

THE CURTAIN CALL

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1970 - 2010 40th Anniversary Season

NOW ON STAGE

"An evening of guiltless laughter!"
-- Village News

"A way to leave your problems at home
and 'lead' your days to laughter"
--Detroit Free Press

In this hilarious comedy by the author of **LEND ME A TENOR** and **MOON OVER BUFFALO**, two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country in Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces!

The veteran cast is a marvelous one, led by multiple Pierrot winners **Larry Helms** (Doc) and **Nick Judy** (Butch). Other winners include **Jarrold Snapko** (Leo) and **Susanna Carey** (Aunt Florence).

TWH technical director **Derek Wyatt** from **THE PERFECT WEDDING** handles the role of Duncan and **Ashley Lee** from last



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TWH WOMEN'S GUILD
ANN GRIFFITH ALLEN

season's **THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO** takes on the part of Audrey. Newcomers **Michael Kutner** and **Sarah Jane Fredlick**, who have appeared professionally at Madcow Theatre and Orlando Rep, tackle the roles of Jack and Meg respectively.

Returning to "lead the ladies" is New York director and Florida Southern alum Lawrence Leshner, whose work at TWH has included **I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE!** and **NUNSENSATIONS**. Scenery for the show is designed by **Nick Judy**, with Costumes by **Camille McClellan**, stage management by **Marti Stanley** and lighting design handled by **Tom Johnson**.

Show Dates & Times

Thu., Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Thu., Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 24 at 2:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Thu., Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 30 at 2:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 31 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets Now On Sale!

\$20.00 Adults / \$19.00 Students (under 17)

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Week of a Mainstage Production
Tue. - Sat. 1-6 p.m.
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Tue. - Thu. 1-4 p.m.

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This month at TWH

**The
Vagina
Monologues**

Returning by popular demand - Eve Ensler's **THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES**. A poignant and hilarious tour of the last frontier, **THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES** is a celebration of female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. In this stunning phenomenon that has swept the nation, Eve Ensler gives us real women's stories of intimacy, vulnerability, and sexual self-discovery.

An Obie award-winner and based on author Eve Ensler's 'Vagina Interviews' conducted with women from all around the world. Featuring an ensemble of Polk County's best actresses and directed by Holly Parrish.

See it at TWH - Wed., Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Call **294-SHOW**

See it at LCT - Fri., Jan.29 at 7:30 p.m.
Call **603-PLAY**

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Jan. 23

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TWH - Jan. 27
LCT - Jan. 29

**Six Dance Lessons
in Six Weeks**
StageRead
Feb. 16 & 17

Ragtime
Mainstage
Feb. 25 - Mar. 21

**The 25th Annual
Putnam County
Spelling Bee**
StageRead
Mar. 16 & 17

The Boys
Next Door
Mainstage
Apr. 15 - May 2

**A Piece of My
Heart**
StageRead
Apr. 6 & 7

**Paintin' The
Fence**
Academy
May 21 - 23

RENT
Summer Musical
July 23 - Aug. 2

StageRead Series starting in February

SIX DANCE LESSON IN SIX WEEKS
Presented in the Ridge Art Gallery
Comedy - Feb. 16 & 17

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Musical - March 16 & 17

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Meet the Co-Producers!

The TWH Women's Guild - The main function of the Guild is to raise money to support TWH and has co-produced several Mainstage productions including **THE SUGAR BEAN SISTERS** and **THE PERFECT WEDDING**. The Guild meets on the first Tuesday of the month from September until May at the Chain O' Lakes Complex's south entrance. New Members are always welcome to attend.

Ann Griffith Allen, is a long time supporter of TWH. Ann first became involved with theatre as an actress at Polk Community College (now Polk State College), and, then, through her mother who served as a TWH Board Member. Ann currently supports TWH as a Board Member herself, and has also co-produced the past productions of **THE SUGAR BEAN SISTERS** and **THE PERFECT WEDDING**.

Backstage Banter

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! Become a fan of the TWH page and get a fresh new look at what's happening around the theatre. View never-before-seen photos and the latest behind-the-scenes news and insights.

DUELIN' DIVAS WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS! Almost 300 attended and over \$23,000 was raised. A big thank you to our own "Leading Ladies," Patti Bostick and Lynn Oakley for leading the success-one that will continue next season if you missed it.

OVER 110 PEOPLE AUDITIONED FOR RAGTIME. The production opens February 25 with a stellar cast. This magnificent epic musical will soar into your hearts.

NEXT SEASON IS IN THE SELECTION PROCESS. You'll find it listed in your LEADING LADIES program. All productions are subject to availability.

RENT IS COMING THIS SUMMER. Tickets will be available beginning February. This life-changing musical is for a mature audience.

SPRING CLASSES and CAMP THEATRE WILL BE ENROLLING SOON! This summer the Academy will be presenting **WILLY WONKA, JUNIOR.**

GROUP RATES AVAILABLE for each Mainstage Production. Contact Tony in the Box Office to inquire about tickets for groups of 10 or more.

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SINGERS, STORYTELLERS AND ANYONE who likes to get up in front of people and have fun are welcome to join our seniors performing group, ACT IV. The group meets every Monday afternoon to rehearse and newcomers are always welcome. Call Carol at 298-8228, for more information.

THOSE ATTENDING OPENING NIGHT are invited to celebrate after the show, with the cast and crew. Cake and champagne are courtesy of the TWH Board of Trustees and is hosted by the Women's Guild.

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA STUDENTS admitted free on opening night, if seats are available! Have your school I.D. handy and enjoy the show.

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Leading Ladies

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January 14 - 31

Hamhock* of the Month

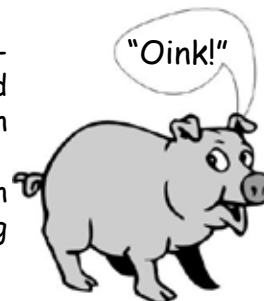


Amanda LeVasseur

Most audience members will recognize Amanda LeVasseur from her many award-winning roles at TWH, including parts in THE MUSIC MAN, INTO THE WOODS, PHANTOM, GREASE and KISS ME, KATE. However, as cook, child wrangler, organizer and Mom-to-all, Amanda has shown her skills go far beyond notes she sings, but to the care she shows--- and we thank her for it.

She attended East Carolina University as a music education major with emphasis on voice and flute and a minor in piano. When she married her husband they settled in Winter Haven and Amanda felt she was finally home!

Amanda is the current owner/director for Dance Alley SE here in Winter Haven and centers her business on promoting the performing arts for young people.



*HAMHOCK (ham-hack). Noun. The "backside" of the theatre team. Makes the show go. Not known for receiving applause

Here's a big OINK! OINK! to our Hamhocks of the Month.