



SUMMER 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Summer is back and so are we! I hope everyone is enjoying the freedom to get out and see others. As vaccinations increase and restrictions decrease, live performances are slowly returning. Many groups have

already been performing to limited, socially distanced audiences following COVID guidelines.

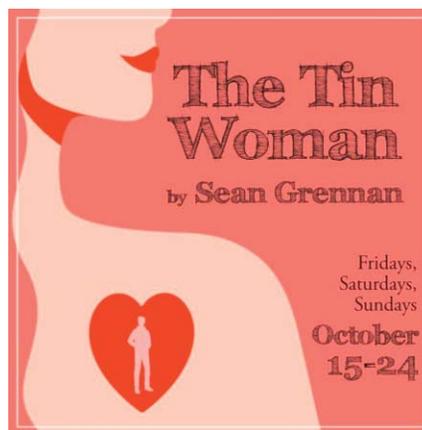
With that in mind, we are pleased to be offering our own outdoor performance of three “old tyme” radio comedies at the Post Morrow Preserve on Sunday, September 12. This is very exciting for all of us who have been craving live theater for over a year and a half. Join us for an afternoon of nostalgic fun.

We are also looking forward to presenting *The Tin Woman* by Sean Grennan, directed by **Catherine Clyne**, in mid October at the Boys and Girls Club. With a talented cast and Catherine's fine direction, I'm sure it will be a wonderful return to the stage.

Currently, final preparations are being made for Playcrafters' gala event on August 29 to celebrate our 60th anniversary. The committee assures me that we are in for an enjoyable afternoon of friends and memories at the Bellport Country Club.

See everyone there. Happy summer.

– Kathy Loizides



OUR FALL SHOW!

We are thrilled to be planning live theater again, with our first full production of the year.

The Tin Woman centers around Joy, a young heart transplant recipient. Lives are forever changed as she reaches out to the family of the donor and makes an incredible connection. The heartwarming story touches us with humor and charm as it brings its flawed, but lovable characters on a journey of transformation and healing.

Our cast includes **Amanda Griemsmann, Laurie Atlas, Christopher Wadolowski, Erica Lopez, Jacquie Kahn, Michael Cerevella, and Delania Tyne.**

The crew is headed by Director **Catherine Clyne**, Stage Manager **Barbara Allen**, and Producers **John Hannon, Kathy Loizides, and Annette Maillard.**

Performances run October 15 through 24 at our theatre space at the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area. Look for more about tickets later this summer at www.Bellport-Playcrafters.com.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the well-deserving winners of the Des Burke Scholarship.

- **Michael Marziliano** plans to study acting at LIU Post.
- **Vivian Fritz** will study music at the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College.
- **Cameron Kerr-Smith** will major in animation/illustration at SUNY Fredonia
- **Emma Hoeffner** will be attending Westchester University of Pennsylvania for physical and health education.

Good luck students!

FAREWELLS...

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RUTH HALLOCK

We say goodbye to **Ruth Hallock**, a great supporter of Playcrafters. One of our earliest members, Ruth contributed her artistic talents in poster design for shows including *Tea and Sympathy*, *The Seven Year Itch*, *My Fair Lady* and *Brigadoon*.

Ruth passed away on January 25, 2020. A memorial service for Ruth has been planned for Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 2 pm at the Bellport United Methodist Church, located at 185 South Country Road, Bellport.

BEST WISHES TO JOHN AND RICH

Playcrafters wishes **John Simpson** and **Rich Zuzzio** a fond farewell as they move to South Carolina at the end of the summer. John first appeared in our production of *Tea and Sympathy* in 1961 and most recently in *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* in 2019. Best of luck and come back to visit.

PLAYCRAFTERS OLD TYME RADIO SHOW

In March 2020, Director **Laurie Atlas** and Producer **Lisette Ruch** began rehearsals for a radio show with an incredibly talented group of voice actors. Shortly thereafter the world shut down. Undeterred, Laurie and Lisette continued to rehearse on Zoom.

All of our hard work and staying power is now coming to fruition with a live, outdoor performance on **Sunday, September 12** at 2 pm at Post-Morrow Preserve located at 16 Bay Road in Brookhaven. (Rain date: Sunday, September 19th at 2 pm)

Admission to our performance is a non-perishable food item that will be donated to a local pantry. We also ask you bring a chair and a beverage of your choosing. Then it's simply a matter of sitting back to watch and listen as we transport you back several decades with our three fun-filled "old tyme" radio shows.

Our talented cast consists of: **Laurie Atlas, Kevin Clyne, Carl DiModugno, John Hannon, Elyzabeth Meade, Norman Roscoe, Susan Roscoe, Lisette Ruch, and Marianne Schmidt.**

Mark your calendars and come on down for a family friendly show that is sure to please.



60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Playcrafters Theatre Company is hosting a celebration brunch to commemorate our 60th anniversary on **Sunday, August 29, 2021**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Bellport Country Club. Invitations to members were sent with an RSVP (and payment due) by the end of July. The cost of the brunch is \$45 per person plus a cash bar and the day will include displays of our many shows.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate the 60 plus years of Playcrafters history. For questions please contact **Judy Perfido** at judymax@optonline.net.