

# STAGE NOTES

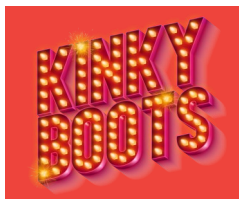
Little Theatre of Virginia Beach Newsletter

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## KINKY BOOTS PREVIEW NIGHT

LTVB is offering a special "Pay What You Can" (minimum \$10) performance of our summer production, *Kinky Boots*. This preview night performance will be held on Thursday, July 18 at 8pm.



## July 19—August 11

Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work to turn the factory around, this unlikely pair find that they have more in common than they realized... and discover that when you change your mind, you can change your whole world. **RATING - PG-13**

*Kinky Boots* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

## Director's Note

Welcome Little Theater of Virginia Beach!

I wanted to direct *Kinky Boots* because, like many others, I fell in love with it upon seeing it for the first time. I was enamored by the character Lola, and how

she faces her problems head on even when the outlook appears bleak. The show also confronts personal bias and the need to grow, something that everyone can relate to in their own life. This show sends a clear message to the audience: accept yourself and you'll accept others too. We often find that those who struggle with accepting others often struggle with accepting themselves and this show highlights the struggles of the pursuit of acceptance. It would be hard to ignore the fact that LGBTQ+ issues are at the heart of this show and it is undeniably a tribute to anyone who has ever felt cast out from society. You matter, and you are what makes the world a beautiful place.

I am blessed to be working with an all-star cast of some of the best actors that our community has to offer and they breathe life into this show gloriously. I would like to thank my production team for their guidance and creativity and anyone who has volunteered their time to work on this show. I dislike the connotations that are associated with the term "community theater" but in essence that is exactly what we are. I couldn't be more grateful for the community of theater that has been built in this area and the incredible individuals that make it all possible. Thank you.

Kobie Smith, Director

## 2024 LTVB ANNUAL MEETING

LTVB's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, June 23. All members of the theatre were invited to attend (members are those who have a season pass or have paid membership dues). At the meeting, members voted on the LTVB 2024-2025 budget as well as on the six board members whose terms were ending. The following board members were voted in: Paul Berryman, Karen Buchheim, Sherry Forbes, Richard Kisielewski, Maris Smith and Jeff Seneca.

If you wish to become a member, please call 757-428-9233 or visit [LTVB.com](http://LTVB.com)



LTVB's Annual Volunteer Party will be held on Sunday, August 18th. This party is open to anyone who has volunteered at LTVB within the past year in any capacity—ushers, bar servers, concessions, cast members, directors, stage hands, lighting and sound personnel, costumers, prop personnel, etc. There will be games, prizes, food and the announcement of Volunteer of the Year. Doors will open at 2pm. Please RSVP to [volunteers@ltvb.com](mailto:volunteers@ltvb.com) or 757-428-9233 by August 11th.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year, LTVB offers two \$1,000.00 scholarships for local graduating high school seniors majoring in Performing Arts. Students majoring in Education with a Minor in Performing Arts are also eligible. One scholarship is awarded for technical studies and one for performing arts. At the 2024 Annual Meeting, LTVB awarded our two scholarships. Our winners this year were Dakota Johnson and Matthew Mangels.

After graduating from First Colonial High School, Dakota will be attending St. Olaf College majoring in theatre with a concentration in technical theatre.

Matthew will be attending Shenandoah University majoring in performance after graduating from First Colonial High School.

Congratulations, Dakota and Matthew!



Matthew Mangels with Kay Burcher



Dakota Johnson with Kay Burcher

## LTVB'S 77TH SEASON

Season passes are now on sale for LTVB's 2024-2025 Season. As usual, we have an outstanding selection of plays and musicals for you. They are:

- *Misery* Sept 13—Oct 6, 2024
- *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* Nov 15—Dec 8, 2024
- *Into The Breeches* Jan 17—Feb 9, 2025
- *45 Seconds From Broadway* Mar 21—Apr 13, 2025
- *Ripcord* May 23-Jun 15, 2025

Our summer show, which is not part of the season pass, will be *Mel Brooks' The Producers*. It will run from July 18—August 10, 2025.

Season passes can be purchased [here](#) or call 757-428-9233.

## LTVB 2024 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Please consider contributing to our 2024 Capital Campaign. We are trying to raise \$100K to help make your LTVB theatre experience more enjoyable. Our plans include installing a revolving stage as well as more updated sound and light equipment. The new equipment will be more environmentally-friendly, so it will also save LTVB money.



## MISERY AUDITIONS

Auditions for *Misery* will be held at Zeiders American Dream Theatre

Monday, July 8, 2024, 7 pm – 10 pm

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 7 pm – 10 pm

Callbacks, Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 7-10pm

Acclaimed romance novelist Paul Sheldon wakes up in the home of his "Number One Fan", Annie Wilkes, after she rescues him from a car crash in the mountains. He finds himself incapacitated and trapped in her secluded home as he tries to find a way to escape.

Auditions are open and parts may be cast with actors of any ethnicity.