

INTERMISSION SERIES

April 20 and 21 at 8:00 p.m., 22 at 2:00 p.m.

"Three On a Bench" - Comedy

A widow loves to sit in the park and bring couples together, making them realize that what they argue over is trivial.

"Dolores on Jeff" Comedy

Dolores explains how Jeff talks about other women, so she makes herself over to be what SHE thinks he wants.

"Jeff on Dolores" Comedy

Jeff says Dolores was perfect and now something has happened that he doesn't understand. She's changed, and this is putting a strain on the relationship.

READERS THEATER MEETS EACH MONTH

LBP's new Readers Theater was launched successfully on March 5 with spontaneous and lively performances of several short plays enjoyed by all those who attended the first Monday gathering.

Organizers Richard Blanchard, Reid and Linda MacCluggage and Larry McGee hope the new format will entertain and engage new audience members as well as give new actors the opportunity to try their hand at public performance.

The group meets on the first Monday of every month at 9:30 am and the meetings are open to anyone interested in performing or listening to plays in a friendly, relaxed setting. Coffee is served and a chance to socialize precedes the play reading which starts at 10:00 am.

Readers Theater is a form of theater where lines are not memorized but read from a script. No theatrical experience is necessary to participate at the monthly gatherings. A variety of plays and other materials adapted for Readers Theater format are read and the roles are rotated to include as many participants as possible. It's also fun to just come and listen to some great plays!

In addition to the monthly gatherings open to all, LBP Readers Theater will be available to perform at local libraries, clubs, and other community organizations free of charge. Auditions for roles in the performing casts will be held seasonally and participants must be available for rehearsals and performances during the day and occasional evenings.

The next monthly gatherings are slated for April 2, May 7 and June 4. Mark your calendars and come on down to see what it's all about.

CRIMES OF THE HEART UP NEXT ON OUR STAGE

In *Crimes of the Heart* we have the Magrath sisters, who came, parentless, from Vicksburg to live with their grandparents in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. Their mother had hung herself (and the pet cat); their father had already left them. It's not terribly surprising to discover the girls are still suffering the consequences.

It's the eldest daughter's 30th birthday. Lenny (Linda MacCluggage) is on her way to becoming a spinster, constrained, psychologically at least, by a "shrunk ovary" -- she's the one still at home, now taking care of Old Granddaddy. Her youngest sister, the dim-witted sugar-holic Babe (Kelly Duyn), just shot her husband in the stomach and is getting bailed out of jail. She doesn't want to explain why it happened to Barnett (Shawn Watkins), the young, bright but nerdy lawyer they've hired to defend her, and who also has a long-standing crush on her.

Lenny has summoned the middle sister, Meg (Becky Holahan), home from California. Meg went there after Hurricane Camille (and after having left her boyfriend, Doc (Jefferson Halpin), who got his leg crushed during the hurricane because Meg insisted on riding out the storm instead of seeking shelter. He now walks with a limp and is married, neither of which stops Meg from spending the night with him. She went nuts and was committed to a mental hospital. (She also drinks a lot.) And let's not forget that Lenny's 20 year old horse, Billy Boy, just died. (He was struck by lightning.) or that their presumptuous, judgmental, social-climbing first cousin, Chick (Donna Hadley), is in a tizzy because her two kids just ate paint.

If that doesn't sound like a far out setting for a play, you weren't paying attention. The play opens on May 2nd and closes on May 20th. Call the box office at 941-475-6756 for ticket information.

"It is the Mission of Lemon Bay Playhouse to enrich the Greater Englewood community through theatrical productions, other cultural activities, challenging volunteer opportunities, and education and training in the performing arts."

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For those of you who do online shopping, there is another way to support Lemon Bay Playhouse. Go to www.iGive.com and register. Select Lemon Bay Playhouse as your cause. iGive.com is a shopping portal with over 600 online stores participating. I'm sure you'll find many of your favorites there. When you enter the store through the link on the iGive.com site and make a purchase, a percentage of your purchase is sent to Lemon Bay Playhouse. Your purchase doesn't cost any more than if you went directly to the store site. This way, though, you can donate to Lemon Bay Playhouse as part of your normal online shopping.

Of course, you are always welcome to send a check to Lemon Bay Playhouse to express your appreciation and support. But if you'd like to contribute without putting a dent in your checkbook, GoodSearch and iGive are the ways to do it.

REMINDER

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party
April 14
Tringali Center



On February 17, Mary Lou Ardrey (far right) conducts a tour of the theater for prospective volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of our theater, and if you are interested, please call the box office for more information.



Some of the unseen, but very important, volunteers who build the sets for our plays. First row: l-r, El Paufve, Bob Gschwend, Bob Davoli, Jim Suchomel. Second row: l-r, Joe Podojil, John Spencer, Bill Hanson, Jim Berkshire, Dale Wallace, Jerry Price, Bob La Salle, Phil Dobrin, Joe Rex. Under the direction of Jim Suchomel, on the Monday morning after the last performance of a show, the above volunteers start "striking" the set, and by that same afternoon the set for the next show is up and ready for the cast to start rehearsal. A heart felt round of applause for this backstage crew! Keep up the much appreciated good work, guys.

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Board were elected immediately after the general meeting. Bob LaSalle is our Vice President, Paul Phillips is our Treasurer, Joyce Colmar is our Secretary, and I was re-elected as President. Thanks go to all the candidates for their interest and desire to serve Lemon Bay Playhouse.

The referendum that was part of the ballot asked members if they supported the Board's efforts to explore the possibility of a larger theater. 70% of the ballots cast said, "Yes!" When those results were made public, Sarasota County Commissioner Shannon Staub requested a meeting with us regarding the County's property on Dearborn Street between Mango and Orange. We both agreed that it would be a great location for a new, larger theater. At the Commissioners' meeting on March 20, all five County Commissioners gave their approval to a motion to work with Lemon Bay Playhouse toward the goal of a new building. Although the tax situation may be changing soon, the Commissioners noted that they would help us financially as much as possible, but the new building would belong to Lemon Bay Playhouse. Even with the help of the County, a new building is years away, but we now have a location. Stay tuned for further exciting developments!

Until next time,
Jim Hanushek



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Wow! There's a lot going on at Lemon Bay Playhouse! Let me share some of it with you.

First, our recent production of *The Foreigner* was a great success in many ways. When the curtain first opened and the audience saw that it was actually raining outside the set window, there were oohs and ahs and even applause. Mary Lou Ardrey, the director, selected a wonderful cast for the wide range of characters. The cast and crew worked very well together and brought the house down with laughter. Our thanks to that cast and crew for another reason, too: They did double performances on the last two Sundays, since the regular tickets were sold out before the play opened. All-in-all, it was a glowing success!

Another cause for excitement was the enthusiasm created by our recent election for Board members and referendum on our future. Our membership ranks swelled from about 200 to well over 300 as candidates and their supporters campaigned and enlisted new members to support Lemon Bay Playhouse. In a very close election, Paul Phillips was re-elected and two new Board members, Joyce Colmar and Phyllis Rollo, were added to the Board. The officers of the new

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DONATE TO LBP WITHOUT DONATING??

Yes, for those who access the internet, it is possible! Actually, there are two different ways to do it.

First, there is GoodSearch.com. Good Search uses Yahoo's search engine, but if you have selected Lemon Bay Playhouse as your recipient, each time you search, LBP gets a penny. A penny doesn't sound like much, but if 100 people search for 5 items a day, that would provide \$5 a day, or about \$150 a month, to Lemon Bay Playhouse.

To start those pennies rolling in:

Go to www.goodsearch.com. (Bookmark this page so you can easily return to it or install their toolbar.)

Enter Lemon Bay Playhouse in the "Who do you Good-Search for?" field.

Now type in your search term and click the Search button. That's all there is to it!

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IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2007
6:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Celebrating our 20th Season!

Remaining Plays of the
2006-2007 SEASON

CRIMES OF THE HEART
MOON OVER BUFFALO

May 2-20, 2007
June 27-July 15, 2007

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