

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

STAGE NOTES

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A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE & MURDER



A Gentleman's Guide To Love & Murder

November 17—December 10

Tickets to this award-winning comedy
are selling out!

Patron Survey

Thank you to all who participated in our
patron survey . We appreciate all of the re-
sponses received. Read on to see some of
the insights we received

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for volunteers!
There are so many opportunities and in this
issue we are sharing the many way you can
share your talents, on and off stage!

The President's Corner:



Greetings and hello! Little Theatre of Virginia Beach is gearing up for our fall musical, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. This musical really brings a punch from its gorgeous songs to the impressive period costumes and the witty comedy that brings the whole piece together. The production crew have worked hard to bring this show off the page and to life over the last few months and I think you'll find a new contemporary favorite show.

We're also approaching the holidays and it is becoming the season of giving. If you're looking for the perfect gift for a fellow theater loving loved one, get them an LTVB Gift Certificate. It is perfect for the seasoned theater goer or someone new to the culture of live theater. Maybe you're feeling generous and would like to donate during this holiday season. We have launched our 2023-2024 Capital Campaign aimed at making \$20K before the beginning of the year. What for? We are looking to upgrade all of our technical elements in the theater so we can continue to up the ante of the quality of shows we produce. You can donate to our cause at ltvb.com. We appreciate your donations, patronage and most importantly your support as a member of this community. Stay safe this holiday season!

James Bryan—Board President

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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. 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.

Book and Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman

Music and Lyrics by Steven Lutvak

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

Directors Notes:

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder...

What can one expect from a musical with a title like this? Is it a mystery, a drama, a comedy? Yes, all of the above!

I am very happy to present our amazing cast in this charming musical comedy. This play takes place in 1909 England, with a. Lavish set, lovely costumes, and a wonderful musical score. It is a fun filled romp with a hero not always up to the challenges he sets for himself (with rather less than perfect planning) against a somewhat dull-witted aristocratic family played by one actor. Of course, our story would be incomplete without the inclusion of two beautiful women to thicken the plot!

This afternoon or evening you can enjoy a purely fantastic tale of love and murder with a decidedly comedic atmosphere.

Karen Buchheim -Director

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A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE & MURDER



Monty Navarro..... Kobie Smith
Sibella Hallward..... Jessi DiPette
Phoebe D'Ysquith..... Heather Eddy
D'Ysquith Family..... Robert Shirley
Miss Shingle..... Regina Rossi

Ensemble:

Connor Payne, Angellise Pacheco,
Ariel Lee Velazquez, Coral Mapp, Marc
Dyer, Lisa Lowry, Gaby Sharp, Kay
Burcher, Bruce Hermans, Aaron Wells

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Patron Survey Insights

Thank you to all of our Patrons who completed the Patron Survey! The majority of the 304 responses are from patrons 55 and older. Here are some of the highlights of the survey

Top Shows 3 most enjoyed shows from last season:

- Legend Of Georgia McBride
- Escape to Margaritaville
- White Christmas

This season, you are excited to see:

- A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder - 52.9%
- Kinky Boots -51.8%
- The Play That Goes Wrong -45%

The top things our patrons would like to see improved?

- Better Parking
- More women's restrooms
- Less congestion in the lobby

42% of our Patrons have donated to the theatre! Thank you to all who have donated~

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Volunteer Opportunities!!

As an all-volunteer organization, we depend on our amazing volunteers to keep the theatre running. Are you interested in sharing your talents? There are so many opportunities, on and off stage.

We are currently taking applications for Board Members! Our Board Members each have a roll in running this organization.

Not interested in Board Service? Are you creative, or handy, but you don't want to be on stage? We can use your assistance in many different areas. We are always looking for people to help with:

- ♦ Lighting or Sound Design
- ♦ Running Lights or Sound
- ♦ Back Stage Crew
- ♦ Set Construction & Tear Down
- ♦ Painters
- ♦ Concession & Bartenders
- ♦ Ushers
- ♦ Costumes

To Volunteer: Board Service

Reach out to Kay Burcher vpbusiness@ltvb.com and provide your Business Resume. If you have a theatre resume, feel free to include that, as well!

All other volunteer opportunities:

**Please send an email to:
volunteers@ltvb.com**

Haven't done it before, but want to learn! Great! Let us train you!!

Each year we have a Volunteer Appreciation Party to celebrate our wonderful volunteers! Come join the fun, meet new people and be a part of this amazing theatre community!

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Up Next!

Hurry! Tickets are selling fast for

A Raisin In The Sun!

January 19th—February 11th, 2024

Directed by Sharon Cook



A drama by Lorraine Hansberry

Set on Chicago's South Side, Lorraine Hansberry's celebrated play concerns the divergent dreams and conflicts in three generations of the Younger family: son Walter Lee, his wife Ruth, his sister Beneatha, his son Travis, and matriarch Lena. When her deceased husband's insurance money comes through, Mama Lena dreams of moving to a new home and a better neighborhood in Chicago. Walter Lee, a chauffeur, has other plans: buying a liquor store and being his own man. Beneatha dreams of medical school. Hansberry's portrait of one family's struggle to retain dignity in a harsh and changing world is a searing and timeless document of hope and inspiration.

Volunteers still needed! Come join the production!!!

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Upcoming Auditions

A RAISIN IN THE SUN

WRITTEN BY LORRAINE HANSBERRY

DIRECTED BY SHARON COOK

Auditions: November 20th & 21st, 2023, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Place: The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, 550 Barberton Drive, Virginia Beach, Va

Callbacks: November 22nd, 2024, 6:00 pm

Performances January 19, 2024 – February 11, 2024 (Weekends)

AUDITION DETAILS:

- Auditions will consist of readings from the script.
- Sides are available for the characters of Beneatha, Mama, Mrs. Johnson, Ruth, Asagai, Bobo, George, Travis, Walter
- Some improv may be used

Synopsis:

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Support LTVB!

There are so many opportunities to support our Theatre!

We are always in need of funding to continue producing our fantastic shows. Our contributors will be listed in the current Season's programs:

Cameo \$1- \$499

Actor \$500 - \$999

Director \$1000 -\$2499

Producer \$2500 -\$4999

Executive Producer \$5000 -\$9999

Benefactor \$10000+

All monetary contributions are tax deductible!

For more information, please email contact@ltvb.com

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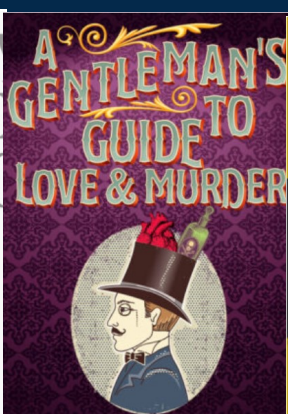
Go to LTVB.com to make your donation

Help us make the changes you all expressed you wanted in the Patron Survey

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2023 - 2024 Season



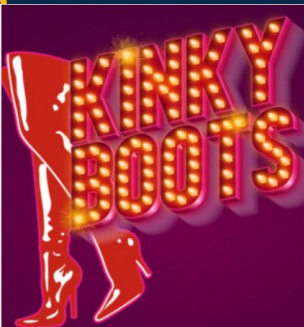
Season Passes are no longer available, and the season is so great that we are selling out quickly. Call, or go online to ltvb.com to get your tickets before the shows you want to see sold out! Already sold out? We have a wait list at the door for each performance.

Adult—\$820/\$22

Senior/Military/Student—\$17/\$20

Child - Under 12—\$9/\$12

[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, this show will be a