



# Stage Whispers

V E R O B E A C H T H E A T R E G U I L D

## Comedy and laughs abound as “Opal” takes the stage May 14

Opal, the main character in Vero Beach Theatre Guild’s comedy, *Opal is a Diamond*, is a twenty-four carat diamond in the rough surrounded by the town’s crooked politicians.

Opening Thursday, May 14 and playing through Sunday, May 24, the ever popular Opal series is based on playwright John Patrick’s whimsical fickle-finger-of-fate possibilities.

Cast as Opal, Margaret Frazier and her friendly neighbor, Rosie, portrayed by Nancy Malinos, take matters into their own hands when three smooth-talking



politicians, characterized by Don Croteau, J.T. Byrd and Alexis Whitesell, finagle endorsements.

When Opal retaliates by rallying support for her candidacy, foul play provides a “means to an end.”

Other Ccast members are Jason Busken, Gil Der- ing, Kevin Bradley and

Neal Stannard, in addition to Jesse and John Christopher Sayles.

Making his directorial debut is Gary Bruce Sayles, recipient of five Theatre Guild Genie awards within the past two years.

Assisting the director are: Sarah Morley, producer; Sara Dessureau, stage manager; Denise Lee, production manager/lighting; Paul Malinso, set designer; Ed Dessureau, sound; Ann McCabe, costumes; Anne Talbot, props and Madelyn Rogers, hair/ make-up.

~See you at the Theatre

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## Presidents Corner

Lot's of news again this month. Reader's Theatre is back this June in the form of a One-Act Festival. Five new directors will show their talents presenting six plays: *If Men Played Cards as Women Do* by George Kaufman; *The Bore* by Anton Chekhov; *The Worker* by Walter Wykes; *The Actors Nightmare* by Christopher Durang; *The Philadelphia* by David Ives and *Speed Dating with the Divorce Lawyer* by G. L. Horton. Our directors will be Jason Avery, Ben Earman, Derek Gesin, Larry Thompson and Sue Threlkeld. The mastermind behind this festival is Steve Cembrinski, who will oversee the production and function as Producer for the shows; Dana Rogers will Stage Manage. Auditions are set for May 17 and 18 and the performances will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 pm.

Next season's directors have also been chosen, with a new twist. Each director has agreed to take on an assistant director to begin the process of training new directors for our main season productions. The 2009—2010 directors are:

*The Second Time Around* (Sept. 17—27) - George Carabin

*Cabaret* (Nov. 12—29) - Mark Phillip Wygonik

*Sin, Sex and the CIA* (Jan. 14—24) = Clara McCarthy

*The Sound of Music* (Mar. 11—28) - Tony Della Rocca

*It Runs in the Family* (May 13—23) - Dee Ridenour

**Dance Workshop**—Mark Wygonik and Chris Foster are in the process of planning a workshop to prepare dancers for the *Cabaret* auditions. Timing, location, instructors... have not been finalized, but think July. Details for this exciting, new opportunity will be mailed and posted on flyers, Facebook, My Space, ect.

Kudos to Guild-on-the-GO who received a standing ovation at the Hibiscus Festival. Organized by Nancy Stroop and Carolyn Toohey, This fabulous ensemble included Angela DiPasquo, Caitlin and Greg Harris, Crystal Kepler, Dave Panula, Leigh Seirafi, Glynis Sherman, Nancy Stroop, Carolyn and John Toohey, the "Almost Andrew Sisters" & Ed Dessureau on sound. What a troupe!!

Last call for anyone interested in learning set design, lighting design or stage management—let me know—we're planning workshops this summer.

**Genie Banquet**—The Genie wards banquet will be held on June 20 at the Elks Lodge; mark your calendars. Invitations will be mailed out in May; if you don't receive yours by June 1, please phone the box office—all current volunteers and season ticket holders are eligible to attend.

**Annual Meeting**—will be held at the Theatre Guild on Thursday, June 25, at 7:00 pm. Three new board members will be elected; all Guild members are eligible to vote.

Don't forget *Opal is a Diamond* opens on May 14, under the direction of Gary Bruce Sayles.

Carole Strauss, President



## Heart of the Guild

Olav Leonard “Skip” Sande, passed away April 6, 2009. Skip, a long time Guilder, had won Genie Awards for his set construction. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Josephine “Jo” Sande. Although Skip had not been active at the Guild in recent years he will be missed.

## Opal Pic's



**Editor Note: A full album of pictures for My Fair Lady are available at [www.vbtg.org](http://www.vbtg.org).**

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## Guild at a Glance



Board Meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

<b>May</b>	<i>Opal is a Diamond</i>	May 14, 20, 21 At 7 pm 15, 16, 22 at 8 pm 17, 23, 24 at 2 pm
	<b>Readers Theatre auditions</b>	May 17, 18 at 7 pm
<b>June</b>	<b>Genie Banquet</b>	June 20 Cocktails at 5 pm
	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	June 25 at 7 pm
	<b>Readers Theatre (One-Act-Festival)</b>	June 27 at 7 pm 28 at 2 pm