

SUMMER CHILDREN'S THEATER



It is that time of year again! The Kids As Thespians (KAT's) program is underway! This year we are very excited to be presenting a first for Lemon Bay Playhouse – a musical! This summer our kids will be presenting to their parents, family and friends, "SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR". Based on the Emmy Award-winning Saturday morning educational cartoon series, SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR features the familiar songs we all grew up with in a fun revue that is educational too! The program will run from Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 27, with the grand finale performance on Saturday, July 28. This program is open to any kid ages 8 to 14 – everybody will have a part! For more information or to sign up, please contact the box office.

MOON OVER BUFFALO ENDS THE SEASON

We started the season with *Moon Over the Brewery* and now we end it with *Moon Over Buffalo*, a hilarious comedy by Ken Ludwig.

George and Charlotte Hay (Steve Horowitz and Rita Corn) are in the autumn of their acting careers. They are on tour in Buffalo and hear that Frank Capra is en route to catch the matinee. Charlotte has threatened to run off with their agent, Richard (David Ohlson), and there is some question whether she will appear at all. On top of this, George is somewhat fond of the bottle, and there is further question as to whether he can appear sober. Enter Rosalind (Michelle Neitzel), their daughter, who has forsaken the stage and is engaged to Howard (Jefferson Halpin), who is a weatherman and considers himself to be "in show business." Add to this, Paul (Jim Walsh), the stage manager and Rosalind's ex-fiance, and Ethel (Doreen Barnett), Charlotte's nearly-deaf mother, and we have a recipe for hilarious disaster and madcap misadventure.

The play runs from June 27 through July 15. Tech and Preview nights are June 25th and 26th.

ORGANIZE OUR PROPS - PLEASE!

Our prop room has been cleaned out and new shelves have been bought and installed. Now all we need is for some volunteers to organize all of our props. We have a plethora of various cups, saucers, vases, pictures, lamps, swords, guns, gee-gaws and bric-a-brac that needs to be sorted, numbered and put on the new shelves. If you are a good organizer - or take direction well - please consider helping LBP by diving in and doing your bit. Contact Bob La Salle at 473-4900, email at rlasalle390@yahoo.com, or leave a note at the box office.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

In each upcoming issue of our newsletter, we will turn the spotlight on one or more of our wonderful volunteers. We have so many dedicated volunteers that it will be hard to choose who will be next in the spotlight!



Donna Hadley epitomizes our volunteers, who are involved in many aspects of Lemon Bay Playhouse life. She became interested in volunteering while attending a January, 2005 Open House. After meeting the welcoming volunteers and learning about available opportunities, she decided to give the box office a try. Next, she tried out at the Intermission Series auditions. Following a role in the variety show, she was invited to help backstage and has become one of our most experienced stage managers. The lure of the stage continues and has resulted in acting roles in the Intermission Series, as well as *Office Hours* and *Crimes of the Heart*.

Those who know Donna know that she's not one for sitting around. She enthusiastically throws herself into any activity in which she's involved. She enjoys her volunteering and the flexibility of scheduling. Volunteering at LBP, she has met a lot of new people and gained a new perspective on all the things that go into a production.

Donna recommends that prospective volunteers start with one thing that interests them. As they spend time at the theater and learn more about it, they'll find other activities to join and their experience will grow. Donna feels that her own knowledge and skills have expanded as she has discovered new things she can try.

"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."

DO I NEED SPECIAL SKILLS TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

Absolutely not! Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds can help at Lemon Bay Playhouse. The only requirement is a desire and willingness to spend a little time with us, learn a little, and have some fun. Let us show you how you can convert your interest into Lemon Bay Playhouse's most valuable resource.

Do you enjoy meeting people? Then you might like to be a house manager. You'll be the host or hostess for our theater guests. House managers work in pairs so it's ideal for two friends or a couple.

Do you enjoy meeting people and are good with numbers? Then you might like to help in the box office. You are often the first contact a guest has with our theater. There are times, usually between plays, when you will be able to catch up on your reading!

Do you like to write? You can be the one who creates articles like this one. Someone has to create our forms and brochures. Why not you?

Are you handy around the house? Perhaps you'd like to learn to help build the wonderful sets you see on our stage. Maybe you'd like to help keep our aging building in tip-top shape.

Do you enjoy home-decorating? Once the set is built, you can help add the finishing touches so that it fits the location and era of the play.

Do you like technology? You'd love helping with the lighting and sound in our theater tech booth.

Are you a party person? After the run of each play, you can help host the cast party for the cast and crew. You can help plan special events and social functions at the theater.

Do you like to sew? Then we need you to help with our costumes. Some need repair, and every play requires some alterations to fit the cast.

Do you like mild (very mild!) physical exercise? You can be one of the people who arranges props, helps with costume changes, and moves scenery between scenes of a play.

Do you enjoy role-playing? Our auditions are open to anyone, and you just might find a place on our stage hiding inside you. Why not try? (Or try our Readers Theater first to get your feet wet.)

If you have the interest, please consider joining us as a volunteer. Pick up a volunteer application at the Playhouse or download one from our website. We'd love to have you!



Jim Hanushek and Arlene Knight present a scholarship certificate to Lemon Bay High School student Taylor Proffitt. Taylor plans a career in the performing arts and the scholarship award will help him on his way.

Kaitlyn Terpstra, featured in LBP's Moon Over the Brewery, was also awarded a scholarship. Since she is still in high school, hers will be held in escrow until she goes to college.



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We can always use more volunteers. At this time of year, many of our valued helpers have migrated north for the season. Even when they are here, we can always use additional volunteers. The more help we have, as Mr. Heywood said, the easier will be the work of each of us.

Why be a volunteer at Lemon Bay Playhouse? You make new friends with the people you will be working with as you learn new things about a community theatre. One of the keys to long life and happiness is learning new things, no matter what our age. You will become a part of the broader community of all of our theater volunteers. Most important of all, you will help bring entertainment, enjoyment, and the wonder of live performance to the people of the Greater Englewood community.

Until next time,
Jim Hanushek



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



At the most recent general membership meeting, our auditor, Mark Knauf, presented his annual review of our books. He complimented Lemon Bay Playhouse on the state of its finances and assets. He even mentioned our volunteers. Although an accountant can't put a dollar value on our volunteers, they are by far our most valuable asset.

If we didn't have a building, we could still rent a space where we could present our performances. With a building but no volunteers, we could not perform our plays! Volunteers are the lifeblood of community theatre. I don't mean just the actors, for they are volunteers as well. I mean all the men and women who take care of the multitude of tasks, both big and small, that it takes to have a successful production. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find an article highlighting some of those tasks.

"Doesn't Lemon Bay Playhouse have a lot of volunteers?" Yes, we do, but I'm sure you've seen this quotation before:

"Many hands make light work." ...John Heywood (1497-1580)

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FUN AND PROFIT FOR THEATER GOERS

Starting with the production of *Moon Over Buffalo*, ticket holders will have the chance to make some money and assist LBP, all while having some fun! Most of the local theaters in the area conduct a 50/50 drawing with each performance. Your Board has decided to do the same.

Tickets will be sold prior to each performance. Just before the play starts, a single ticket will be chosen and the holder of the matching ticket will win half of all the money collected. The other half of the money will go toward supporting this summer's children's program.

This is another task that will be handled by volunteers. Interested folks should call Ann at 474-9610 ASAP and give her your names. This is a wonderful chance to have fun and help a worthy cause!

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, June 18, 2007
6:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
Monday, August 27, 2007
7:00 p.m.

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

Celebrating our 20th Season!

Final Play of the 2006-2007 SEASON

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