



LCRT Members Newsletter – July - September 2003

Lake County Repertory Theater ~ P.O. Box is 1753, Lower Lake 95457

LCRT Mission: To provide a quality theater experience to the people of Lake County

An auxiliary of the Lake County Arts Council

LCRT 2003/04 Season Opens

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" Sept.19-21 & 26-28

Set in a Mississippi plantation, it tells the story of the rivalries and misunderstandings that tear apart a family as it gathers for the 75th birthday of its patriarch Big Daddy.



Tennessee William's Pulitzer Prize winning story of Brick (Frank Raymos) and Maggie Pollitt (Traci Ellen Stinebrink) and their frustrating relationship with each other and family.

Nov. 1 & 2, A Benefit Performance "LOVE LETTERS"

A special benefit performance designated to replace the stage curtain of the Schoolhouse Museum.



MORE OF THE 2003-'04 SEASON

Driving Miss Daisy

Nov. 14-16 & 21-23

Greater Tuna

Feb. 20-22 & 27-29, 2004

Scriptwriting Festival Finals

Jan. 16-17, 2004

Festival Winner

April 16-18 & 23-25, 2004

Two plays on each of two nights as Reader's Theater

The Exonerated

June 4-6, 2004 (Presented as a benefit for Amnesty International)

Welcome New Members

PATRONS: Robert & Muriel Carter

SPONSORS: Jim & Susanne Scholz, Beryleen Andrea, Linda Kalmar, Jeff and Nancy Bailey, Gena Bartholf, Angela and Richard Birk, Mary Howe, Meriel Medrano, Tina and Tom Wasson, and **ANGLE:** Dave Tucker *THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN LCRT*

We have 54 members (48 paid). Email Winkie Griffin at: winkieg@xprs.net or phone 707/994-8829. LCRT Individual \$10, Student \$5 or become a major sponsor.

NEW TICKET PRICES ~ Still the best live theatre ticket price, the 2003-04 LCRT tickets for general admission is \$10 for seniors and students tickets will be \$8 for the new season. Buying 20 or more tickets, pay \$7. Members who are 60 years old or older pay \$5. Regular LCRT members pay \$8. Members must show their LCRT card.

NO FLASH PHOTOS DURING SHOWS

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that no flash pictures will be allowed during a performance.

Playwriting Festival '04 Update

Linda Altman confirmed that, as of 8/13/03, we have had over 125 inquiries and have received 20 play submissions for the Festival. After the October 1 deadline passes, Board members (and others) will be asked to read two or three plays and "critique" them. A form has been created for the critique. A "read-off" of the top four plays will be held in January 2004.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Daniel Holland (Gooper) and Janet Reihl (Mae) are the family members who try to do everything they think their wealthy father and mother want while Jack Grosenbach plays the family doctor who brings them the bad news of Big Daddy's terminal cancer.



"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" Volunteers are needed.

Anita Swanson will serve as *house manager* for the play; Jane Weaver has offered to handle the *ticket table*. Frances Lueck will train as *assistant director*. Voris Brumfield will send out *media releases*.



"Cat on the Hot Tin Roof" Sept.19-21& 26-28

Leading cast members seated: Pat Conway (Big Mamma), Dick Griffin (Big Daddy) Standing, Left to right: Janet Reihl (Mae), Daniel Holland (Gooper), Frank Raymos (Brick), Traci Ellen Stinebrink (Maggie) <http://lcrthome.mchsi.com/boards.htm>

IN-KIND SPONSORS for ***"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"***
Clear Lake Community College/Yuba College and Affiliated Computer Services ~ Rehearsal Space

CAST & CREW DISCOUNTS

LCRT Cast and crew for each production/ play may receive 1 ticket free and up to four additional tickets at \$5 each for the production they work or perform.

Help is needed behind the scenes and on stage.



A ONE-DAY AGENT/CASTING SEMINAR

A one-day Agent/Casting Director Seminar produced by LCRT will be held at the Schoolhouse Museum November 22 for persons interested in pursuing a career in the entertainment industry. This seminar is open to the public and those interested in theatre or film are invited to participate. Additionally, various aspects of theater production will be discussed. The charge will be nominal, contact Anita Swanson for more information: Speake00@aol.com
DOUG Murphy, of the BOBBY BALL AGENCY in Universal City and.



Treasurer's Report -- Jane Weaver reported the LCRT bank balance is \$6,620.73 as of 8/13/03.

LCRT Member OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2004 and beyond

- * Sponsorships: Sponsors for royalties and Museum rental fees.
- * Develop a children's theatre season
- * Select play season two years in advance
- * Promote Group Sales
- * Offer cooperative productions to benefit non-profit groups
- * Let's Get To Know The Members.



LCRT 2003/2204 OFFICERS ELECTED

President:	Anita Swanson
Vice President:	Rich Altman
Secretary:	Voris Brumfield
Treasurer:	Jane Weaver

Who are the 2003-2004 LCRT Directors

Pat Conway	Claudia Listman
Ginger Ingersoll	Jack Hewitt
Ruby Smith	Cindy Car
Sterling Thayer	

LCRT Board of Directors Bio's

PAT CONWAY retired to Lake County just as LCRT was reactivated. She directed *This Way to Heaven* and was assistant director for *On Golden Pond*. She played the infamous "fly killer" Hephzibah in *It Was a Dark and Stormy Night*, a once-famous movie actress in *A Handful of Rainbows* and Mrs. Paddy in *The Curious Savage*. She had performed with the Novato Community Players for seven years and served as a director for the Wurzburg High School Drama Club in Germany during a five-year tour.

JACK HEWITT has performed for two years in the Middletown Renaissance Christmas Pageant, and is a member of the Royal Singers. He has been a Lake County resident for 6 years. He appeared in LCRT's benefit performance of *Lysistrata* last Spring.

GINGER INGERSOLL is an original member of LCRT and a current board member. She has performed in Lake County plays for many years beginning with "Calamity Jane" and most recently "The Renaissance Pageant", "The Vagina Monologues", "Lysistrata" and "The Choice" as an actress and singer. Recently she has taken on LCRT fundraising and public relations as having organized LCRT Relay for Life Team (Cancer Fundraiser), Wine Baskets for group of 10 for an LCRT production.

CLAUDIA LISTMAN was one of the original founders of Lake County Repertory Theater. Her list of credits include *Good Night Ladies*, *Calamity Jane*, *Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and three one-act plays by Tennessee Williams. She was music director for *Li'l Abner* and has appeared recently in *This Way to Heaven*, *The Farndale Avenue...Murder Mystery*, and *Steel Magnolias*. She also appeared in *A My Name is Alice* during her residency in Hawaii. She played a lead role in LCRT's *Blythe Spirit*, and has lived in Lake County off and on for the past 25 years; she now resides in Middletown, and is the music director and producer of the Middletown Methodist Church's Renaissance Pageant and Feast, a yearly tradition

RUBY SMITH had appeared often in LCRT's original theater group productions, including *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Sound of Music*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. When LCRT was reorganized, she played in *This Way to Heaven* and *It was a Dark and Stormy Night*. Recently she was seen in *Squabbles*. Most recently she appeared in LCRT's *Lysistrata*.

STERLING THAYER JR. has been active in drama most of his 16 years and is a student at Lower Lake High School. He has acted in a number of productions, most notably as the father in *Cheaper by the Dozen*. He has been a Lake County resident for 18 months (as of March, 2003), and recently joined LCRT and performed in *Lysistrata*, *Plaza Suite*, and a voice over in *The Choice*, where he was stage and prop manager.

LCRT Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM

THEATRE AROUND LAKE COUNTY

The Sound of Music- Lakeport Com Players, **Oct. 30, Nov. 2, 6-9**

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