the two old men have not spoken in 12 years. Besides remastering their sketch, the two men have numerous issues to work out before they are ready to return to the public eye.

The Art of Murder
By Joe DiPietro

March 6 - March 31, 2024

Directed by Bob La Salle

MYSTERY - some intense scenes

The Art of Murder
by Joe DiPietro



In a remote estate in the countryside of Connecticut, Jack Brooks, one of the most accomplished and eccentric painters of his generation, awaits the imminent arrival of his art dealer. But the visit is not a standard one, for Jack feels wronged, and he is intending to kill the man. As Jack lays out his

intentions for the evening, his wife, Annie, calmly paints. She is reluctant to go along with the plan, until Jack's threat of violence convinces her otherwise. Harried and annoyed, Vincent, Jack's flamboyant art dealer, arrives. Will Jack carry out his plan? Will Annie help him? Or is something else going on?

Sicilians in the Basement
By Joe Simonelli

April 24 - May 12, 2024

Directed by Joe Simonelli

COMEDY

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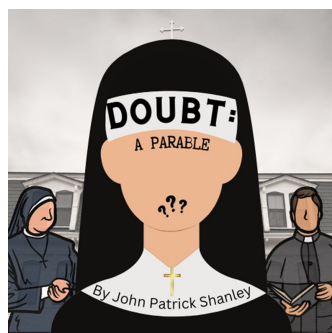
A romantic comedy about a hapless couple who open a Swiss Restaurant in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. The Swiss cuisine is not really going over well in the heavily ethnic neighborhood until two Sicilian immigrants arrive to shake up the menu!

Doubt: A Parable
By John Patrick Shanley

June 5 - June 23, 2024

Directed by Stacy Katz

DRAMA - intense drama with adult themes; suspicions of an inappropriate relationship



"What do you do when you're not sure?" So asks Father Flynn, the progressive and beloved priest at the St. Nicholas Church School in the Bronx, in his sermon. It's 1964, and things are changing, to the chagrin of rigid principal Sister Aloysius. However, when an unconscionable accusation is leveled against the Father, Sister Aloysius realizes that the only way to get justice is to create it herself. And as for the truth of the matter? As Father Flynn says, "*Doubt can be a bond as powerful and sustaining as certainty.*" In stunning prose, John Patrick Shanley delves into the murky shadows of moral certainty, his characters always balancing on the thin line between truth and consequences. *Doubt: A Parable* is an exquisite, potent drama that will raise questions and answer none, leaving the audience to grapple with the discomfort of their uncertainties.

Check out www.lemonbayplayhouse.com for information and to buy your tickets starting on **AUGUST 1**



2023 - 2024 Showcases

NEW

THE ELVIS EXPERIENCE

Saturday, November 11, 2023; 7:30 pm



Matt Stone is a world-class Elvis Tribute Artist from South Florida. In 2022, he was named by Graceland as one of the Top Ten Elvis Tribute Artists in the world! Matt brings an unseen level of authenticity and attention to detail to his craft, matched with unbridled vocal power and captivating charisma! Unlike many other tribute artists on the market, Matt Stone portrays the King in his prime: young, agile, and full of energy...the way he should be remembered! Matt has even been heard on SiriusXM's ELVIS RADIO!

Priding himself on being an encyclopedia on the King, there's no tribute artist on the market with a greater "burning love" for all things Elvis!

Because of his years of research and intense analysis of the small details that truly bring the King to life, Matt Stone portrays the closest thing to Elvis any fan has seen since 1977!

JIMMY MAZZ

THE BEST OF JIMMY MAZZ

Saturday, January 13, 2024; 7:30 pm



The Best Of Jimmy Mazz Variety Show is a veritable smorgasbord of music from the many different show themes Jimmy has performed over the years.

Jimmy's unique, professional and highly entertaining shows have highlighted artists, musical eras, genres, and a wide range of styles from the classic crooners to his present day tribute to Three Dog Night. His eclectic musical taste incorporates Motown, Las Vegas show tunes, Country music, Broadway, Hollywood movie themes, songs of the islands and of course good ole' Rock N' Roll of the 50s, 60s and 70s. From Bill Haley to The Eagles, Jimmy's shows include all kinds of music. He may even add a touch of opera and a polka here and there for good measure so this musically diverse "Best Of" show that highlights just about everything, and covering a wide age and musical taste range, is sure to satisfy everyone.

Having delighted and entertained audiences around the world for over 40 years, the past 16 as a full time touring singer and entertainer working the showrooms in both Las Vegas and Atlantic City, folks are completely engaged as Jimmy brings you the hits of Neil Diamond, The Righteous Brothers, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Glen Campbell, Dion, Frankie Valle, Jimmy Buffett, Johnny Cash, Bobby Darin, Willie Nelson, Roy Orbison, Englebert Humperdinck, Tom Jones, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., The Temptations, John Denver, and of course the king, Elvis Presley, plus many, many more. Too many to list here so you'll just have to come see (and hear) for yourself!

NEW

LEE HARDIN COMEDY

Saturday, November 18, 2023; 7:30 pm



Based out of Nashville, Tennessee, Lee Hardin has been touring the country, telling relatable jokes and stories. Over the years, Lee has been able to share the stage with comedians like Henry Cho, Ryan Hamilton, and Nate Bargatze. In 2019, his comedy special, "Not Quite A Grown-Up" was released on DryBar Comedy. Lee also made his television debut on The Mike Huckabee Show, where he also performs regularly as the warm-up act.

CLEAN
COMEDY

2023 - 2024 Showcases

CHUCK GILLESPIE THE ENVELOPE PLEASE

Saturday, February 17, 2024; 7:30 pm



Chuck Gillespie returns to the Lemon Bay stage with another brand new multi-media production.

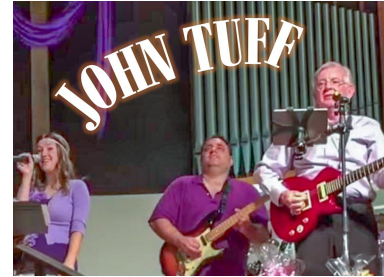
“The Envelope Please” is a spectacular evening of wonderful music, first heard in the movie theaters across America. Chuck has hand-picked two acts full of some of the greatest musical memories from the Great American Songbook. The composers are a veritable “who’s who” of any Hall of Fame list; from Gershwin to McCartney, spanning the golden years of motion pictures.

Along with the wonderful songs will be the fascinating stories of the music and the films they so wonderfully accompanied. Adding to the experience will be over 200 images illustrating the stories, the history, and our world at the songs’ creations.

Like the amazingly successful and sold out “Moon River Tonight, the Andy Williams Story” of this past season, plan to get your tickets early. This unique show is unlike any other you will see this season.

JOHN TUFF AND FRIENDS

Saturday, February 24, 2024; 7:30 pm



John Tuff and Friends make their ninth appearance on the LBP stage. This very talented group of musicians will provide the audience with a fantastic evening of music consisting of classic country hits of the past. Their performance will include classic country music of current and older country legends such as Johnny Cash, Hank Snow, Ernest Tubb, George Jones, Johnny Horton, and more. The emphasis is on old-time country music, the kind many of us grew up with on the family radio. This show will lift your spirits and bring you back to the old days when folks valued good music, good times, and pride in this great country of ours. If you appreciate this style of traditional country music, come and join us for this tribute to the country hits of the past. Shari Frink will add the classic music of the women of country music, Rich Church will play terrific lead guitar and Cousin Minnie will make us feel like we are all visiting Grinders Switch.

PAISLEY CRAZE LINDA RONSTADT TRIBUTE BAND

Saturday, April 20, 2024; 7:30 pm



Paisley Craze is a five piece 60s Music Tribute Band from Sarasota, FL. High energy, Rockadelic music played by five rock musicians who lived the 1960s music scene and still love it! These seasoned veterans of music, were all raised on Rock & Roll and have made their life’s work bringing this generation of music to the masses. Our brand of rockadelic music entertains across all age groups and these iconic hits are in the DNA of a large part of the American population. Livin’ in the USA is a high energy musical tribute to Linda Ronstadt, one of the biggest voices in the popular music of the 60s, 70s and 80s. For more information check out the Paisley Craze website at WWW.PAISLEYCRAZE.COM.

APRIL FOOLS COMEDY SHOW

Saturday, April 13, 2024; 7:30 pm



APRIL FOOLS

Comedy Show



A Night of Light Hearted Laughter
with Kathy McSteen and
The Florida Comedy Network Gang
At Lemon Bay Playhouse
April 13, 2024 @ 7:30

Enjoy an evening of light-hearted laughter as Kathy McSteen and her Florida Comedy Network gang make April Fools of themselves just for you in this adult clean comedy show. Check out www.lemonbayplayhouse.com for the full lineup.

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2023 - 2024 Auditions Schedule

BAGGAGE

9/6/23 - 9/24/23

By: Sam Bobrick

Directed By: Jenni Elliott

Auditions: 7/16/23 - 7/17/23

LET'S MURDER MARSHA

10/18/23 - 11/5/23

By: Monk Ferris

Directed By: Pam Hayes

Auditions: 8/27/23 - 8/28/23

THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS

11/29/23 - 12/17/23

By: Pam Cook

Directed By: Carol Warren

Auditions: 8/27/23 - 8/28/23

THE SUNSHINE BOYS

1/17/24 - 2/11/24

By: Neil Simon

Directed By: Steve Black

Auditions: 11/19/23 - 11/20/23

Script information will be available on our website or at the Box Office between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm weekdays.

However, advance preparation isn't required.

In most cases, the director will ask you to read from the script.

Callbacks are scheduled, if necessary, at the discretion of the director.

THE ART OF MURDER

By: Joe DiPietro

3/6/24 - 3/31/24

Directed By: Robert La Salle

Auditions: 11/19/23 - 11/20/23

SICILIANS IN THE BASEMENT

4/24/24 - 5/12/24

By: Joe Simonelli

Directed By: Joe Simonelli

Auditions: 2/25/24 - 2/26/24

DOUBT: A PARABLE

6/5/24 - 6/23/24

By: John Patrick Stanley

Directed By: Stacy Katz

Auditions: 2/25/24 - 2/26/24



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