

# LAKE COUNTY THEATRE COMPANY

LAKE COUNTY REPERTORY THEATER - LAKEPORT COMMUNITY PLAYERS

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## **CHANGES**

Did you notice something new in the newsletter title? Yes, the merger between Lake County Repertory Theater and Lakeport Community Players is progressing. The board voted on a new name for the combined company, and we will be called Lake County Theatre Company. Lake County Repertory Theater and Lakeport Community Players will keep their respective names until the merger is complete, then we will change to our new name to unify both groups.

Discussion has been going on for a year between the two groups. This merger will create economies in time, talent, and money and make us a stronger group. And, of course, you only have to pay dues to one group per year!

## **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

There were more changes this summer. A new Board was elected for the newly-combined organization. The Board members are as follows:

- Cathy Mallow, President
- Cathy O'Connell, Vice President
- Laura Foote, Secretary
- Mary Howe, Treasurer
- Rich Altman
- Carol Dobusch
- Kathleen Escudé
- Suna Flores
- Randy Hare
- Martin Squier
- Alice Stone

There are also some non-Board positions:

- Membership Chair: Winkie Griffin
- Newsletter Editor: Michele Chapman
- Assistant Newsletter Editor: Taira St. John

Board members will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

## **UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS**

We have a nice line-up for future productions and events to round out the year end. We are also planning productions for 2009. Please see the articles below, future newsletters, and the website at [LCRT.org](http://LCRT.org) for further details.

- August: Little Women, Soper-Reese Theatre.
- August: Christmas Belles auditions.
- September: Actors Workshop with Martin Squier at Weaver Auditorium in the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum.
- October: Dinner Theatre at the Moose Lodge in Clearlake Oaks.
- November-December: Christmas Belles, Weaver Auditorium.
- December: LCTC Christmas Party Potluck at Carol Dobusch's home in Kelseyville (details to follow)
- January: TBA
- February: Gramercy Ghost at Weaver Auditorium in the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Theater on February 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22. (Details to follow)
- March: A Cabaret or Play. TBA
- April: Playwrite Festival.
- June: General Meeting, Elections, and party (evening).

### ***LITTLE WOMEN***

Little Women (by Thomas Hischak) opens Friday, August 8, 2008, at the Soper-Reese Theatre. It will run from August 8 through August 17, 2008. Friday and Saturday night shows will be at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday Matinees will be at 2:00 p.m. Little Women is an epic tale of sacrifice and hardship, love and loss, even life and death, all set against the backdrop of the Civil War. Come see the show and enjoy the beautiful period costumes, lovely sets, and a cast of 30! Reserved seating tickets are available at Catfish Books. General Admission tickets are available at Catfish Books, Wild About Books, Shannon Ridge Winery, and The Arts Council.

Suna Flores is directing this production, and Mary Howe is producing.

### ***CHRISTMAS BELLES***

**Auditions** for Christmas Belles will be held on August 12 and 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mendo-Lake Credit Union at the Willow Tree (Safeway) Shopping Center on 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Lakeport. Alice Stone is directing this production, and Mary Howe is producing.

The show will be performed November 28, 29, & 30 and December 5, 6, & 7 at the Weaver Auditorium at the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum. The play (by Nicholas Hope) is about the Futrell Sisters, Frankie, Twink and Honey Raye, who are not exactly in a festive mood. Their hilarious holiday journey through a misadventure-filled Christmas Eve is guaranteed to bring joy to your world!

### ***ACTORS WORKSHOP***

Join us for an afternoon of fun and learning at an Actors Workshop with Martin Squier, Saturday, September 13, at 12:00 p.m. at the Weaver Auditorium in the Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum. Bring a snack—drinks will be provided. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

### ***DINNER THEATER***

Come enjoy an evening of fun and good food on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 at Highway 53. The cost will be \$30 per person for a wonderful evening of food and entertainment. The production is being produced by Kathleen Escudé and Cathy O'Connel. Ticket details will be posted on the website.

### ***24-HOUR PLAY FESTIVAL***

Lake County Repertory Theater and Lakeport Community Players each sent a team to the 24-Hour Play Festival (formerly the WAD Festival) in Ukiah on June 27 and 28. The teams had 24 hours to write, direct, and perform a short play. All of the attendees had a great time.

### ***MEMBERSHIP***

The theater was created for actors and audiences of all ages and stages. We currently have 125 members, with room for many more. There are always jobs in theater to meet many talents. In addition to acting, directing, and producing, there are always needs for house management, ushers, lighting, sound, costume design, makeup, mailings, and many others. Let us know your background, interests and abilities.

With so many people moving into the county, we want to be sure theater lovers everywhere know about and can participate in the Lake County Theatre Company.

Dues are only \$10 per year, and it's not too late to sign up for the 2008-2009 theatre season. All cast, crew members, and volunteers at the shows are required to be a member due to our liability insurance.

Contact Winkie Griffin at [membership@lcrt.org](mailto:membership@lcrt.org) if you would like to join or volunteer to help in any way.