

LVAC  
Theatre  
Guild

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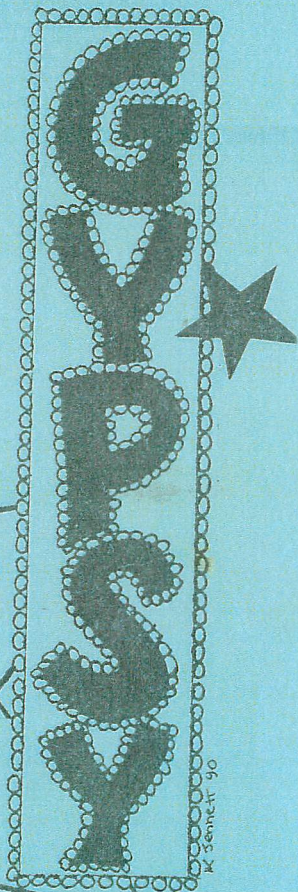
Presents  
Noel Coward's  
IMPROBABLE FARCE

*Blithe  
Spirit*

TOWARD ZERO

BRIGHTON  
BEACH  
MEMOIRS

July 19, 20, 21  
Lowndes HS Auditorium



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Kay Jennett



Welcome to Theatre Guild's second season kick-off!

Until now, we have had to beg and borrow rehearsal, storage and performance space on a per-show basis. From the start, our dream has been a home of our own.

We are currently negotiating with the owners of the old Beverly Theatre in Castle Park to lease that building and renovate it to suit our needs. It will require about \$20,000 and a lot of work to create a performing theatre for the Guild's use and for rental to other community groups.

We feel that our plans for a community theatre building would provide Valdosta and Lowndes County with a needed facility of which we can all be proud.

Can you help us with a financial contribution, or offer of labor and/or building materials and equipment when we begin work?

Please respond to Charles Green, Site Search Committee Chairman, at 333-0246, or to me at 242-8204, or to the address below.

An early response would enable us to decide whether to proceed in our negotiations on this building. Make theatre-building a part of your life!

Joanne Griner  
President

To: LVAC Theatre Guild  
P.O. Box 2831  
Valdosta, GA 31604

I support the Guild's efforts to obtain a home of its own, and I hereby indicate my support in the following way (s):

- (1) Enclosed contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) Pledge of later contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ date.
- (3) Promise to contact individuals I know about making contributions. \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) Pledge of "manpower" \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## 1990-91 Season

*Blithe Spirit* ..... Noel Coward ..... Summer  
*Toward Zero* ..... Agatha Christie ..... Fall  
*Gypsy* ..... Laurents, Styne & Sondheim ..... Winter  
*Brighton Beach Memoirs* ..... Neil Simon ..... Spring

## Board of Directors

President ..... Joanne Griner  
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LVAC LIASON ..... Dr. John Youmans

## General Meetings

Meetings are held, September through May,  
 at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month  
 at the LVAC Cultural Center,  
 1204 N. Patterson St.

# BLITHE SPIRIT

By  
NOEL COWARD

Produced By Special Arrangement With Samuel French, Inc.

## CAST (As They Appear)

Edith ..... Denise Hilton  
Ruth ..... Hope Ince  
Charles ..... Jerry Dickson  
Dr. Bradman ..... Michael Lowe  
Mrs. Bradman ..... Sherrie Farabee  
Madame Arcati ..... Joanne Griner  
Elvira (the spirit) ..... Cathy Gilbert

The action of the play passes in the living-room of Charles Condomine's house in Kent.

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT I

SCENE 1.—Before dinner on a summer evening.

SCENE 2.—After dinner.

### ACT II

SCENE 1.—The next morning.

SCENE 2.—Late the following afternoon.

SCENE 3.—Early evening. A few days later.

### ACT III

SCENE 1.—After dinner. A few days later.

SCENE 2.—Several hours later.

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*The Taking of Photographs During Performances is Strictly Prohibited.*

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DUE TO THE LHS ALARM SYSTEM HAVING TO REMAIN ACTIVE, WE  
REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT GO BEYOND ANY DOUBLE DOORS.

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Director ..... Sandra Dickson  
Producer ..... Joanne Griner  
Stage Manager ..... Meredith Ince  
Lights ..... Jason Avery & Tamara Olson  
Sound ..... David Carter  
Make-up ..... Debbi Hart  
Costumer ..... Charleen Turley  
Hair Styles ..... Jewel Cooper & Danny McCranie  
..... of Illusions  
Costume Manager ..... Kim Parker  
Props ..... Kelly Wingrove  
Set Construction ..... Dennis Seereiter, (Crew Head)  
..... Malcom Rainey, Jerry Dickson, Dale Lawrence,  
..... Jim Rinehart, Kay Jennett, Albert Pendleton,  
..... Charles Green, Jerry Ellis, Joanne Griner

Special Effects ..... Edgar Robertson  
Publicity ..... Albert Pendleton, Kim Parker  
Ticket Sales ..... Guild Members

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We Would Like To Thank The Following:

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## Who's Who In Blithe Spirit

Jerry Dickson (Charles) has a varied background in theatre and has been involved in community theatre for the past twenty years. His acting/directing credits include DARK OF THE MOON, LIL ABNER, THE BOYFRIEND, GREASE CAMELOT, OUR TOWN and 1776. He has also appeared as a guest artist at the Chatauqua for several years. His most recent performance was in the Theatre Guild's production of THE MOUSETRAP. Jerry is a social studies teacher at Lowndes High School. He and his wife, Sandra, have a sixteen year old son, Scott, who is also very active in theatre.

Michael Lowe (Dr. Bradman) is the Head Nurse for the Adult Programs at Greenleaf Center. He returns for his third Theatre Guild performance. He previously appeared locally in BUS STOP and YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. Among his previous roles were Gramps in THE BOY WITH THE GREEN HAIR, Bill Sikes in OLIVER TWIST and Gollum in THE HOBBIT. As ventriloquist Max Wolf, he has done numerous performances in The Wolfman's Review, most recently seen during The Very Special Artists Festival in Valdosta.

Sherrie L. Farabee (Mrs. Bradman) is a sales rep for a local company and in her spare time works on Theatre Guild productions and conducts theatre workshops for children. Her Guild acting credits include Norah Muldoon in AUNTIE MAME and Countess Olga in YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. She has been active in college and community theatre for the past nine years.

Cathy Gilbert (Elvira) is a "military brat" who has been involved since kindergarten with school and community drama in many places throughout the U.S. and Europe. She has written original plays, two of which have been produced in Germany. Among her numerous credits of acting/directing are THE LITTLE PRINCE, THE IMAGINARY INVALID, ARIA DACAPO, THE LOTTERY, A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL, WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOLF, THE MOUSE THAT ROARED, EARLY FROST, BLITHE SPIRIT, and a French-speaking production AU RESTAURANT. Her most recent performances were the Theatre Guild's productions of THE MOUSETRAP and YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. Cathy is an English teacher at Lowndes High School, and is married to L.A. Gilbert; they have one son, Heath.

## Who's Who Continued...

Joanne Griner (Madame Arcati and Show Producer) appeared as the indomitable Mame in the Guild's Fall '89 production of AUNTIE MAME. She also played the part of Mrs. Boyle in LVAC's THE MOUSETRAP last spring. Joanne works in the accounting dept. of Patria Packaging (formerly Dowling Bag), is the mother of three grown children and serves as president of the Theatre Guild. She is also active with the Perimeter players of Perimeter Road Baptist Church.

Denise Hilton (Edith) appeared in THE MOUSETRAP, LVAC's Spring '89 production, and in the Dublin (Ireland) Theatre Fest 1980. She is an RN working at Greenleaf Center, is the wife of Tim and the mother of two girls.

Hope Ince (Ruth) is no stranger to Valdosta audiences. Most recently she was seen as the irrepressible Vera Charles in the Guild's production of AUNTIE MAME. Former roles include Mama Brubeck in SWEET CHARITY, Mrs. Paroo in THE MUSIC MAN and, her ultimate challenge, God in THE CREATION OF THE WORLD AND OTHER BUSINESS. In her other life, Hope is David's wife and Meredith and Davey's mom.

Meredith Ince (Stage Manager) is a recent graduate of Valdosta High School. She enjoys all aspects of the theatrical life, having appeared in AUNTIE MAME, CARROUSEL and THE MIRACLE WORKER, and stage managed THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG. Between scenes, Meredith helps out in the family-owned business, The Book Worm.

Sandra Dickson (Director) is a twenty-five year theatre veteran. She has performed with community theatre group throughout Georgia, appearing in such productions as ROYAL GAMBIT, ST. JOAN, GLASS MENAGERIE, DARK OF THE MOON, LION IN WINTER, and OUR TOWN. Her directing credits include HIGH WINDOW, COME BLOW YOUR HORN, THE WIZARD OF OZ, DRACULA, and THE CURIOUS SAVAGE. Dr. Dickson received her B.A. in theatre from Valdosta Stage College, her Masters from VSC and her Ph.D. from Georgia State. She is Curriculum Director for Lowndes County Schools and on the faculty at Valdosta State. She is married to Jerry Dickson who appears as Charles in tonight's production. They have one son, Scott, who is currently at Governor's Honors in the area of theatre.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

We offer sponsorships, which allow YOU to help us realize our dream of a home of our own. These contributions go into a building fund which will be used for this purpose. We invite YOU to join hands with us in building this dream.

\$ 25.00 — 249.00	Sweet Charity
\$ 250.00 — 499.00	Auntie Mame
\$ 500.00 — 749.00	Golden Boys
\$ 750.00 — 999.00	Sugar Babies
\$ 1,000.00 and up	You Can't Take It With You

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### Contributors 1990-91

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Lowndes/Valdosta Art Commission

Auntie Mame  
Charles Green, Land Architecture Services  
Joanne Griner  
Patria Packaging (formerly Dowling Bag)

Golden Boys  
Albert Pendleton

Sweet Charity  
L. Howard Freeman, Jr.

## LOWNDES / VALDOSTA ARTS COMMISSION 1990-91 SEASON

Pajama Game (Broadway Play)  
Thursday, October 18th, 1990

Comedy of Errors (Shakespeare)  
Monday, November 5th, 1990

Leon Bates (Pianist)  
Monday, January 7th, 1991

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra  
Monday, February 4th, 1991

Swingle Singers  
Tuesday, April 9th, 1991

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WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEE LOWNDES HIGH SCHOOL'S  
FALL PRODUCTION OF THE BOYFRIEND

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### 1990/91 VSC THEATRE SEASON

FALL 1990— Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?  
The Passion Of Dracula  
What The Butler Saw

WINTER 1991— Crackerbarrel Tales  
The Nerd  
No, No, Nanette

SPRING 1991— The Imaginary Invalid  
A Salute To Fred Astaire