

Stage Whispers



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NEW BOARD FOR 2015/2016 SEASON

Thank you to the following Vero Beach Theatre Guild Board of Directors members who have served our theatre. Mark Wygonik, Art Haerberle, James Schorner, and Don Croteau. Thank you for everything you have done to make our theatre the successful Community Theatre it is today.

The following Volunteers were elected to the Board of Directors: Jim Daly, Joy Wild, Lloyd Linger and Ben Earman. We look forward to your leadership in moving forward with our building expansion and our new season.

CONGRATULATIONS!

BROADWAY To HOLLYWOOD HOLLYWOOD TO BROADWAY

Director: Mark Wygonik

So many incredible stage shows have been made into hit movies...and vice-versa. Join us as we present to you songs that have gone from Broadway musicals to the **Silver Screen**, such as *"I Get a Kick Out of You"* from **ANYTHING GOES**, *"Let the Sunshine In"* from **HAIR**, and *"Money, Money, Money"* from **MAMMA MIA**...and such unforgettable numbers from movies that found their way to the stages of Broadway: *"If You've Got It, Flaunt It"* from **THE PRODUCERS**, *"Chim Chim Cheree"* from **MARY POPPINS**, and *"Puttin' On The Ritz"* from **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**.

With 18 members, our ensemble cast will take you on a journey through decades of Stage and Screen Triumphs. Familiar faces and new voices will wow you with loving and irreverent tunes, that will put either a lump in your throat or a laugh in your belly. Eleven shows, each a significant part of the history of musicals, will be highlighted in this fun-filled evening of song.

ACT 1 features Stage Shows that found their way to celluloid: **ANYTHING GOES**, **CHICAGO**, **RENT**, **HAIR**, and **MAMMA MIA**. Movies that ended up Broadway **bound are the basis for ACT II: THE PRODUCERS, Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID** and **MARY POPPINS, SPAMALOT, TOMMY AND YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**.

So, just sit back and cool off this summer...with a hot show sure to entertain you:

BROADWAY *to* HOLLYWOOD *to* BROADWAY!

Sponsored by *Visage Hair and Nail Design*



Mark has been involved with the Guild since 1985, when he first appeared in a kilt as a dancer in *Brigadoon*. Since then he has served as character actor/singer, set designer, choreographer, stage manager, and finally director, including directing the special concert **Night & Day for the Guild's 50 year anniversary**. He has 13 Genies for Best Set Design, Four for Best Show of the Season, The Betty Parfet Musical Excellence Award, and the prestigious Jacobus/Seibert/Hazen Award for many years of continuing excellence and dedicated service. In addition to serving as President of the Vero Beach Theatre Guild, Mark has served on the Board of the Cultural Council of IRC, is a partner in **FW Productions/Entertainment, Inc., Cleaning By Mina, MboutiqueFlorida, Mina's Green Clean, Inc. in Vero Beach and Mina's Green Clean Team, Inc. in New York City**.



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A Letter From Our President

COMEDY...TRAGEDY...MUSICAL...DRAMA...FARCE. No, I am not describing next Season's line-up. This is what the past three years have felt like as President of the Board of Directors of the Theatre Guild. I have definitely run the gamut from A to Z in experiences and emotions. And this is not a bad thing. We are given the opportunity to test ourselves in this one life we have, and I am proud that I stood up to the challenge of leading this amazing organization. Each of the three years were unique in their own right...but they all added up to a pretty satisfying part of my existence. Along the way, I gained insight on how this production runs, and how important each and every participant really is. As a living and breathing entity, the Guild itself has its Producers, Directors, Stage Managers, and Actors. I love the interweaving of all the different and varied lives that come together daily to keep it humming along: optimists and pessimists, drama queens and straight men (pun intended), leads and supports, lifetime achievers and shooting stars. The last three years have also seen a huge change in my personal life. Losing a brother and both my parents in the course of those three years has made me appreciate how fragile life is, and how strong relationships can be. I have made some lasting friendships that have helped me through the tough times, and perhaps that is the most important outcome of my time as President. As we move into the next phase of the Guild...with our three-story addition looming over us...I can only hope that each of us realizes how necessary we all are to its success. And I am so very proud that I was able to be a part of it.

Sept 10—20

Written by: Ray Cooney
Directed by: Art Pingree



A farce, with all the trimmings and setting in New York City, "Run For Your Wife" is non-stop silliness of ordinary, crazy, whacked-out and sometimes **insane inhabitants of that "Big Apple".** For

example, take John Smith, taxi driver, nice guy, easy to get along with, but one little secret that some guys only dream about: A wife on the east side of Manhattan and just 15 minutes away, by cab naturally, a wife on the west side. His life is but a dream until he gets knocked on the head by a mugger and lands in the emergency room.

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,

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



Auditions will be held at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild for *Hairspray* on:

Sunday July 19 7:00 p.m.
Monday July 20 7:00 p.m.
Sunday July 26 7:00 p.m.

Casting needs:
10 females ages 16-50
10 African American females ages 12-50
10 males ages 16-50
5 African American males ages 16-30

Check our website at verobeachtheatreguild.com



The Genie Awards for the 57th season of presenting community theatre at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild was held at the Vero Beach Theatre. The theatre was decorated using this past years shows as the theme....a Silent Auction was held....food stations were scattered throughout the theatre....cash bar was open....video by Doolin Dalton was shown....and Jake Corvino was the Emcee for the evening. Genies were presented to the winners by the Students of I.R. Charter High School.....

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

- Outstanding Production: *Gypsy*, Jon Putzke, Director
- Outstanding Set Design: *You Can't Take it With You*, Carole Strauss, Set Designer
- Leading Actor in a Play: TIE Jason Avery, *Whose Wives Are They Anyway* Larry Strauss, *You Can't Take it With You*
- Leading Actress in a Play: TIE Kara Henson, *No Sex Please We're British* Shannon Jami Dolan, *Whose Wives Are They Anyway*
- Leading Actor in a Musical: Doolin Dalton, *Sweet Charity*
- Leading Actress in a Musical: Eleanor Dixon, *Gypsy*
- Supporting Actor in a Play: Bill Lembeck, *No Sex Please We're British*
- Supporting Actress in a Play: Isabel Garrett, *Whose Wives Are They Anyway*
- Supporting Actor in a Musical: Derrick Edmundson, *Gypsy*
- Supporting Actress in a Musical: Dahlia Davis, *Gypsy*
- Character Actor in a Play: Tom Dolan, *Whose Wives Are They Anyway*
- Character Actress in a Play: Lorina Beniamino, *Whose Wives Are They Anyway*
- Character Actor in a Musical: Art Haerberle, *Gypsy*
- Character Actress in a Musical: Leslie Christoffel, *Gypsy*
- Actor in a Secondary Role in a Play: TIE Jim Daly, *No Sex Please We're British* Jim Daly, *You Can't Take it With You*
- Actress in a Secondary Role in a Play: Alexis Riley, *You Can't Take it With You*
- Actor in a Secondary Role in a Musical: Walter Wells IV, *Sweet Charity*
- Actress in a Secondary Role in a Musical: Claire Collier, *Gypsy*
- Cameo Actor in a Play or Musical: Neil McKenzie, *Gypsy*
- Cameo Actress in a Play or Musical: Karren Walter, *Gypsy*
- Male Vocalist: Jerry Reichert, *Gypsy*
- Female Vocalist: Eleanor Dixon, *Gypsy*
- Group Performance: *Fandango Girls/Sweet Charity*: Lindsey Brown, Abby Bolduc, Victoria Foster, Betts Fromang, Sara Gordon, Mary Margaret Hatch, Jessica Karr, Kate Lanahan, Jillian Lopes, Roberta Rose, Gregory Steenburgh
- Outstanding Juvenile: Claire Collier, *Gypsy*
- Outstanding Male Newcomer: Tom Dolan, *Whose Wives Are They Anyway*
- Outstanding Female Newcomer: Dahlia Davis, *Gypsy*
- Outstanding Rookie: John Thompson, *Sweet Charity*



Joe Paldi Award: Jim LaPorte; **Steve Stahl President's Choice Award:** Dave Panula; Jim Hindert Award: Phillis Rock
 Bette Parfet Music Award: Jennifer Patty; Jacobus-Seibert-Hazen Award: Larry Strauss; Special Appreciation Award: Dennis Love
 Offstage Genies: Mary Ann Penque & Joy Wild; Backstage Awards: Cynthia & Bert Logan; The Show Must Go On: Nick Keeler



The following community businesses or individuals sponsored, donated, or assisted with this year's Awards Ceremony and Food Stations:

Sentinel Infrared Imaging, Inc...Mark's At The Point Salon...The Fresh Market...The Patisserie...Vero's Caribbean Kitchen...Citrus Grill-house...Heather & Dave...M Botique International...Publix Supermarket...Vittorio's Pizza...The Tiki Bar...Cravings...Davila'z Pizza...Kata Restaurant...Rigoletto's Food Truck

Genie Steering Committee: Leslie Christoffel, Joy Wild, Michelle and Roger Wagner

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- President: *Jim Daly*
- Vice President: *Bill Lembeck*
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- Secretary: *Joy Wild*
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- Debbie Chastain*
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Dates To Remember

- ◆ July 19, 20, 26 Auditions for Hairspray
- ◆ July 31 6-9 pm Downtown Friday Night (along 14th Ave)
- ◆ August 28 6-9 pm Downtown Friday Night (along 14th Ave)
- ◆ Sep 7 Labor Day (Box Office closed)
- ◆ Sep 10-20 Run For Your Wife

2015/2016 Season

SEP 10-20

RUN FOR YOUR WIFE written by Ray Cooney



A Musical Comedy

NOV 5-22

HAIRSPRAY music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Scott Wittman, book by Mark O'Donnell/Thomas Meehan

JAN 7-17

SOCIAL SECURITY written by Andrew Bergman



MAR 3-20

THE KING AND I music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics and book by Oscar Hammerstein II

MAY 12-22

THE NERD written by Larry Shue



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772-562-8300 or

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verobeachtheatreguild.com

Box Office Hours: 10-2 Mon-Fri and
1 hour prior to curtain time



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