

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

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The Play That Goes Wrong

September 15th—October 8th

This farcical murder mystery, and a play within a play, won Best New Comedy at the 2015 Laurence Olivier

2023 Volunteer Appreciation Party

August 20th we celebrated our fantastic Volunteers and are pleased to

2023-2024 Season

Buy your season pass today!

Season Pass Sales end on October 8.

Purchase online at ltvb.com or call 757-428



The President's Corner:



Hello! Welcome back to LTVB! After an amazing summer in Margartaville, we are excited to kick off our 76th Season. We couldn't think of a better play to start with than The Play That Goes Wrong. We love a good challenge and this show proves how creative our volunteers can be when bringing shows like this to our space.

Not only that, the theatre is taking on some new changes. Last season we completed our lobby bathrooms, painted the building & unveiled our new 24th Street mural. Now, our bar area has a new look! We have also transformed our hallway under the sound booth, and made some updates to the backstage dressing room bathrooms,. But, we are just getting started! We are in the process of planning our MaryLou Mahlman Memorial Garden, and looking even more improvements inside!

We are so excited to have you join us for this season, whether it is your 1st season, or your 25th. Cheers to a great season ahead!

James Bryan -President of the Board of Directors

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The Play That Goes Wrong

Sept 15—Oct 8

From Broadway masters of comedy, Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry shields, comes the smash hit farce. Welcome to opening night of the Cornley University Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show—an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences!

Directors Notes:

Theatre, much like life, is strife with beauty and heartache. Everything that can, will invariably go wrong. When it does, the age old mantra of "The Show Must Go On!" comes into play. Over the past few years, this mantra has been a battle cry for many of us both inside the theatre and in our personal lives. Now, more than ever, there is a need for this show-must-go-on mentality and, there isn't a production that better embodies this mantra than *"The Play That Goes Wrong."*

While one may not expect to find a hidden message in this gem of a show, if you look closely you can definitely see some ideas shining through. If these actors can persevere against insurmountable obstacles on stage, well then so can you! Like them, we too have to face the challenges we have been dealt head-on with grit and determination and, most importantly, not give up! Is life not going as you rehearsed it? No matter! Rewrite the script and get back out there for Act 2. Let these actors be a reminder that whatever life throws at you, just run with it. Your show must go on! What is your Act 2 going to look like?

J. Seneca

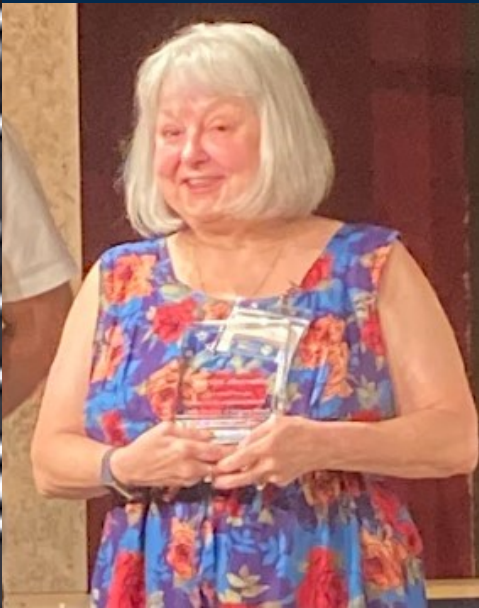
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Special Recognition

Volunteer's are the heartbeat of our organization and without them our organization would not have lasted for the last 75 years! Each and every volunteer is a part of the fabric of our theatre.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Marilyn Abernathy has been working in the area on and off stage for over 30 years. Her commitment and dedication to the arts, and our theatre, has made many actors look their best (or worst, if needed) on stage. She has been a staple in our theatre community and LTVB, and we were please to present her this award. In true Marilyn fashion, she accepted the award with grace and humility.

Congratulations Marilyn!

Volunteer Of The Year!

Katie Nicholson can be seen at many shows, wearing many hats! Not only does she volunteer for bar, usher and special events, she often comes to see a show, and if we are short handed, she steps in to help where she can. Katie embodies the sprit of our volunteers. Without our volunteers, this theatre would not be able produce so many wonderful shows!



Congratulations Katie!

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The party started with delicious food by Marco's Pizza. That was followed by a couple of games of BINGO, where prizes were awarded. You could feel the tension in the air as people got close to calling "Bingo!" It was such a great time! Congratulations to all of our Winners!

We'd like to thank all of our donors: 501 Bar & Grill, Virginia Stage Company, Tinto's, Marco's Pizza, Lolly's Ice Cream, Beach Cinema, Zeiders, Doc Taylor's, AOC Salon, Wareing's Gym, Harris Teeter, Eurasia, Shore Gallery, Ezme's Bread Box, Cobalt Grill, Tau Taug's & BJ's. Community support helps us to continue doing what we do, and allows us to celebrate our wonderful volunteers!



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2023 Volunteer Appreciation Party Entertainment

Special thanks to all of the performers and crew who volunteered for the Volunteer Appreciation Show, conceived and directed by Robert Shirley. Cast and Crew included: Robert Shirley, Coral Mapp, Ariel Velazquez, Connor Payne, Kobie Smith, Jessi DiPette, Sherry Forbes, Stacie Gallinal and Lisa Stafford. Also thank you to the committee who did all of the planning to ensure a GREAT celebration!!!



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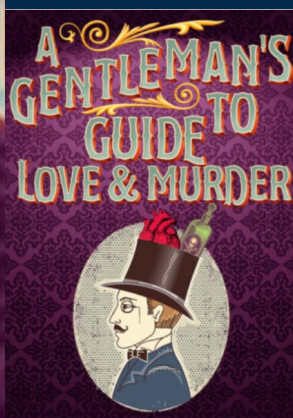
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Up Next!

Hurry! Tickets are selling fast for
A Gentleman's Guide To Love & Murder!

November 17th—December 10th

Directed by Karen Buchheim



Book and Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman

Music and Lyrics by Steven Lutvak

Based on the novel, *Israel Rank* by Roy Horniman

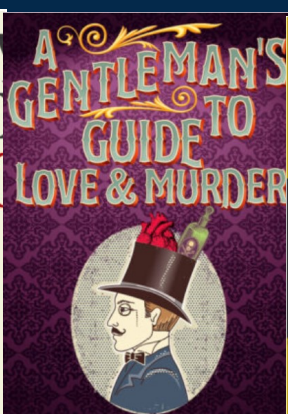
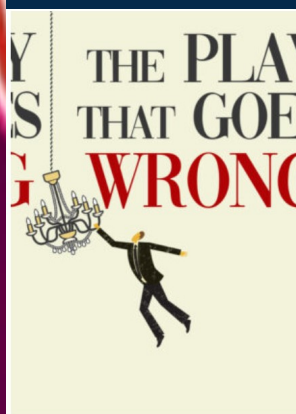
When the low-born Monty Navarro finds out that he's eighth in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family, he figures his chances of outliving his predecessors are slight and sets off down a far more ghoulish path. Can he knock off his unsuspecting relatives without being caught and become the ninth Earl of Highhurst? And what of love? Because murder isn't the only thing on Monty's mind....

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder is a murderous romp filled with unforgettable music, and non-stop laughs

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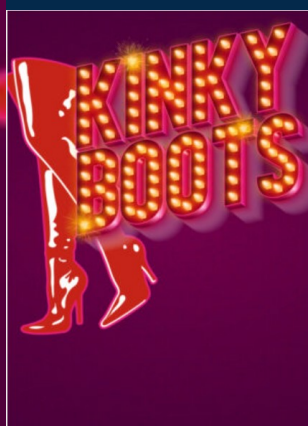


Season Passes are available until October 8th and the line up is fantastic! All passes are Flex passes and are good for all shows September 2023 thru June 2024. They are in packs of 5, so come see all of the shows, or bring a friend!

Adult—\$85

Senior/Military/Student—\$70

[Buy Tickets at LTVB.com](http://LTVB.com) or call 757-428-9233



Summer Show: Kinky Boots!

July 19, 2024 - August 11, 2024

The Summer show is not a part of the Season Pass

Tickets are on sale and selling fast, so get your tickets now, as this this show will be a sell out!