

Theatre Guild Valdosta
2005 - 2006 Season

**122 North Ashley Street
P.O. Box 123
Valdosta, Georgia 31603**

229.24.STAGE that's 229.247.8243

Theatre Guild Valdosta
proudly presents

Ladies in Retirement

a murder mystery drama

By Edward Percy and Reginald Denham
Produced by special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

October
14, 15, 20-23, 27-29
2005

Directed by
Dr. Mary Helen Watson

It is England, 1885 and Miss Fiske is living in Estuary House with her companion, Miss Ellen Creed. They are joined in the old farm house by Ellen's two rather 'strange' sisters for whom she feels responsible and her nephew, a young man of no noticeable morals who arrives unannounced and uninvited. Then, someone ends up 'missing.' Hmmm? This play will keep people wondering how it will be resolved until the very conclusion and has some interesting psychological twists as it works toward a rather surprising ending.

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Home of Theatre Guild Valdosta
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Reservations 229-24-STAGE *that's* 229-247-8243

The Cast

Leonora Fiske Pauline Player
Ellen Creed Rena Eason
Albert Feather Ken Kinard
Emily Creed Asia Gray
Louisa Creed Patti Cook
Lucy Gilham Jessica McMillan
Sister Theresa Joanne Griner
Bates Carl Glasscock

Thank You

Special thanks to the Fred Stikkel Piano Company
Mandy Fitzgerald
Dr. Martha Leake and Dr. Ken Rustay for the telescope
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Magic 95

2005-2006
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BROADWAY TONIGHT

The Concert That Never Was
Barbra and Frank
Thursday, October 20, 2005

Cats! Monday, January 23, 2006
Motown Magic Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Suds
Monday, March 20, 2006

Each show begins at 7:30pm at Mathis Auditorium.
For more information call 229-247-ARTS

Scenes

Act I

Scene 1. A June morning in 1885
Scene 2. An afternoon the following September
Scene 3. Late afternoon, a week later

There will be a 10 minute intermission between acts.

Act II

Scene 1. A Saturday night in mid-November
Scene 2. Sunday morning immediately following

Act III

Scene 1. The following Wednesday night
Scene 2. Thursday morning immediately following



About The Cast

Pauline Player as Leonora Fiske

Many thanks to TGV for all the opportunities I have been given to perform on stage in shows like *Nunsense*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Heiress*, *Oldest Living Graduate*; to direct *We're Proposals*, *Wizard of Oz*, *The Odd Couple*, *No Sex Please We're British* and numerous Children's Shows. We have a vital organization in TGV and we thank you, the audience, for being a part of it.

Rena Eason as Ellen Creed

This is Rena's debut at TGV. She is an Oregon native who works as a Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for Odyssey HealthCare. Rena has 2 years of drama experience and 2 years of improvisational comedy experience and loves the arts. She extends a special thanks to her husband, Jesse, family and friends for all their love and support.

Ken Kinard as Albert Feather

Some of Ken's past performances at TGV include, *Lend Me A Tenor*, *Of Mice and Men*, *The Odd Couple*, *My Fair Lady*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Anything Goes*, just to name a few. Ken would like to thank Mary Helen for casting him in this role to play yet another "English Man."

Asia Gray as Emily Creed

Asia's theatrical experiences include LHS Off Broadway plays *A Woman Called Truth* and *Voices from the High School*. Music is her passion. She has been in church and school choirs since the age of six and has also participated in the Hahira Honey Bee Festival Talent Show. "I look forward to doing more, especially musicals, with TGV."

Patti Cook as Louisa Creed

Patti joined TGV last year on a dare and stayed because "I've had so much fun!" She played Doris in *Cemetery Club*, Maggie in *Lend Me a Tenor*, worked as stage manager for *Of Mice and Men* and even got to run the spotlight during *My Favorite Year*. "Thanks, Mary Helen, for the chance to play such a ditsy character!"

Jessica McMillan as Lucy Gilham

Jessica is a sophomore honor student at LHS who was last seen at TGV in *My Favorite Year*. She sings, plays bass and performs with her father who plays guitar. Jessica will serve as the Assistant Director of the children's Christmas show later this year at TGV.

Joanne Griner as Sister Theresa.

Joanne's most recent role at TGV was that of Daisy Werthan in last summer's fund-raising production of *Driving Miss Daisy*. Other leading roles have been in *On Golden Pond*, *Curious Savage*, *All My Sons* and *Auntie Mame*. Favorite supporting roles have been in *Barefoot in the Park* and *Steel Magnolias*. She says her most favorite thing to do is create featured and cameo characters which add color and flair to a production. Enjoy the show!

Carl Glasscock as Bates

Carl has been involved at TGV in children's productions and main stage shows. His first show was *The Littlest Angel* and has also been seen in *Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Guys and Dolls* and many others. He has also performed a variety of tasks backstage on several shows. Carl is a sophomore at VSU majoring in theater. He is thankful to his family and friends for all their support in his theatrical interests.

Linda Stikkel, Producer

Linda has been with TGV for twelve years and does a little bit of everything. She directed *Of Mice and Men*, *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Wait Until Dark*. She enjoys acting in the children's productions and was last seen as Belle Mae Steinberg in *My Favorite Year*. She will be directing this season's production of *You Can't Take it with You* here at the 'Dosta playhouse next spring.

Mary Helen Watson, Director

Mary Helen has been a member of TGV since 1992. She has directed a number of plays including *The Odd Couple*, *Nunsense*, *Guys and Dolls* and this summer's *Driving Miss Daisy*. She has appeared on stage as Mrs. Higgins in *My Fair Lady*. Theater is a major interest; acting, directing and just enjoying a production. She is currently planning her retirement which she assures us will happen December 31.

Michelle Everitt, Assistant Director

Michelle is glad to be joining us as Assistant Director for this production. Most recently here at TGV she was seen in *My Favorite Year*. She would like to say "thank you" to the cast and crew for working so hard and to Mary Helen for all her encouragement.



**VSU Theater Productions
2005-2006**

**"Nevermore"
Oct 6-12, 2005**

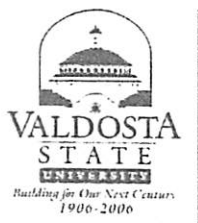
**"Scrooge"
November 10-19, 2005**

**"Tuesday Afternoon Regulars"
February 3-4, 24-25, 2006**

**"Equus"
February 16-22, 2006**

**"Antigone"
March 23-29, 2006**

**"Turning 20"
April 20-23, 2006**



**For more information and
tickets please call the
VSU Box Office at
333-5973
Monday-Saturday from 2-5pm.**

Dear Theater Supporters,

Theatre Guild Valdosta is very special to me. It is a wonderful attribute to our community's participation in the Arts. Please enjoy the productions, the atmosphere and the fact that all your experience while here is brought to you by volunteers. Your continued support is welcome and needed.

"Break a Leg"

**John J. Fretti
Mayor
City Of Valdosta**



Behind The Scenes

Producer	Linda Stikkel
Director	Mary Helen Watson
Assistant Director	Michelle Everitt
Stage Manager	Wayne Eliasek
Lighting Design	Michelle Everitt, Joni Everitt
Props	Katie Barnett
Costumers	Pauline Player
Set Construction	Jerry Ellis, Mike Glasscock, Carl Glasscock, Larry Culligan, Joey Culligan, ladies of the cast, Linda Stikkel, Wayne Eliasek
Box Office	Joanne Griner, Linda Stikkel, Mary Ann Green, Jody Leonard, Greg Pye
Concessions	Amanda McFarlane
Caterer	Ahh David
Head Usher	Phil Jones
Publicity	Sally Haase, Linda Patelski, Joanne Griner, Grant Brown

Director's Notes

I first worked on "Ladies in Retirement" in 1989 at the Jackson County Stage Company in Carbondale, Illinois where I served as Assistant Director to my mentor and teacher, Dr. Archibald McLeod. Dr. McLeod gave me a tremendous appreciation for this particular play and if this production intrigues you and makes you think a bit about good and evil and what happens to people pushed to the limits, it is undoubtedly due to the insight into this play gained while working with 'Mac.' Working with this wonderful cast and crew has been a special joy and I thank them for their dedication to get it 'right.' You are special. I believe you will truly enjoy and appreciate their efforts as well. I dedicate this production to the memory of Dr. Archibald McLeod, director, actor, producer, teacher and human being.

Patrons

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Thanks for your patronage!

Up Coming Auditions

"Rumors"

by Neil Simon

The classic comedy of miscommunication.

The cast requires: 5 men and 5 women.

Audition dates: Sunday, December 4 and
Monday, December 5
at 7pm at the 'Dosta Playhouse.

Play dates for "Rumors" are
January 27-28, February 2-5, and 9-11, 2006

Nothing to prepare. You will be given a portion of the script to read.

**Open auditions for ALL interested actors.
Newcomers ALWAYS WELCOME!**

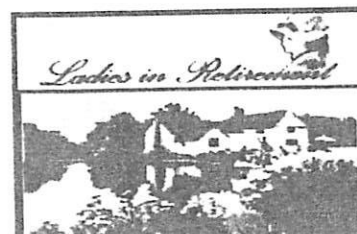
Backstage help always needed, also.

**For more information contact the show's director,
Pauline Player at 247-2257.**

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Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS
Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Book by JOSEPH DOUGHERTY
Based on the Motion Picture *My Favorite Year*
Courtesy of Turner Entertainment Company
Produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International
August 19-20, 25-28, Sept. 1-3



A Mystery/Drama by EDWARD PERCY &
REGINALD DENHAM
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.
October 14, 15, 20-23, 27-29

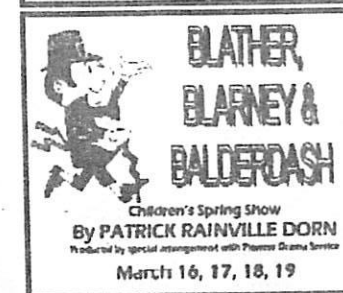


TOO
WRAPPED
UP
FOR
CHRISTMAS

Children's Christmas Show
By DAVE BRANDL
Produced by special arrangement with Premier Drama Service
December 8, 9, 10



A Comedy by NEIL SIMON
Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.
Jan. 27, 28, Feb. 2-5, 9-11



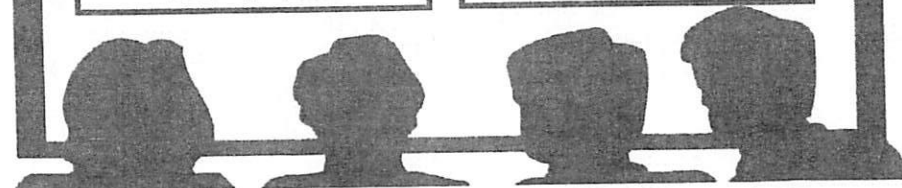
BLATHER
BLARNEY &
BALDERDASH

Children's Spring Show
By PATRICK RAINVILLE DORN
Produced by special arrangement with Premier Drama Service
March 16, 17, 18, 19



You Can't Take It
With You!

A Comedy by
MOSS HART & GEORGE S. KAUFMAN
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service
May 5, 6, 11-14, 18-20



Board Of Directors

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Publicity	Grant Brown
Membership	Patti Cook
House Manager	Michelle Everitt
Play Selection	Gary Chapman
TGVf Liaison	Joanne Griner
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History

TGV was organized in 1989 through the efforts of the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission as an autonomous community theater group with non-profit tax-exempt status. After three years as a group of vagabond players with no home, the group purchased the old 'Dosta Theatre building in 1992 and set about converting the dilapidated movie theatre into a playhouse for live stage performances. Thanks to many supporters and one large benefactor, TGV now owns three adjoining buildings in historic downtown Valdosta. The all-volunteer group produces four main stage shows and two children's shows each year. All of this is done in order to provide a high quality theater experience for our community.

Membership & Ticket Info

Please consider becoming a member to support your community theatre. We couldn't do it without you. Membership helps us defray the cost of the newsletter which keeps you informed of play dates, board meetings, auditions, and season selections. Also with membership, you have a vote on play selection, an invitation to the annual Rosie Awards, and discount tickets.

Annual Membership \$15 (Individual) \$25 (Family 2+)

Member 4-Ticket Pass \$40

Non-Member 4-Ticket Pass \$45

Single Ticket \$12

Single Ticket Musical \$15

Children's Show Tickets \$3 & \$5

Group discount for 20+ paid in advance - \$2 off single ticket price, excluding children's shows.

For membership, please call the theater at 229.24.STAGE

Dinner Theater

TGV provides dinner for your enjoyment on the Thursday nights of each show. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance by the Tuesday before your reservation. Dinner is buffet style and is served by 6:30 p.m. BYOB. Seating is limited so please make your reservations early. Call 24-STAGE (247-8243) for reservations or call during our box office hours: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Monday - Friday the week before opening. Cost of dinner is \$15.00 (in addition to show ticket)

Children get in On The Acting

Twice yearly, TGV invites children to get in on the act. We choose great plays in which the children are the stars, not only on-stage, but back stage as well. We encourage them to perform and learn all aspects of the theater. Parents get involved with their children and it becomes a family adventure. Parents can audition alongside their children! Visit our website for audition information and look in the Goings On section in the Valdosta Daily Times.

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