

# STAGE NOTES

MARCH 2022

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## JOIN THE LTVB BOARD

We're looking for business-minded thinkers and doers to join the LTVB Board.

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DIRECTED BY

ANN HEYWOOD

Carnelle Scott, a self-conscious orphan raised by her aunt, desperately wants this July 4th to bring her a chance at a new life as this year's crowned Miss Firecracker, if only to remove the stain of her other title, the town's "Miss Hot Tamale." With the return of her beautiful cousin, Elain, a former Miss Firecracker herself, and Elain's brother, the mentally questionable Delmount, the pressure is on. Throw in a few charming, if colorful, locals and you have Beth Henley's heartwarming tale of not just second chances to love, but second chances to love yourself.

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## 2022-2023 SEASON ANNOUNCED!

We have a jam packed 75th Season planned for LTVB!

# BETH HENLEY'S DISTINCTIVE AND OUTLANDISH PLAY COMES TO LTVB

## MARCH 11 - APRIL 3

I adore love stories. Love is such an integral part of the soul. I particularly love this play about love. My first encounter with it was in 1989 as a performer in it. Thirty-three years later, I have a deeper understanding of the play and love in its many forms.

Beth Henley's works often deal with the theme of the importance of love, represented in complex relationships of romantic love, the contrast of it with parental and sibling love and loss; and self love or the lack of it. Her Southern Gothic style presents the absurdity and grotesqueness of life in the American South with a darkly comedic take. The quirks and oddities of her characters reveal deep vulnerabilities when trying to navigate their daily existence. They struggle to fit into a society that has marginalized them. This is a love story about recognition and acceptance of self and others because of their individual eccentricities. They gain the love that meets their need.

This is also a love story about working with and seeing each of our actors come into "being" their character. I am so fortunate to have been able to share the joy of bringing this love story to life with the positive support and collaboration of the talented actors, designers, assistant director, stage managers, crew members and the members of the board of the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach.

We are so happy to have you join us as we share with you the tears and sorrows and the joy and laughter of the many faces of love.

**-ANN HEYWOOD**  
DIRECTOR



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# 2022 SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION OPEN

Little Theatre of Virginia Beach (LTVB) is again offering scholarships for local graduating high school seniors majoring in theatre. One will be for technical studies and one for performing arts.

As part of our mission statement, the LTVB believes in investing in educational opportunities for theater students. If you are a graduating senior from a South Hampton Roads high school and plan to attend an undergraduate school majoring in Theater—either as a performer or technical position—you are eligible to apply for this scholarship! This is a one-time scholarship of \$500 and will be given to two deserving students.

**TO APPLY:** Please complete the application at [ltvb.com/scholarship](http://ltvb.com/scholarship) in full including:

- o An essay\* to LTVB explaining why you think you are the best person to receive this scholarship.
- o Your prior theatre experience (especially if at LTVB). Why you are interested in pursuing theater as a major.

\* The essay should be no more than three pages and is an important part of the process. It can highlight any achievement, involvement or personal philosophy to better judge your qualifications.

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION** via email to: [contact@ltvb.com](mailto:contact@ltvb.com)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, MAY 23 2022.**

Questions? Contact Carol Summers at the email listed above. Use “Scholarship” in subject line.

## JOIN THE LTVB BOARD

The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach is looking for people who may be interested in joining our board. We are an all-volunteer organization with a nineteen-member board of directors.

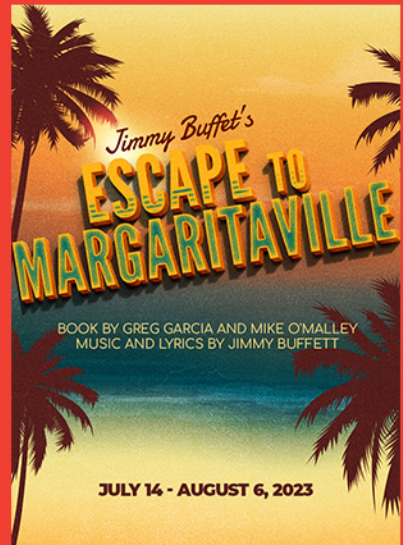
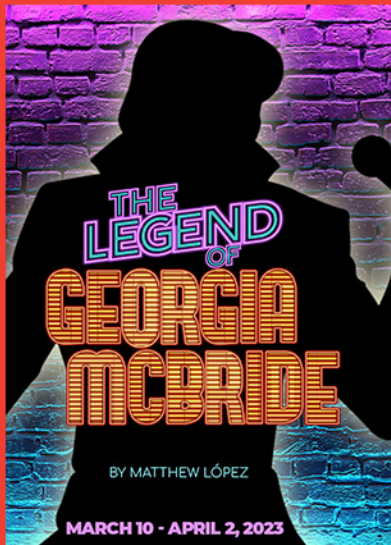
The board is the governing body for the theatre that meets at regular intervals to set theatre policies. In addition to setting policies, each board member has an area of responsibility to cover such as set building, programs, membership, etc. and is expected to serve as house, box or bar manager during the run of a show.

As such, we are looking for people who have either a business or theatrical management background and have the time to commit to our organization.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST IN JOINING OUR BOARD, PLEASE EMAIL US AT [CONTACT@LTVB.COM](mailto:CONTACT@LTVB.COM).**



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## SEASON PASS INFORMATION:

We are excited about our new season and hope that all of you will be too!

Beginning this year, our current Season Pass holders will be given the opportunity to purchase their Season Passes and choose their seating before we open up the sales to the general public.

We will be emailing and mailing the details by the end of the month, so stay tuned for more information!

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