

StageNOTES

Little Theatre of
VIRGINIA BEACH
The Beach's Playhouse since 1948

Silent Sky proves that "things are only impossible until they are not."

I finally saw *Hidden Figures* last summer. While I loved that it was a truly remarkable story, I was neither shocked nor surprised. History is scattered with amazing contributions by women. Some were lucky enough to be recognized for those achievements in their lifetimes, while others had their achievements minimized or co-opted by men. For every Joan of Arc there is a Katherine Johnson.

My mother raised me to be an independent woman, believing that if I worked hard enough, I could achieve anything, no matter how unlikely it seemed in the moment. She is a fierce example of that tenacity. Divorced with three children in the 1970s, while working as a court reporter, she went to school and obtained her real estate license. In the late 1970s, she and four friends opened Five Star Realty, the first women-owned realty company in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. In her mid-50s she fought her way from the secretarial pool into the Army's Subsistence Intern Program (surrounded by students half her age) and learned to ski for the first time in the Austrian Alps at age 65.



With such an amazing role model, I am naturally drawn to stories of women who have made their mark on the world and that is what attracted me to the story of Henrietta Swan Leavitt. While the *Silent Sky* story is centered around her, you will also learn about the accomplishments of the other women who worked alongside Henrietta, inspiring and mentoring her. Despite her hearing impairment, Henrietta obtained a college degree and wanted more than anything to work in the field of astronomy; she needed to find the answer to the questions of where we are and our place in the universe. Despite being a woman in the early 1900's, which meant being relegated to performing the task of a human computer mapping

the universe star by star rather than conducting research, she nevertheless made a discovery so monumental that it created a foundation for significant advances in the field of astronomy.

Silent Sky is not just a play about a woman making an incredible, ground-breaking discovery, but one about following your passion.

Nancy Bloom

Director

Quote in title is by Captain Jean-Luc Picard -Star Trek

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\$13

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\$13

Party Time for Volunteers at LTVB

We love volunteers because volunteers are the ❤️ of LTVB. That being the theme, the lobby was decorated with hearts galore. And everyone who came to the Volunteer Party on that windy Sunday October 21 felt the warm love inside.

The day started with a lobby-wide arrangement of sandwiches, snacks, salads, shrimp cocktail, fruit and pastries. While the Board members and volunteers munched away, everyone played the prop game. Prop Manager Robin Martineau attractively displayed a group of items that were featured during the season. The volunteer who guessed the show that the prop appeared in won a special door prize. (Of course the can of hairspray was a dead giveaway.)



With food and drinks, the party-goers sat comfortably in the theatre where the program started. Sandy Nickenig, the Volunteer Coordinator, welcomed everyone and asked for the guests to introduce themselves by category: actor, costumes, stage set, usher, etc. There were many multi-talented volunteers who kept getting up and down because they had volunteered in many capacities. Kay Burcher, President of the Board, then introduced the Board members present. It was easy to see that the LTVB Board is a WORKING Board with everyone responsible to get our show on the road, from play reading to production.



When Kay finished the introductions, Robert Shirley, the Director, offered a sneak preview of *It Shoulda Been You* and our Board President had to step on the stage to perform.

Throughout the celebration dozens of door prizes were distributed, including tickets to many theaters in Virginia Beach and Norfolk, and to the winner of the Prop Game. On the way back to the lobby for dessert, everyone picked up a tee shirt with the party logo.



But the highlight (drum roll please) was the announcement of the Volunteer of the Year, Doug Johnson. Paul Berryman, in charge of Building and Grounds, and George Horvath, Set Coordinator, didn't hesitate to outline what made Doug Volunteer of the Year. They said he was "talented, easy to work with, always available and can be counted on to arrive with a smile and a pleasant attitude."

Yes, at LTVB we certainly do ❤️ volunteers.

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**MOTHERS
AND SONS**

AUDITIONS

Monday, January 21

Tuesday, January 22

Both nights at 7:00 pm

Callbacks: January 23, 2019 at 7pm

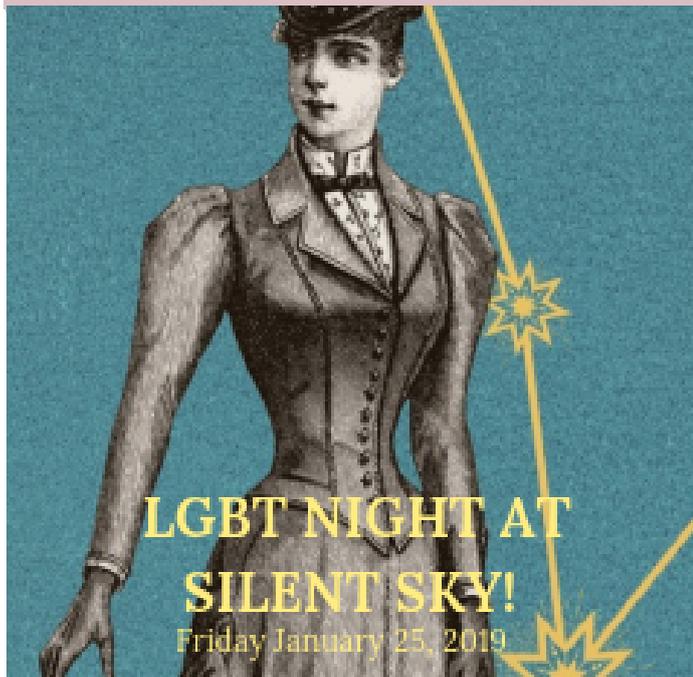
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Christopher Peterson's
EyeCons

March 1 & 2, 2019

Join LTVB & the LGBT Life Center
as we host a hilarious evening of
laughter, Liza and Lady Gaga!

Tickets are available online or by
calling the box office @ 428-9233



**LGBT NIGHT AT
SILENT SKY!**

Friday January 25, 2019

Join LTVB at the
Friday, January 25th
performance of
SILENT SKY
for LGBT Night!!

Watch our Facebook page
for more info!
All are welcome to attend



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The Little Theatre of Norfolk

Red Herring

Jan. 11 - Feb. 3, 2019

Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean

March 8 - March 31, 2019

Little Shop of Horrors

May 24 - June 16, 2019



White Guy on the Bus

Jan. 18 - Feb. 10, 2019*

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Gynecologic ...

March 1 - March 24, 2019

Chess

June 21 - July 14, 2019*

**Dates subject to change.*

Peninsula Community Theatre

The Great American Trialer Park Musical

Feb. 22 - March 10, 2019

The Nerd

May 3 - May 19 2019