

Lemon Bay Playhouse - Season 2023-24

Baggage by Sam Bobrick

Comedy

Audition dates: July 16 and 17, 2023

Performance Dates: Sept 6 through Sept 24, 2023

2M 2F

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 discovering 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

Comedy

Audition Dates: August 27 and 28, 2023

Performance Dates: October 18 through November 5, 2023

3M 4F

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 think 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 actually 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

Christmas

Audition Dates: August 27 and 28, 2023

Performance Dates: November 29 through December 17, 2023

4M 6W

"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 Morman 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

Comedy

Audition Dates: November 19 and 20, 2023

Performance Dates: January 17 through February 11, 2024

5M 2F

Al and Willie as “Lewis and Clark” were top-billed vaudevillians for over forty 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 twelve 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

Mystery

Audition dates: November 19 and 20, 2023

Performance Dates: March 6 through March 31, 2024

2M 2F

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

Comedy

Audition Dates: February 25 and 26, 2024

4M (one offstage voice) 3F

A hapless couple open a Swiss Restaurant in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Business isn’t going well, the Swiss cuisine isn’t going over in the heavily ethnic neighborhood and their difficult landlord isn’t making it any easier. The sudden arrival of two Sicilian immigrants result in a shake up the the menu and their lives.

Doubt by John Patrick Stanley

Drama

Audition Dates: February 25 and 26, 2024

1M 3F

“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. As for the truth of the matter? As Father Flynn says, *“Doubt can be as powerful and sustaining as certainty.”*