

Theatre Guild Valdosta Presents~

Marvin's Room

A Drama by Scott McPhearson
January 17-20, 24-26, 2008

Directed by
Mary Helen Watson

THEATRE GUILD VALDOSTA

MARVIN'S ROOM

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Inc.

Performance Dates:

January 17-20, 24-26, 2008

All shows begin at 8:00pm except Sunday Matinee at 2:30pm

*Dinner theatre is available on Thursday nights for an
additional cost of \$15.00 per person.*

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CAST

Crystal Bellant.....Bessie
Byron Vance.....Dr. Wally
Joanne Griner.....Ruth
Ted Bilak.....Bob
Andrea Thom.....Lee
Edward Van Peenen.....Dr. Charles (Psychiatrist)
Angelo Smith.....Retirement Home Director
Will Lewis.....Hank
Mikey Scott.....Charlie
John Deming.....Marvin

SCENES

Scene Synopsis

Act I

Scene 1: The doctor's examining room

Scene 2: Bessie's home

Scene 3: The doctor's office

*Scene 4: The visiting room of a mental
institution in Ohio*

Scene 5: The hospital

Scene 6: Bessie's home

Scene 7: The backyard, late at night

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

Act II

Scene 1: A retirement home

Scene 2: The doctor's waiting room

Scene 3: Bessie's home

Scene 4: Walt Disney World

*Scene 5: The lost children's hut at
Walt Disney World,*

Scene 6: Bessie's home, night time

Scene 7: Bessie's home

ABOUT THE CAST



Crystal Bellant
Bessie

Crystal is thrilled to be playing the role of Bessie. She says "It's probably the biggest challenge for me as an actor thus far." Bellant is a graduate of Valdosta State University with a BFA. Now she works with

Arts Inc., a non-profit organization where she teaches theatre at the Boys and Girls Club of Valdosta and in Quitman. Bellant plans on making the big move to New York in March. She would also encourage everyone to support the Arts in their community! Bellant would like to thank her friends and family for all of their support. I've had such love in my life!

Bellant has been seen in the TGV productions *Oklahoma!*, *Harvey* as the Cab Driver and *My Favorite Year* as Alice.



Byron Vance
Dr. Wally

Byron recently retired to Lake Park and joined TGV to pursue his boyhood passion of acting. Byron studied acting as a child and hosted Saturday morning children's shows on WCAV TV in Philadelphia,

PA. He continued on to several live performances at the Abby Playhouse in Philadelphia. He wants to thank the community for all their support as well as the special folks at TGV who've made his retirement so much fun.



Ted Bilak
Bob

Ted says "I'm a virgin to this stage community".



Joanne Griner
Ruth

Joanne is one of the last two "founding mothers" of TGV, having played many roles on and off stage. Joanne says "I've had so much fun bringing this comedic character to life in the midst of all the dramatic

angst!

Thanks to Mary Helen and the great cast and crew, and welcome to all the newcomers!"

Joanne was last seen on the TGV stage as Ethel in *Harvey*.



Andrea Thom
Lee

Andrea played Dolly Levi in *Hello Dolly*.

She has recently retired from 38 years of teaching drama and TV production in Ohio and Florida high schools. As an 18 year board member of the Flor-

ida State Thespian Society, she ran the college and scholarship auditions for Florida high school juniors and seniors at the annual state festival in Tampa. After directing 3-4 high school productions annually, she is thrilled to be performing on stage. Andrea would like to thank her husband, Bob, and Joanne Griner for encouraging her to audition for this show, and to her director and fellow cast members for making this a wonderful experience.



Edward Van Peenen
Dr. Charles

After teaching physics and mathematics for 25 years (20 at VSC) Edward says "I'm acting? As a psychiatrist? Is this a sign I should have my head examined?" Prior to the role of Dr Wally, Edward played Jack in

Anna's Brooklyn Promise.

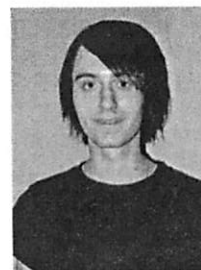
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Angelo V. Smith

Retirement Home Director
Angelo is a proud member of the USAF and has been a firefighter for 19 years. This is his first play with TGV and he's proud to be working with Director Mary Helen and the cast and crew.

Angelo played Flute in *Mid Summers Night Dream*, the Butler in *Hounds of the Baskerville*, and the lead role of Bernard in *Don't Dress for Dinner*.



Will Lewis
Hank

Will says "It was a joy to work on *Marvin's Room*. The cast was very fun to work with and I feel the play will turn out to be a success."

Will played Reverend Henry T. Dobson in *Cole*

Porters Anything Goes, Mark Anthony in *Shakespeare's Julius Caesar* and Sampson in *Once Upon a Beginning*.



Mikey Scott
Charlie

Mikey is 11 years old and loves to make people laugh. Since moving to Valdosta he has been in several productions and worked behind the scenes as student director. His favorite roles were Theseus

in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Wally in the Gingerbread Players production of *Greatest Americans* and Thor in *The Nerd*.

Mikey would like to thank Ms. Mary Helen and Ms. Pauline for the opportunity to be in *Marvin's Room*.



John Deming
As Marvin

John is a longtime TGV member and can usually be seen at the front door of the theatre taking tickets. He played the delivery guy in *Barefoot in the Park*.



A special welcome to those cast members who are appearing on the TGV stage for the first time:

Ted Bilak

Andrea Thom

Edward Van Peenen

Angelo Smith

Will Lewis

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UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Auditions for

Lost in Yonkers

will be held March 2nd and 3rd, 2008 at 7PM at the 'Dosta.

Winner of the 1991 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Best Play:
1991 Tony Awards.

This play, set in Yonkers in 1942, features another battling odd couple. This time an old woman and her 35 year old daughter. Bella, the daughter, is mentally challenged, pathetically affectionate and more than enough for Grandma Kurnitz to manage. As the play opens, son Eddie deposits his two young sons on the old lady's doorstep. He is in debt and needs to go on an extended sales trip to make some money. The boys must contend with Grandma, a stern, tough old lady; with Bella and her secret romance, and with Louie, her brother, who may have mob connections. Gradually, the mood deepens and darkens as the boys endure life with a family of emotionally crippled people. While the children are only temporarily exiled in Yonkers, the rest of their sad, funny family is truly lost.

www.theatreguildvaldosta.com

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I first saw "Marvin's Room" in St. Louis, Missouri where it was produced by the St. Louis Repertory Theater and shortly after that I saw the movie starring Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio and Diane Keaton among others. While the movie was a bit different in feel and tone from the play, the essential story stayed the same.

Bessie lives in Florida with her father and aunt and has served as their primary caretaker for the past 17 years. Lee, Bessie's sister, has lived in Ohio and has elected to stay out of the lives of her family for that same period of time. The story centers on the dilemmas and family tensions produced when Bessie is diagnosed with leukemia and Lee and her two sons enter the picture.

The story is funny and sad, wryly amusing and amazingly on-target for anyone dealing with aging parents and life threatening illness. You can find yourself laughing and crying nearly simultaneously as you watch Bessie, Lee, Ruth, Hank and Charlie and the rest of the cast work through their lives.

It is the fun and the sadness combined that drew me to this play. Scott McPherson gets many things right in his play and holds up a mirror for us to see ourselves and how we, too, may react to the sort of problems that Bessie faces. This is the type of play I most enjoy directing. It has heart and soul with a tremendous sense of humor.

So, please, as you watch the lives of Bessie and the rest of the cast unfold on stage, feel free to laugh as well as cry. Life is like that after all.

Mary Helen Watson, Director

PRODUCTION CREW

Director.....Mary Helen Watson
 Assistant Director.....Pauline Player
 Producer.....Mary Ann Green
 Stage Manager.....Patti Cook
 Assistant Stage Manager.....Jack Broomberg
 PropsPatti Cook, Mary Ann Green
 Props Manager.....Michelle Gaines
 Backstage Assistant.....Joseph Hardeman
 Costumes.....Linda Stikkel and Cast
 Make-Up.....Rick Patrick
 Lights and Sound.....Heather Ward-King
 Tripp Broomberg, Jessie Scott and Michael Scroggs
 Box OfficeMary Ann Green
 Publicity.....Jennifer Scott
 Caterer.....Covington's
 Head UsherMary Helen Taylor
 Set Construction.....Patti Cook, Mike Glasscock,
 Jerry Ellis, Fred Stikkel, Mary Helen Watson, Pauline
 Player, Mary Ann Green, Byron Vance, Linda Stikkel,
 Joanne Griner, Wayne Eliasek, Mike Scott, Angelo Smith,
 Lynnette Kenworthy, Mikey, Alex and Jessie Scott.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS - GINGERBREAD PLAYERS

Auditions for *Captain Bree and Her Lady Pirates*

will be held January 27th and 28th, 2008
 at 6PM at the 'Dosta Playhouse

Ages 6-18 welcome,
 no experience necessary.

www.gingerbreadplayers.com



THEATRE GUILD VALDOSTA

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, play 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)

Member 4-Ticket Pass \$40

Non-Member 4-Ticket Pass \$45

Single Ticket \$12

Children's Show Tickets \$5

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

For membership, please call the theatre at 229.24.STAGE

Dinner Theatre

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). Covington's is our exclusive caterer for the 2007-2008 season.

Children Get In On The Act

Twice yearly, Gingerbread Players takes over the stage and 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 from props to lights! Parents get involved with their children and it becomes a family adventure. Visit the Gingerbread Players website for information at www.gingerbreadplayers.com

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House Manager.....Lynnette Kenworthy
Publicity.....Jennifer Scott
Member-at-Large.....Grant Brown
Play Reading.....Clay Lee

GINGERBREAD PLAYERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Chair.....Robin McLendon
Vice-Chair/Secretary.....Sue Van Nortwick
TreasurerSandy Trowell
Publicity.....Jennifer Scott
Play ReadingLynnette Kenworthy
TGV Liaison.....Grant Brown

The "Marvin's Room" Cast wishes to express its gratitude to the following businesses and individuals for their contributions.

John Demming

The Kenworthy Family

Dean Poling - Valdosta Daily Times

Levonnie Lindsey, VSU Theatre Department

2007-2008 Season



HARVEY

A Comedy
By Mary Chase
October 4-7,
11-13, 2007



By Martin A. Follse
Presented By
Gingerbread Players
March 6-9, 2008

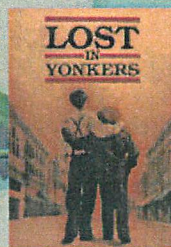


Written by
Rebecca Ryland Music &
Lyrics by Bill Francoeur
Presented By
Gingerbread Players
November 29-30,
December 1-2, 2007

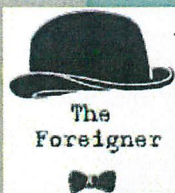
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