

SPRING 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring has arrived, despite the continuing cover of snow, the crocus and daffodils are blooming and so is Playcrafters. Our production of ***Moon Over Buffalo*** is underway with exciting twists and turns, our 2018-2019 Season has been selected, and we will be introducing our new website in late Spring. I will also be honored to accompany Chrisa Burke as we hand out the Margaret W. Smith and the first Desmond W. Burke Scholarship to deserving graduates of the Bellport Senior High School in

June. You can help to support the Scholarship fund by donating at the concessions table at our Spring Production, also by attending **A Tribute to Des** celebrated by the Flamingo Road Band and special guests at the YMCA Boulton Center in Bayshore on May 18th. Soon after our Summer activities will be upon us including the Memorial Day Parade, Bellport Day with the Bell Brothers and a few moments to relax with friends and family before we begin another Season of Playcrafters top quality performances. I'd like to thank our outgoing Board Members; Kathy Loizides, Joe Skelly and Chrisa Burke, for their time and service and who continue to be pillars of our organization, as we welcome Kevin Clyne, James Carey and Amelia Chiamonte to the Board who all work double-time to keep moving Playcrafters forward. Cheers!

Sharon Walker

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board elections were held at our Annual Meeting in late January followed by Executive member elections at the February 19th Board of Directors meeting. Serving on the Executive Board are: Sharon Walker, President, Marcel Paul, VP, Amelia Chiamonte, Treasurer and Barbara Allen, Secretary. Current Board members completing the team are James Carey, Kevin Clyne, Jane Love, Peter Morrison, and Lisette Ruch.

OTHER DESERT CITIES



With over 250 in attendance over the run of the show, "Other Desert Cities" was a huge success for Playcrafters artistically and financially. Congratulations to Director John Hannon, Producer Barbara Allen, Stage Manager Annette Malliard and the spectacular cast, Amelia Chiamonte, Kevin Clyne, Kelly Schmidt,

Matt Boose and Laurie Atlas on presenting the complexities of a family with secrets. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Jim Hazard and Chrisa Burke on the construction and design of the beautiful modern contemporary set, which many people expressed an interest in moving in to! Thank you to everyone who worked on the show and to everyone who attended.

Barbara Allen, Producer

OUR SPRING SHOW "MOON OVER BUFFALO"



Ken Ludwig's *Moon Over Buffalo* happens to be one of my favorite comedies so I was thrilled when Playcrafters invited me to direct it for their Spring production. Then I started to panic.

The show is hysterically funny but contains a tremendous amount of physical humor and even Errol Flynn type sword fighting. How were we going to pull that off? They say a great cast is a large percentage of a director's job in creating a successful production. I happen to be blessed with a cast who have taken on the tasks of physical humor, swashbuckling, falling, leaping and rolling on the stage with grace and elegance while making it look easy! These eight actors are a true ensemble in every sense of the word. Not only have they created three dimensional wacky and wonderful characters but they support each other in doing so. For that I thank them. Come join us as we follow the story of George and Charlotte Hay, formerly successful film stars who have now been reduced to doing theater on the road--this time in Buffalo, New York. Watch how a fortunate turn of events presents them with the opportunity for show business success once again and the outrageous circumstances that prevent them from getting what they have always wanted. Our outstanding cast includes: Nick and June Damadeo (George and Charlotte), Bryan Mayer (Howard), Michael Shanahan (Paul), Kelly Schmidt (Roz), Laurie Atlas (Ethel), Chrissy Cavagnet (Eileen), Kevin Clyne (Richard).

Catherine Clyne, Director

Performance Dates

Fridays & Saturdays, May 11, 12, 18, & 19, 8 p.m.
Sundays, May 13 & 20, Matinee 3 pm.

For tickets/information visit our website bellport-playcrafters.com scroll to Tickets on the left side bar

MOON OVER BUFFALO TRIVIA

Moon over Buffalo marked Carol Burnett's return to Broadway after 30 years (for which she received a Tony Award nomination). It also starred Philip Bosco and Randy Graff. Subsequent Broadway casts included Lynn Redgrave and Robert Goulet.

"Moon Over Buffalo" later opened at London's legendary Old Vic starring Joan Collins and Frank Langella, under the title ***Over the Moon***. It was directed on Broadway by Tom Moore, and in London by Ray Cooney.

ANNOUNCING PLAYCRAFTERS THEATRE COMPANY'S 2018 – 2019 SEASON!

We thank everyone who submitted a play for our consideration and ask that you understand how very difficult it is to choose only two Main stage productions out of so many good works to choose from. After a challenging selection of suggested plays, the Play Reading Committee and our Board are happy to announce our 2018-2019 Season.

Summer Readers Theatre - August:

Agatha Christie's "Death On The Nile"

As Hercule Poirot enjoys a luxurious cruise down the Nile, a newlywed heiress is found murdered on board. Can Poirot identify the killer before the ship reaches the end of its journey?

Fall - Main Stage - early November

"The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash

Directed by Catherine Clyne

Tells the story of a middle-aged woman, suffering from unrequited love for the local town sheriff; however, she falls for a con man who comes to town with the promise that he can make it rain.

Spring - Main Stage -

"Over The River And Through The Woods" – Joe DiPietro

Directed by Debbie D'Amore

The plot concerns a young, carefree, single bachelor in New Jersey who spends nearly every Sunday afternoon visiting with either of his two sets of grandparents, who are ethnic Italians. When he makes an unscheduled visit to announce his employer will be promoting and relocating him to Seattle in a few months, his grandparents are shocked, and attempt matchmaking by inviting an eligible young woman to join them at the next dinner, hoping the two will bond and their beloved grandson will decide to remain in the area.

Specific Dates and Times for all productions are still being worked out, and will be posted on our website as well as in our Summer Newsletter in mid-July

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

Playcrafters Theatre Company is one of the oldest non-profit community theaters on Long Island. We depend solely on our loyal member and donations for our support. If you have not yet renewed Membership for 2018, or if you would like to become part of our winning team by joining our theater family, please take a moment now to complete and return this form.

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- Member - \$25 (*)
- Sponsor - \$50 & up
- Angel - \$75 & up
- Patron - \$100 & up

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- Always notify me by US mail
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Today's Date _____

(*)Single/Couple/Family/household members have been combined into one level - Member - \$25

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Playcrafters
PO Box 452, Bellport, NY 11713

REMEMBRANCES

Joel Cummings, 94, who first served on Playcrafters Board of Directors in 1965, passed away in Palm City, Florida on February 26th. In addition to acting and producing many of our main stage shows in the mid 60's and early 70's, she served on our Board of Directors for eight years and was a two time President. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends.

ON THE MEND



Wishing both Peg and Al Rand a speedy recovery from their very rough winter. Peg suffered a nasty fall during the Baycrafters Annual Brown Bag Ball and finally returned home after spending many weeks in rehab. No sooner did Peg return home then Al was admitted to the hospital with Pneumonia. Our best wishes are with them and we hope they are on the mend. They assure us they will be cheering us on as usual during our Annual Memorial Day Parade!

Looking forward to seeing you there Peg & Al!

THEATRE FOLK:

Bob Maletta, Director, **First Things First** - Clare Rose Playhouse. Joining the cast are: Amelia Chiamonte, Claire-Parella Curren, James Carey Derek McLaughlin, and Kami Cray
April 27 – May 13, Friday & Saturday at 8:00
Sunday Matinees at 3:00 PM
631-654-0199

George Loizides, director, **Don't Dress for Dinner**
The Hampton Theatre Company May 24th through June 10th.
Thursday & Friday nights - 7:30, Saturdays at 8:00, Sundays at 2:30. Additional matinee Saturday June 9th. Tickets - hamptontheatre.org.

A "Tribute to Des" A Musical Celebration of the Life and Music of **Des Burke**, Friday May 18, 7:30PM
YMCA Boulton Center, Bay Shore.
More information at [facebook.com/flamingoroadband](https://www.facebook.com/flamingoroadband)
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/2uQ10iO>

MEMORIAL DAY

Yes! Once again we will be planning to meet for the Memorial Day Parade, on Bellport Lane - **WEATHER PERMITTING**.