

STAGE NOTES

NOVEMBER 2021



1 **HELLO, DOLLY!**

Dolly makes her way down the iconic Harmonia Gardens stairs at LTVB. The infamous matchmaker arranges things this November!

2 **MATCHED DONATION**

A matching donation program sponsored by one of our generous donors!

3 **BOX OFFICE TIPS!**

Important box office tips for our Season Subscribers!

NOVEMBER 12- DECEMBER 12, 2021

DIRECTED BY
ROBERT SHIRLEY

Hello, Dolly!, the blockbuster Broadway hit, bursts with humor, romance, high-energy dancing, and some of the greatest songs in musical theater history. The romantic and comic exploits of Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and “woman who arranges things,” are certain to thrill and entertain audiences again and again. The show’s memorable songs include “Put On Your Sunday Clothes,” “Ribbons Down My Back,” “Before the Parade Passes By,” “Hello, Dolly!,” “Elegance,” and “It Only Takes a Moment.” “Classic Broadway at its best.”

4 **AUDITIONS!**

Auditions for *The Importance of Being Earnest* coming up November 15!

THE BROADWAY CLASSIC *HELLO, DOLLY!* WALTZES INTO LTVB

NOVEMBER 12-DECEMBER 12

When I first directed *HELLO, DOLLY!* in 1985, I was teaching five classes, taking 15 hours of graduate credit, writing my master's thesis, and taking comps during that semester. It's a wonder I have any recall of it at all! Nevertheless, the amazing Jerry Herman score coupled with Thornton Wilder's text of *THE MATCHMAKER* left an indelible impression. I have fond memories of that show; the talented students with whom I worked, and the faculty who ably handled music, publicity, and house for the production. I now find myself retired and extremely fortunate to work with a top-notch staff of talented artists who are taking responsibility of choreography, sets, lights, wigs, costumes, music, properties, tech, and sound. I can't begin to describe the atmosphere of collaboration bringing this classic musical to life for the first time on the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach stage.

The humanity and the humor of Michael Stewart's script provide an excellent platform for our phenomenal cast to shine as they create fully-realized, round characters, and bring them to life on the stage. I particularly like the appeal of three distinct generations providing meaty roles for actors of numerous different ages. The rich score is highlighted by titles you will certainly recognize, including "It Takes a Woman," "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "Ribbons Down My Back," "Before the Parade Passes By," "Hello, Dolly!" and "It Only Takes a Moment." These songs personify warmth, compassion, innocence, loss, humor, hopefulness, and freedom, and Karen Buccheim, who can make even the least capable of us look like dancers, nimbly stages these spirited and moving musical numbers. Our talented musical director, David Prescott, does double duty as costumer and milliner. Mike Hilton's lights on Sandy Lawrence's set with stage drops artistically rendered by Jorga Jean create an atmosphere conducive to exciting theatre. Marilyn Abernathy Dyer has created accurate and stylish wigs and hairstyles for our actors, and Kay Burcher has assembled copious costumes to dress them for the stage.

This company of fully-vaccinated and highly talented actors, technicians, and staff has been masked throughout the rehearsal process to minimize potential exposure to COVID variants for members of the company and patrons to our theatre. Theatre in the time of COVID may require a few additional steps of precaution, but it is certainly worth it to provide live, creative, and meaningful theatrical experiences for our audiences. With that in mind, please note that performances beginning November 12 and running Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through December 12 are open to fully-vaccinated patrons with proof of vaccine and a valid ID. Patrons should expect to wear masks at all times in the theatre.

The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach is an all-volunteer organization. If you'd like to join in the creative experience of live theatre, please see our House Manager or fill in a volunteer application online at LTVB.com.

Welcome!

-ROBERT SHIRLEY
DIRECTOR

MATCHED DONATION!

Little Theatre of Virginia Beach is thrilled to announce a matching donation program sponsored by one of our generous donors, who prefers to remain anonymous. All donations received by December 31, 2021 will be matched up to a total of \$20,000. Your donations and the match from our anonymous donor will go towards the repayment of a loan the theater took against its endowment fund in order to repave the parking lot and replace the roof on our annex building, which houses our vast inventory of costumes.

We appreciate your support to help us reach our goal of \$20,000. As of this writing, we have collected \$500!

You can make a donation to LTVB by

- Going to our website at www.ltvb.com
- Leaving a message for our Box Office at (757) 428-9233
- Mailing a check to:
Little Theatre of Virginia Beach
PO Box 1053
Virginia Beach, VA 23451



Did you know that you can donate to LTVB directly from your IRA?

You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, which is an IRA withdrawal that is paid directly to a qualifying charity. LTVB is a 501(c)(3) organization and qualifies to receive tax-free IRA charitable contributions. Donations from your IRA could save you money on your taxes. However, there are rules that must be strictly followed to qualify. Check with your financial advisor and tax professional for the rules and what it might mean to you in tax savings.

BOX OFFICE TIPS FOR OUR SEASON SUBSCRIBERS

First of all, thank you for rolling with our first season with reserved seats! We've had a few hiccups along the way, but we are learning as we go.

Here are a few "tips" to help you navigate the ticketing process:

- If you try to redeem your passes online, do not stop because there is a price on the tickets in your cart! Follow the prompts to the final checkout screen. If you have logged in with your email to your account, that screen includes a blue "Apply" button to apply your passes to your cart. (You may need to scroll down.) Click it, you will view the history of your pass use, then click to continue, and the price on the tickets should now be zero! Complete the transaction, and you will be good to go!
- If you book online, be sure to select your delivery method (Print at home or Will Call). If you print at home, you do not need to stand in line at the box office.
- If you need to contact the box office, please leave a message at (757) 428-9233 OR email boxoffice@ltvb.com. When you do both, it creates extra work for us.

Thank you again for your patronage! Hope this was helpful

EARNEST AUDITIONS

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

A Comedy by Oscar Wilde

Directed by James Bryan

PRODUCTION DATES: JANUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 6, 2022

AUDITION DATES: NOVEMBER 15-16, 2021 AT 7PM AT THE LITTLE THEATRE OF VIRGINIA BEACH

CALLBACKS: NOVEMBER 17 AT 7PM

Rehearsals begin: November 20, 2021

Auditions are open to fully-vaccinated individuals. Proof of vaccination will be required, if cast.

Furthermore, in an abundance of caution to protect both our patrons and our volunteers during the COVID-19 Delta Variant surge, we request that all auditionees, cast, and crew members wear masks.

ALL ROLES ARE OPEN AND ALL ETHNICITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO AUDITION!

**FOR FULL AUDITION NOTICE, CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS AND MONOLOGUES,
VISIT, [LTVB.COM/AUDITIONS](https://l tvb.com/auditions)**

TWO FINAL THINGS

LOST & FOUND

While doing some remodeling in our box office it was discovered that we are missing one of our Assisted Hearing Devices from a previous show. We're hoping this is something you may have used at a performance and forgotten where it came from. Please contact our box office if you might be in possession of this item.

SOUVENIR CUPS

Remember your Souvenir Cups! All patrons receive \$2 off any drinks purchased to refill your souvenir cup!

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