

# Stage Whispers



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## Comedy chaos reigns at Theatre Guild's "Whose Wives are They Anyway?"

by Larry Strauss

Playwright Michael Parker is the master of the American farce. Actors of Vero Beach Theatre Guild hit his plays out of the park every time. Directed by Art Pingree, *Whose Wives Are They Anyway* runs January 15- 25 and promises to generate hilarious results.

Parker sets the premise beautifully. The Ashley Maureen Cosmetics Company has been sold and two of its vice presidents, David McGachen (*Don Croteau*) and John Baker (*Jason Avery*), have planned a weekend of golf before the new CEO arrives on Monday. With their wives safely off on a shopping spree in New York City, they check into the Oakfield Country Club. Unexpectedly, they encounter their new boss, D.L. Hutchison (*Jami Dolan*), who declares **"No one who went golfing for a weekend without his wife would ever work for me,"** adding that she'll look forward to meeting their wives that evening. Panicked and unable to reach their wives, the men have to produce suitable replacements. John persuades **the hotel's sexy receptionist, Tina (Lorina Beniamino),** to play the role of his wife but the **only one who can pretend to be David's wife is JOHN, who must change from male to female and back at a frantic pace.** Things take a turn for the worse when Tina has too much champagne and starts taking off her clothes and, of course, the real wives are bound to suddenly appear.

Rounding out the cast, which features a blend of new faces and old favorites, are Molly Marks and Robin Scent as the wives, Isabel Garrett as the resort's manager and Tom Dolan as the maintenance man. Assisting director Pingree are Carole Strauss as stage manager and Bill Lembeck as producer.

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### ART PINGREE (DIRECTOR/SET DESIGNER)



Art began his acting career in community theater and worked every available stage in the Pittsburgh area. He moved to New York City graduating from The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in 1972. Art has worked off Broadway and throughout the country, extensively in dinner theater, with the likes of Virginia Mayo, Gloria DeHaven, and Adam Twelve's Martin Milner. Art also has performed in over 100 summer stock productions. One summer, he met his wife Mary, on stage, and ended up following her to Kansas City. That was over forty years ago. Art says **"We're still working on the first act!"** It has been a great pleasure working with the Vero Beach Theater Guild. Thank you for allowing me to play my part in this production.

## Anyone Can Be A Star!

- ◆ Building Fund Needs STARS to Step up to the Plate!
- ◆ Donate Now and Become a VBTG STAR!

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Mark Wygonik

Mark has been involved with the Guild since 1985, and has served as character actor/singer, set designer, choreographer, stage manager, and finally director. He is a recent recipient of the Richard A. Stark Cultural Leadership Award.

## A Letter From Our President

As we leave another year behind and move forward into 2015, I can only believe that we will see lots of exciting things happening at our Guild; I feel it. So many people have worked very hard to get us to this point: celebrating 57 years of presenting great Community Theatre to thousands of appreciative patrons. **One of my New Year's Resolutions is to Communicate better**, to make sure that as many of our volunteers as possible understand how the Guild runs. Smoothly most of the time, but every once in a while: eh?

Our nine-member Board of Directors, elected by the Membership, then elects the four Officers. The President is not able to make motions, second motions, or even vote on motions (*unless for a tie-breaker*). This system prevents unilateral decisions from occurring. No dictatorship here at the Guild. We have Committee Chairs, some of whom are voted on by the Board, some appointed by the President. These Chairs, charged with carrying out many different functions that keep us moving throughout the Season, ultimately answer to the Board. Our amazing Tech Director oversees getting a show up and running: Set, Lights, Sound, etc., and must coordinate tens of individuals so that everything works like a well-oiled machine. He also answers to the Board.

The Vero Beach Theatre Guild is a business and we must run it like one. That includes making sure we do not lose money if we can avoid it. As we move forward in 2015 with our Expansion Project, **we all must look for ways to cut back, to be thrifty, to "tighten our belt" so to speak.** Your elected Board is working hard to ensure that the future of this theater is bright, that the lights will always come up on our talented actors on stage. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



March 12-29

Directed by John Putzke, Music by Jule Styne,  
Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, Book by Arthur Laurents

Based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, this Stephen Sondheim musical tells the story of Louise and her stage mother, Rose. **Rose's efforts to raise her two daughters as performers eventually turns Louise into the burlesque star, Gypsy Rose Lee.** Gypsy features many familiar songs, including "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses."

## Membership

Did you know that membership at VBTG entitles you to serve on the Board, attend the Board meetings, and vote for Annual Board of Directors? Membership is only \$35. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Season Ticket subscribers are automatically members.

Mail check or visit box office today!

## Casting Our Future CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

This essential East Wing Expansion Project will provide almost 5,000 square feet of space in a three-story building attached to the existing theatre. With your generous support, the Vero Beach Theatre Guild will enhance the facilities by providing:

- ◆ A state-of-the-art rehearsal hall and on-site storage for VBTG's valuable collection of costumes and props
- ◆ First-rate dressing rooms that will help to retain our talented actors and attract new volunteers

There are many ways to give and create a lasting legacy for your family through: Naming Opportunities, Recognition Plaques or Cash Donations.

For more information on how you can Be a Star in Casting Our Expansion's Future, call us at 772-562-8300, or DONATE ONLINE at [www.verobeachtheatreguild.com](http://www.verobeachtheatreguild.com).



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**Drawing will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015**

**All proceeds will benefit the Theatre Guild Building Expansion**

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**“LIKE” us on our Facebook page,**  
*Vero Beach Theatre Guild,*  
and get your name in a drawing.

January 1-10, we will post a new trivia question each morning. Every right answer gets your name put into a drawing to be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. **You must “LIKE” our page to be eligible to win.**



## UPCOMING SHOWS



January  
15-25, 2015



March  
12-29, 2015

## Auditions



Auditions will be  
February 15, 16, 22.

**Watch your “inbox”**  
for more details.

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