

## WINTER 2018

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

And in a blink of an eye, we close the door on 2017 and enter into 2018...

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as President of Playcrafters Theatre Co. this past year. My sincere thanks go to the board of directors: Kathy Loizides (VP), Joe Skelly (Treasurer), Barbara Allen (Secretary), Jane Love, Peter Morrison, Marcel Paul, Lisette Ruch, and Sharon Walker. Together as a strong board we navigated through a successful season of outstanding community theater. My thanks as well, to our dedicated membership, our vast talent pool of actors, directors, producers, costumers, carpenters, sound and light techs; the list is endless.

Often in the fog of the daily grind of life, we take for granted the community of love and support that surrounds us. This year has taught me that Playcrafters is a vital part of this community. In this spirit, let us all move forward into 2018 with great hopes and visions of bringing this community alive, on and off the stage!

Cheers!

*Chrisa Burke*



**Other Desert Cities** by Jon Robin Baitz, involves a family with differing political views and a long-held family secret. Brooke Wyeth returns home to Palm Springs after a six year absence to celebrate Christmas with her parents, her brother, and her

aunt. Brooke announces that she is about to publish a memoir dredging up a pivotal and tragic event in the family's history - a wound they don't want reopened. In effect, she draws a line in the sand and dares them all to cross it. This is a smart and gripping family drama of politics...domestic and otherwise...and you never want to take your eyes off a single one of the family members.



Directed by John Hannon and produced by Barbara Allen, this incredibly talented cast includes Laurie Atlas, Matthew Boose, Amelia Chiaramonte, Kevin Clyne and Kelly Schmidt.

Photo by Michele DePalò

### Performance dates:

Fridays & Saturdays, Feb. 16, 17, 23, 24, at 8:00 pm  
Sunday matinees 18 & 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

Visit our website for tickets/times/date information  
[bellport-playcrafters.com](http://bellport-playcrafters.com) scroll to Tickets on left side bar

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## Auditions

### "Moon Over Buffalo"

by Ken Ludwig

Directed by Catherine Clyne

### Audition Dates, Time and Location

Mon., Feb. 19 & Tues., Feb. 20, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
At the Boys & Girls Club, 471 Atlantic Ave. Bellport

### Performance Dates

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

For further information check our website or contact Catherine Clyne at [earthandsky@optonline.net](mailto:earthandsky@optonline.net)

"In the madcap comedy tradition of *Lend Me a Tenor*, the hilarious *Moon Over Buffalo* centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. At the moment, they're playing *Private Lives* and *Cyrano De Bergerac* in rep in Buffalo, New York with five actors. On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George's dalliance with a young ingénue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about Charlotte's deaf, old stage-manager mother who hates every bone in George's body."

### OUR FALL READERS THEATER - HARVEY



The cast taking their final bow after a hysterical presentation of Harvey, directed by Jane Love, and produced by Sharon Walker. Kudos to the cast and crew for job well done!

South Country Radio



The next installment of Playcrafters South Country Radio's Old Tyme Radio is soon to drop *The Life of Riley - Simon the Waiter!* Directed by Peter Morrison and produced by Lisette Ruch, Radio Show regulars Matt Palace, Ted

Fleissgarten, Meghann Sullivan, & Vincent Rasulo, are joined by newcomer Laurie Atlas to bring you laughs in this all-time classic comedy. Thank you to Jack Walker, who does all our sound effects and music, and to Larry Sribnick who records and posts our program. Members who attended our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 got a sneak peek. Soon to drop on Bellport.com's South Country Radio - stay tuned.

**COMING SOON**

**REMEMBERENCES**

Playcrafters marked the passing of our beloved member Des Burke this past November with great sorrow. Des was a respected member of our theatre community, not only as a Playcrafter, but in other roles throughout the community; lending sound assistance to the South Country School District through his company, Burke Entertainment, and from his many other musical ventures. Des appeared in our 1995 Production of *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, as Band Leader/Narrator, our 1992 production of *The Mikado* as Poo Bah, and most recently in our 2016 Readers Theatre production of *You Can't Take it With You* as Mr. DePinna. Des was invaluable to us as our Webmaster and Sound consultant and served on our Board of Directors for many years and as well as filling the role of President for three terms. He will be missed by all, but forgotten by none.

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Playcrafters suffered another blow from the heartbreaking news that longtime members Michele and Nick DePalo lost their daughter, Nicole Gregory in early December as a result of complications from high quadriplegia. Playcrafters extends our sincere condolences to the DePalo and Gregory families.

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Chaired by Sharon Walker, Playcrafters WebSite ReDesign Committee of Joe Skelly, Flo Federman and Michele DePalo are working with our own Joe Landolfi of Infinite WebSite Solutions to update and refresh our WebSite. We are keeping our domain, "[bellport-playcrafters.com](http://bellport-playcrafters.com)", but will be giving it a makeover and setting it up on state of the art software that will allow for easy navigation to our favorite pages (Memories from Past Shows, Current Production, Tickets, Membership, Scholarship, South Country Radio). The new platform will allow us to expand our social presence with a professional and welcoming design that provides engaging information to our greater theater community, while giving us the ability to easily update it from an operational perspective. Check back in mid-late Spring for the exciting new look of Playcrafters Theatre Company!

**NOTE:** Tickets can still be purchased by going to **TICKETS** on the left sidebar of our current website

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**REMINDER – NEW TICKET PRICES**  
**\$25 General Admission - \$20 Students & Seniors**

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**THEATRE FOLK:**  
Bob Maletta, Director, *First Things First*,  
Amelia Chiamonte & Derek McLaughlin, join the cast at  
Clare Rose Playhouse April 27 – May 13.  
631-654-0199

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**ANNUAL MEETING**



Photos by Michele Depalo

Our Annual meeting was held on January 28 where we gathered to celebrate our 58<sup>th</sup> year of bringing live theatre to Bellport. We shared good times and many stories with old and new members. Our Board Elections were held and we welcomed new Board members Kevin Clyne, James Carey and returning to the board Amelia Chiamonte.

President Chrisa Burke detailed the many strides we've made over the year and thanked outgoing board members Joe Skelly and Kathy Loizides for their outstanding service on and off the Board. After 4-years of service President Burke is also going off the board, and she thanked the entire membership for their support during her tenure.

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION**

Our Annual meeting is the time for general membership renewals. If you could not attend or send a check prior to the meeting, please take a moment now to update your membership. Also note our membership structure has changed to reflect the higher costs of producing quality theater. We sincerely thank you and appreciate your loyalty, support and understanding.

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

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Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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