



Stage Whispers

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My Fair Lady on Stage Mar. 12—29



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Recognized as one of musical theatre's legendary hits, *My Fair Lady* opens at the Guild Thursday, March 12th at 7pm, with a three week run, through Sunday matinee, March 29. Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, the musical enhances the book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner with music by Fredrick Loewe.

Under the direction of Tony Della Rocca, a familiar Theatre Guild personage, the endearing story line comes alive with a cast of 22 performing unforgettable songs from a timeless score: "With a Little Bit of Luck;" "I Could Have Danced All Night;" "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face;" "Get Me to the Church on Time."

The three major roles are



played by Larry Strauss, Bill Lembeck and Leigh Seirafi, cast as Henry Higgins, Colonel Hugh Pickering and Eliza Doolittle respectively. They are bound together over a wager that changes Eliza and her lifestyle from an unrefined cockney flower peddler to a refined Edwardian Lady.

Supporting cast includes Scott Freshly, Martha Kelly, Robin Voisky and Amy Woods.

Other male cast members are Paul Amaru,

Jason Busken, Jonathan Clark, John Felten, Art Haeberle, Frank Kaplan, James Kepler, Larry Nalepa and Dave Panula.

Other female cast members are Colleen Brennan, Deborah Chastain, Angela DiPasquo, Crystal Kepler, Renee Renzi and Glynis Sherman.

The production staff includes Michael Kadish, producer; Susan Nalepa, stage manager; Denise Lee, choreographer, so-set design/Tony Della Rocca; Ann McCabe/Denise Lee, costume design; James Kepler, music director; Dottie Hayes-Geisler and Iris Tapley, Pianists; Anne Talbot, Props and Ed Dessureau, Sound.

Sponsor for *My Fair Lady* is Treasure Coast Financial Planning located in Vero Beach.



President's Corner



Lot's of new this month. The 2009-2010 season has been finalized and our schedule is as follows:

Sept. 17—27:

“The Second Time Around”

Nov. 12—29:

“Cabaret”

Jan. 14—24:

“Sin, Sex and the CIA”

Mar. 11—28:

“The Sound of Music”

May. 13—23:

“It Runs in the Family”

A very special thank you to the Playreading Committee—Peter Peck (chair), Kevin Hogan, Norman Joost, Diane McDaniel, Larry Strauss, Nancy

Stroop and Carolyn Toohey—for their ability to recommend shows with appeal to our large customer base, as well as to our local talent.

This is our second Director's call. Anyone interested in directing next season should send a note to the Guild, to my attention, with your show of choice.

Likewise, anyone interested in stage management, producing and/or set design should also send a note to my attention. We are considering seminars for these activities, if enough interest is shown.

Mark your calendars:

Volunteer picnic—We are planning a Thank You picnic for the Guild volunteers

and their families on Sunday, April 26 from 1:00 until.... The Guild is providing the food, just bring your own beverages. **No alcohol**, please—Park Rules. The location will be the same as last time: Kiwanis/Hobart park on 77th St. at 58th Ave. Our social chair, Madelyn Rogers is in charge, so you don't want to miss it.

Genie Banquet—The Genie Awards Banquet will be held on June 20 at the Elks Lodge. More on the banquet next Whispers.

Don't forget **“My Fair Lady”** opens march 12!

See you soon.

Carole Strauss
President

*All the world's a stage
and the men and women
on it are merely players*

Shakespeare

Other News

George Carabin, professor and director extraordinaire, will be conducting a seminar on **Theatre—Actor—Spectator** at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Saturday, April 25 at 3pm. Admission if free.

Serendipity Dance Troupe which gave us our dancers for “Broadway Showstoppers 3” and also acted as our “brides” for “Perfect Wedding” publicity will be hosting **“Carnival of**

Dance” at the Guild on April 4 at 6pm. Call 766-2439 for information and tickets. Please note that our Guild box office will not have tickets for this performance.

Are you computer literate? Comfortable with scrambling, last minute changes and general chaos. Well you're just the person we are looking for. A position has opened in the Playbill Department for next sea-

son. This position offers all the benefits accorded our other department chairs. Non-existent wages, non-existent health benefits and non-existent vacation. But all kidding aside, we need your help in planning and organizing our Playbill. Please contact Carole Strauss at 388-1049 for more information regarding this exciting and rewarding chairmanship.



The Social Corner

**All American BBQ/Picnic
Sunday April 26 at Kiwanis/Hobart Park**

The “Thank You Volunteers” picnic/BBQ is back for an encore!! Lots of food—games— friends—fun and prizes.

Act II, Scene I

This scene opens under the covered pavilion at Hobart Park. The Guild will provide all the food and ice, just bring your favorite beverage (non-alcoholic, sorry park rules).

The Cast

No casting call required, all volunteers welcome. However, we are looking for a few “Grill Masters” and large coolers.

Sign Up or RSVP

On the business end, please call and let us know you are coming so we can buy what is needed and if you would like to be a grill master or would like to help in the set up and clean up department please let us know. Contact Madelyn Rogers at 713-0615 or e-mail: maddysdesigns1@aol.com. Yes Madelyn now has e-mail and has joined the rest of us.

My Fair Lady Pic’s

Photos by P. Amaru



Robin Volsky, Tonny Della Rocca, Leigh Seirafi, Larry Strauss
Bill Lembeck



Larry Nalepa, Paul Amaru, Scott Freshley
Leigh Seirafi



Angela DiPasquo, Colleen Brennan, Martha Kelly, Leigh Seirafi,
Deborah Chastain, Renee Renzi, Glynis Sherman



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Guild at a Glance



March Board Meeting to be held on Mar. 5th at 4 pm

COMING ATTRACTION

March	My Fair Lady	Mar. 12, 18, 19 and 26 at 7pm 13, 14, 20, 27 and 28 at 8pm 15, 21, 22 and 29 at 2pm
	Auditions Opal is a Diamond	March 15, 16 and 23 at 7pm
May	Opal is a Diamond	May 14, 20 and 21 at 7 pm 15, 16 and 22 at 8pm 17, 23 and 24 at 2pm

Remember you can review all show schedules, audition notices and a PDF format newsletter at either of our web sites: www.verobeachtheatreguild.com or www.vbgt.net