

# Stage Whispers



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Opening November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild. Charity Valentine, (played by Kelly Brown Clemenzi), Oscar (Doolin Dalton) and Vittorio (Robin Volsky) Nickie (Sara Gordon), Helene (Kate Lanahan), Harriet (MarLee McArthur), Momma Brubeck (Abby Bolduc), Ursula (Heather Stapleton), as well as the Fandango Ballroom Dancers will sing and dance their way through this Neil Simon comedy.

Charity finds herself in tight places, when she finds herself in movie star Vittorio Vidal's closet and later, she is locked in an elevator with shy accountant Oscar Lindquist. Famous musical numbers include "If My Friends Could See Me Now", "There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This" and the tantalizing "Big Spender".

Andrew Currie, owner of Dance Space Studios and a former Broadway dancer of *Cats*, *La Cage au Folles* and *Miss Saigon*, choreographed the show. Singing and dancing roles include Kate Lindsey Brown, Tori Foster, Mary Margaret Hatch, Jessica Karr, Jillian Lopes, Brian LaCerde, Roberta Rose, Gregory Steenburg, John Thompson, Laconte Turner, Walter Wells and Laura Zelnar.

Directed by Ben Earman, coming off his Genie Award winning show, *The Miracle Worker*, calls the Guild's *Sweet Charity* "sexy, sassy and a joy to direct". Music Director is Karen Wiggins, Stage Manager is Lisa Keeler and the Producer is Carole Strauss.

*A skilled and enthusiastic actor with extensive experience in theatre, Ben graduated from The University of Tampa with a BA degree in Performing Arts. Ben started performing at age 7 and he has performed at Riverside Gardens, Busch Gardens as well as our own theatre. Some of his former roles at the Vero Beach Theatre have been in On Golden Pond, Aladdin, Guys and Dolls, Big River, Our Town, Something's Afoot, The Unexpected Guest, to name just a few. Ben has also taught locally for local theatre programs, summer camps for the arts, and after school programs in theatre and the arts. He is a member of Alpha Psi Omega, National Theatre Honor Society, The Florida Association for Theatre Educators and is a past board member of the Vero Beach Theatre Guild.*



Director Ben Earman

## Anyone Can Be a STAR!

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

Individual tickets for the rest of the shows are on sale now. Order them online at [verobeachtheatreguild.com](http://verobeachtheatreguild.com), call the Box Office at 772-562-8300, or visit the Box Office. We accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard or Discover.



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

We started off our 57<sup>th</sup> Season with another Bang! **NO SEX PLEASE** had one of the biggest ticket sales since, uh... **NO SEX PLEASE** was produced eleven years ago! Congrats to a very funny cast for frolicking around the set, sometimes in their jimmy-jams, all the while sporting spot-on British and other equally foreign accents.

**There's a line from THE SOUND OF MUSIC: "When God closes a door, He opens a window".** We opened the window in the Board Room to sell concessions, after the Health Department closed the concession "door" under the front canopy. **It's a bit (okay a lot) inconvenient, but it didn't stop patrons from purchasing our bottled water, soda and pre-packaged treats.** Kudos to our new Concessions Chair, Joy Wild, for handling the situation with grace, poise, and daughters!

Along with the kibosh on selling concessions under the canopy, we also cannot do our Opening-Night Champagne Reception! *(May return if our hardship variance is granted.)* Our new Social Co-Chairs, Michelle and Roger Wagner, will be assisting Madelyn Rogers with receptions that we ARE allowed to do.

**Hollywood beckoned and Leigh Ann Dunleavy, PR/Marketing Chair answered. She "Goes West" by year's end to take a job in Los Angeles. We are losing a Board Member, Committee Chair, and talented actress to the land of milk and money... honey. Best of luck on the Pacific Coast!**

**New and familiar faces will share Leigh Ann's PR/Marketing duties: Board Member Debbie Chastain will chair, with Jo-Ann Mattison, Larry Strauss, Ben Earman, Loretta Hlebichuk, and writer/photographer Katherine Tucker.** We have the best volunteers! Thanks for pitching in.

## Whose Wives Are They Anyway?

Directed by Art Pingree  
A Michael Parker play – "An American Farce"  
January 15 - 25, 2015



The Ashley Maureen Cosmetics Company has been sold. **Two of its VP's plan a weekend of golf before the new CEO arrives on Monday.** With their wives safely off on a shopping spree in New York City, our heroes check into a New England Country Club only to find the new CEO, Ms. Hutchinson, is staying as well. They meet unexpectedly with Ms. Hutchinson insisting she **meet their wives, stating "no one who goes for a weekend of golf without their wives would ever work for me!"** The "Comedy of Errors" begins.

## 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).





# Rummage Sale

The Vero Beach Theatre Guild continues to raise funds for the building extension. This Rummage Sale was organized by Pat Kroger and Larry Thompson. Our wonderful volunteer force was there to help get it set up, help the customers with their purchases, load their vehicles and help make this sale the success that it was. **There's a rumor** of another sale next Fall! Watch the newsletter and check out our website for more details.







## Volunteer Hours

There is always something for volunteers to do at the Vero Beach Theatre. For August and September, there were over 1900 volunteer hours put in (*and this is a quiet time in our community*), designing sets, costume making, rehearsals, cleanup day, special events.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came in and helped make this community theatre the BEST of all community theatres along the Treasure Coast!

## Contest

LIKE us on our Facebook page: Vero Beach Theatre Guild, and get your name in a drawing. November 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 November 11. You must LIKE our page to be eligible to win.



## SPOTLIGHT Costume Department

Our Costume Department is co-chaired by Ann McCabe and Marlys Kauten. These are two very talented ladies, and they head up a committee of about 10 other very talented volunteers. Their job starts when the Director meets with them to determine what styles and colors are appropriate for that era. From there, they go through their vast inventory of costumes, pull the **desired garments, and "make them work"**. Sometimes, it's a matter of combining costumes to get the look the Director has in mind. Everyone works on these costumes, repairing seams, and zippers relocating buttons, hemming, sewing on snaps, and adding new features. Once the play starts, several of the ladies from the costume department are at each performance to help the actors make costume changes and make any last minute repairs. AND someone from this Committee is backstage to make sure the actors have what they need to make it through the performance - tissues, cough drops, water, a towel to dry their brow from the heat of the lights. **It's not ALL about sewing – sometimes it's about helping out.** Our Costume Department volunteered 250 hours for August and September.



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## Upcoming Events

### First Friday Gallery Stroll

Downtown Vero Beach along 14<sup>th</sup> Ave from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
November 7<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00

Downtown Friday White Christmas  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 8:30

Thanksgiving November 27<sup>th</sup>  
VBTG office closed

Christmas December 25<sup>th</sup>  
VBTG office closed

New Years Day January 1<sup>st</sup>  
VBTG office closed



will be December 8, 9, and 15.  
Watch your "inbox" for more details.

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Box Office Hours: 10-2 Mon-Fri  
and 1 hour prior to curtain time  
Hearing Assist Devices Available  
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## 2014-2015 SEASON SHOWS

Tickets are now available  
for single shows.

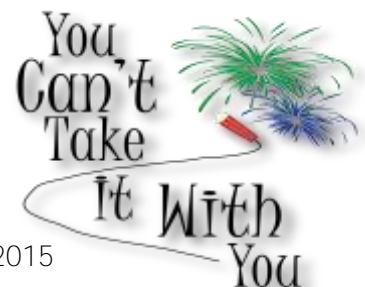


November  
13-30, 2014

January  
15-25, 2015



March  
12-29, 2015



May  
14-24, 2015