



The *Curtain Raiser*

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Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ON STAGE!

Book by David Simpatico

Songs by Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham and Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen and Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by Bryan Louiselle

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie
Written by Peter Barsocchini

Disney's *High School Musical* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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Disney Channel's smash hit musical comes to life on stage! On the front steps of East High, it's the first day after winter break - the Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the new year.

In Ms. Darbus's homeroom, basketball team captain Troy discovers that Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. Between classes, Gabriella and Troy look at the audition sign-up (continued page two)

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DOUBLE FEATURE

Disney's THE *AristoCats* KIDS

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, All Rinker and Floyd Huddleston, Terry Gildyson

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music by Bryan Louiselle

Book Adalted and Additional Lyrics by Michael Bernard

Based on the 1970 Disney Film "The Aristocats"

Disney's *Sleeping Beauty* KIDS

Music and Lyrics by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, George Bruns and Tom Adair, Winston Hibler and Ted Sears, Sammy Fain and Jack Lawrence

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music by Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by Marcy Heisler

Based on the 1959 Disney film "Sleeping Beauty" and the story "Sleeping Beauty In The Wood" by Charles Perrault

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Remember when you could see two shows for the price of one? Ocala Civic Theatre brings back those good old days this summer with a Theatre for Young Audiences double feature presentation of two classical Disney musicals.

In *The AristoCats*, Madame's jealous butler, Edgar, cat-naps Duchess and her Aristokittens and abandons them in the Parisian countryside. What is a cat to do? Luckily, Thomas O'Malley and his rag-tag bunch of Alley Cats come to their rescue! The cast of *The AristoCats* includes **Katelyn Aldrich, Marisa Anderson, Hayley Bess, Samantha Charboneau, Christina Diuguid**, (continued page two)

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FAMILY TIMES PUBLISHING

Family Times Publishing, publisher of Ocala and Marion County's *Family Times Magazine* and *Summer Activity Guide*, proudly sponsors Ocala Civic Theatre's summer production of Disney's *High School Musical*. *Family Times Magazine* is 100% in support of Ocala Civic Theatre's efforts and encourages everyone to purchase tickets!

Keep your eyes open for *Family Times Magazine's* newest venture, *Fit Kidz Magazine*, coming to a newstand near you. In addition to the magazine, Fit Kidz ~ with the support of the City of Ocala, Marion County Family YMCA, Marion County School Board and Munroe Regional Medical Center ~ will kick off a six-week Fit Kidz/Ocala Fitness Challenge, starting October 1 and running through mid-November. All age groups will be included with great prizes for each category for weight loss and muscle gain, including the "Fittest Family". We look forward to everyone being involved.

Family Times is currently accepting sponsorships and prizes (please call 352-368-4044). Until then, enjoy the play and HAVE THE BEST FAMILY TIMES!!!

Coming Events

Tales Of Hans Christian Andersen

Missoula Children's Theatre
June 15-16

The Zoo Story

West Port High School
Fund-Raising Event
June 22

Double Feature: Disney's The AristoCats and Sleeping Beauty

Theatre for Young Audiences
June 29-30

High School Musical

Special Event
July 13-22

Jack And The Beanstalk

Missoula Children's Theatre
July 27-28

Thoroughly Modern Millie

MainStage
September 6-30

The Woman In Black

Special Presentation
October 4-14

On Golden Pond

MainStage
November 1-25

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL (continued)

for the school musical, but the drama diva Sharpay discourages them. At basketball practice, Troy tries to shake his desire to sing at the urging of his best friend Chad. Taylor, the science club president, discovers Gabriella's intelligence and encourages her to join the upcoming science decathlon.

The next day, hopeful Thespians strut their stuff for Ms. Darbus, but they're no match for Sharpay and her twin brother Ryan. Troy and Gabriella arrive too late to audition, but Kelsi, the show's composer, plays the song her way and encourages them to sing. Ms. Darbus overhears and gives them a callback. News spreads fast, Sharpay is furious, and some students try to break out of their cliques during lunch. The Jocks and Brainiacs devise a plan to trick Troy and Gabriella into forgetting about the musical and committing to their respective competitions. Sharpay convinces Ms. Darbus to move the callbacks to conflict with the science decathlon and championship game. But Chad and Taylor put their heads together to make things right again.

Disney's *High School Musical* is directed by **Tom Whatley**, with musical direction by **Jason Bartosic** and choreography by **Becca Tarner**. Scenic design is by **Timothy J. Dygert** and costume design is by **Elizabeth Tarner**. **Dani Moreno-Fuentes** serves as Production Stage Manager.

Members of the cast include **Haley Albaum** as Cayanne, **Morgan Albaum** as Gabriella Montez, **Amanda Amat** as Cathy, **Brandon Bedford** as Alan, **Danny J. Cardona** as Chad Danforth, **Galyana Castillo** as Sharpay Evans, **Tiffany Cuadra** as Saffron, **Angela Damato** as Taylor McKensie, **Maureen Degan** as Ms. Darbus, **Brittany Forde** as Aquafina, **Eleana Gray** as Avian, **Katie Horn** as Heather, **Dylan Kollath** as Ripper, **Katie Land** as Martha Cox, **R. J. Lemire** as James, **David Leppert** as Zeke, **T. J. Lyons** as Jason, **Tatiana Marion** as Heather, **Mayia Martin** as Cyndra, **Harry Perales** as Jack Scott, **Bethany Polinkas** as Kelsi Neilson, **Scotty Roberts** as Bruno, **Allison Roue** as Kratnoff, **Rachel Schultz** as Dasani, **Preston Shisgal** as Coach Bolton, **Jared Sierra** as Ryan Evans, **Brandon Teems** as Mongo, **Marci Tempesta** as Rosemary, **Ronald Thompson** as Kirby, **Jacob Titterington** as Troy Bolton, **Ashley Greene White** as Susan, **Aubrey Wise** as Heather and **Megan Wise** as Heather.

Disney's *High School Musical* will open on Friday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m., with additional performances on July 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:00 p.m., and on July 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Monday, June 18, at \$16.00 for adults and \$8.00 for full-time students. For additional information or to purchase tickets, call (352) 236-2274. The Theatre box office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on the Saturdays on which there are performances from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is sure to be a sellout! Call or come by the box office and reserve your seat early!

DOUBLE FEATURE (continued)

River Fielder, Madison Gibboney, Courtney Hancock, Jasmine Henry, Brittany Higginbotham, Kelly Hill, Lily Hill, Rebecca Hoesterey, Casie Hoffman, Joshua Howard, Lydia Hunt, Haley Ingram, Rebecka Kain, Anna Lehman, Alea LoCascio, Carter McCaskill, Matthew Mullen, Melissa Ordeneaux, Morgan Parker, Hannah Ponder, Corinne Proetto, Cali Santerfeit, Dylan Sawyer, Abbey Simons and Inge Uys.

In *Sleeping Beauty*, it's Princess Aurora's sixteenth birthday, and Flora, Fauna and Merryweather must use their fairy magic to save her from the spell of evil sorceress Maleficent! The cast

of *Sleeping Beauty* includes **Grace Avecilla, Austin Britt, Elyna Brown, Mary Katherine Cusack, Mary Beth Dinkins, Reece Duvall, John Earnest, Laura Earnest, Bryce Greiner, Mariah Hamby, Jasmine Henry, Krystal Liburd, Hadley McCain, Skylar McCain, Emily Miller, Riley Grace Mixson, Maureen Mohan, Jeanine Molella, Sarah Moody, Katarina Nastav, Sydney Perry, Kyra Powell, Tori Reeves, Ellie Schafer, Cassandra Schwartz, Isabella Shields, Miranda Shiver, Samantha Shiver, Julia Wilson and Rachel Wilson.**

Performances of this Disney Double Feature are scheduled for Friday, June 29, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 30, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for full-time students. For additional information or to make reservations, call the Theatre box office at (352) 236-2274. The Theatre box office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on the Saturdays on which there are performances from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ACTORS NIGHT

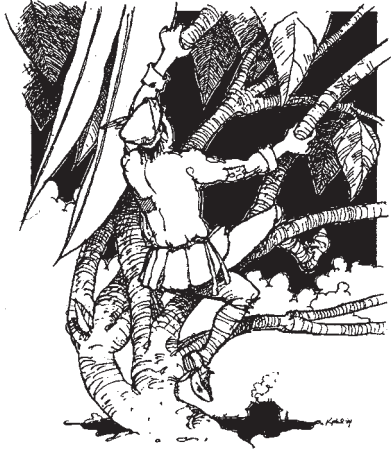
Everyone - ages 16 and older - interested in performing at Ocala Civic Theatre is invited to attend a special preview evening for the 2007-2008 Season at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, at the Theatre.

Information on each of the shows selected for the MainStage and Special Presentations! Series Seasons will be distributed. Using actors who attend the meeting, we will do cold readings from some of the scripts and review music. We are also looking for feedback from actors on the type of workshops that would be of interest during the upcoming season, new benefits for volunteers, the audition process, and production notes. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Both newcomers and seasoned veterans are encouraged to attend. One of our goals is to take some of the mystery out of auditions at the Theatre. Bring yourself and bring a friend.



Jack and the Beanstalk



Conceived and Written by Jim Caron
Music by Michael McGill

What happens when a young boy plants magic beans in his own backyard? For Jack, it is the beginning of great adventure. Audiences are invited to come along and share this magical journey when Missoula Children's Theatre presents an original musical adaptation of the classic tale of *Jack And The Beanstalk*.

The Missoula Children's Theatre tour project is the largest touring children's program in the United States. The concept is based on a week-long residency during which a team of two staff Tour Actors/Directors develop and produce a full-scale musical. Auditions, intensive rehearsals, workshops and finished performances for the public are all part of the program. The cast will include sixty student performers between the ages of six and eighteen from the Marion County area. Performances of this production of *Jack And The Beanstalk* are scheduled for Friday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, July 28, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale July 2 at \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for full-time students. For additional information or to make reservations, call the Theatre box office at (352) 236-2274. Missoula Children's Theatre productions are always must-see family shows ... call early to make your reservation!



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello! What a great way to end the season! *42nd Street* was seen by 8,009 people during its four-week run. The cast, crew, director and designers all did a wonderful job. We heard lots of positive comments, especially about the fabulous tap numbers. Many of the dancers started taking tap classes long before the auditions, so that they'd be prepared for the show. Congratulations to everyone! The extra work and dedication really paid off.

I missed the last week of *42nd Street* because I was escorting our second group to New York City. It was our largest group ever - 94 people. Since they can choose their Broadway shows from anything that is currently running, we were scattered over twenty-five different shows. By far the most popular show was *Jersey Boys*. This is the autobiography of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. What a great show! I can't wait until it is released for us to produce, although I imagine it will be several years before that will happen. If you like the Four Seasons, make sure to get the CD. I am checking into planning another trip to New York this year. For the first time, we would visit during the holidays. If you are interested and not already on the special trip mailing list, just give us a call. We will add you to the list, so that you will get information as soon as it is ready. The Renaissance Hotel Times Square, which is the hotel we have used for several years, is currently under renovation. They expect the renovation to be complete by October, so when we visit in December, it should have a whole new look. Ah, the decorations, the Rockettes - it will be fun!

This summer we have several family shows planned. Check the articles in this newsletter and pack up the whole family to come to the Theatre for a fun adventure. I have been amazed at the response for *High School Musical*. We've already had three articles in the *Star-Banner* and two radio interviews! The cast started rehearsing on June 4 and has been working to learn all the music and dance numbers from the show. Tickets go on sale on June 18 and, based on all the advance calls, we expect it to sell out quickly. You also have *Tales of Hans Christian Anderson*, Disney's *Aristocats* and *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Jack And The Beanstalk* from which to choose this summer.

We are also busy with the annual season ticket campaign. Don't forget that for the best seating options, you should send in your order form by June 29. It's a great season and you don't want to miss a single show. Remember, when you buy a season ticket, you are getting a substantial discount over the regular box office prices. We have a change in curtain times for next season, too. Evening performances will start at 8:00 p.m. and matinees will start at 2:00 p.m. beginning with *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. This is 15 minutes earlier than the previous curtain time.

Lastly, I'll be heading for Charlotte, North Carolina, soon for the American Association of Community Theatre National Festival. There are twelve shows from all over the country, which will compete for the national title - plus there will be workshops, board meetings, and committee meetings. It's a great event and it's my last meeting as President of AACT. I will still be involved with future projects, but it's time to pass the torch. Hmm. Now what did I do with that crown?

See you at the Theatre!



Mary Britt

BE A SEASON TICKET DONOR

When you purchase your season tickets this year, please consider including a donation to the Theatre. Regular membership covers only a part of the cost of the Theatre's many programs. Donors are recognized in each MainStage Season playbill and also get priority seating at performances. If you are able, help support the arts with a special donation. Already sent in your season ticket order form? It's not too late to add a donation. Just call the office and ask for Mary Britt or Marilyn Price. In addition, many businesses offer a matching gift program for donations made by their employees or retirees.

16TH ANNUAL OCALA CIVIC THEATRE GOLF TOURNAMENT

DIVISION WINNERS

• A FLIGHT

First Place: Seone Gehrke, Dorothy Mooney, Mary McMann, Janet Bencsik

Second Place: Eric Jenson, Ed Lawson, Jerry Englar, Rick Blickhann

Third Place: Vaughn Atkins, Dave Gilford, Greg Wise, Ernie Wilson

• B FLIGHT

First Place: Tony Restaino, Chuck Bryce, Angelo Previte, Cliff Schoenenberger

Second Place: Tim Roberson, Mark Hendon, Scott Lovell, Bill Lovell

Third Place: Tim Dygert, Philip Leppert, Laura Bradford, Tom Whatley

• SENIOR FLIGHT

First Place: Walter Piper, Norm Dryer, John Pullen, Bill Sikora

Second Place: Herman Healey, Jim Cesaroni, Howard Lehem, Ken Kussard

Third Place: George Palmer, Bill Yarski, Stan Caldwell, Gary White

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN WINNERS

Hole 5: Ken Kussard, Hole 8: Bob Gallinaro, Hole 13: Jerry Englar, Hole 17: Chuck Bryce



Pictured (beginning with the top photo left to right) are winners of the 16th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Ocala Civic Theatre.



A Flight: Janet Bencsik, Mary McCann, Dorothy Mooney, Seone Gehrke



B Flight: Clifford Schoenenberger, Tony Restaino, Angelo Previte, Chuck Bryce

Senior Flight: Bill Sikora, Walter Piper, John Pullen, Norman Dreyer

Special thanks to the businesses, volunteers and golfers who made this year a success. While each participant and sponsor receives a note of thanks from the Theatre, we would like to acknowledge those sponsors who contributed to our tournament.

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The new Marion Players T-shirt, which is worn by our volunteers, says, "Ocala Civic Theatre is one of the finest community theatres in the country ... and it's my fault!" And, you know it is their fault. If the volunteers did not lend us their talents and donate their valuable time, Ocala Civic Theatre would not be the successful theatre that it is. Each season, over 400 individuals - from 6 years old to 90+ - arrive to create the magic that is live theatre. They act, usher, sell tickets, work backstage, build sets and costumes, hang and focus lights, man concessions, help in the office, and serve on the Board of Directors and committees, to name a few. What would we do without the generosity and loyalty of our volunteers? On Saturday, April 28, we held our annual Volunteer Picnic with over 200 people in attendance. Great food. Good friends. To everyone who came and to those who could not, our deepest gratitude. You're the best!



RESERVATION SCHEDULE

BOX OFFICE HOURS
 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Monday through Friday
 Phone: (352) 236-2274
 www.ocalacivictheatre.com

This schedule lists dates when tickets go on sale. For performance dates, see schedules or articles elsewhere in this newsletter.

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| Now | Missoula Children's Theatre's Tales Of Hans Christian Andersen
- Tickets on sale. |
| Now | Theatre For Young Audiences Disney Double Feature: The Aristocats and Sleeping Beauty
- Tickets on sale. |
| June 18 | High School Musical
- Tickets on sale. |
| July 2 | Missoula Children's Theatre's Jack And The Beanstalk - Tickets on sale. |
| Aug. 13 | Season Tickets available for pickup. |
| Aug. 13 | Thoroughly Modern Millie
- Flex Pass reservations and exchanges open. |
| Aug. 27 | Thoroughly Modern Millie
- Tickets on sale. |
| Sept. 10 | The Woman In Black
- Flex Pass reservations and exchanges open. |
| Sept. 17 | The Woman In Black
- Tickets on sale. |
| Oct. 8 | On Golden Pond - Flex Pass reservations and exchanges open. |
| Oct. 22 | On Golden Pond - Tickets on sale. |
| Dec. 3 | I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change
- Flex Pass reservations and exchanges open. |
| Dec. 10 | I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change
- Tickets on sale. |
| Jan. 7 | Always... Patsy Cline
- Flex Pass reservations and exchanges open. |
| Jan. 21 | Always ... Patsy Cline
- Tickets on sale. |
| Jan. 21 | Robert Fulghum's All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten
- Flex Pass reservations and exchanges open. |

ED NOTES

In the words of Fats Waller, "I mean this joint is jumpin'." The summer session is in full swing and there's not much time left to sign up for upcoming classes.

Our remaining classes for Imagination Players (ages 4 to 6) are at or near capacity. All of the remaining classes for Discovery Company (ages 7 to 9), Theatre Explorers (ages 10 to 12) and Young Actors Program (ages 13 & Up) have space left, but are beginning to fill, so don't wait too long to register or you may be disappointed. And you won't want to miss any of the upcoming Theatre For Young Audiences performances. You can read more about the shows in this newsletter.

As many of you may already know, on July 16, I will be stepping down as the Director of Education here at Ocala Civic Theatre in order to take a new teaching position at Flagler Palm Coast High School in Flagler Beach, Florida.

This difficult decision to leave Ocala Civic Theatre was strictly professional. It was an offer that came to me and, after much deliberation and soul searching, I found that I simply could not turn it down. It in no way reflects the deep feelings I have for the staff, students, parents and patrons of Ocala Civic Theatre. Think of it as being offered two great roles in two great plays with two great casts and only being able to choose one. No matter how attached you may be to one show, you would have to take the role that benefits you the best professionally. That is the situation with which I was confronted.

My four years at Ocala Civic Theatre have been some of the most rewarding of my career, both professionally and personally. From the first day, I was made to feel welcome and part of the Ocala Civic Theatre family. I have received the constant support of the parents, students, patrons and staff, as I endeavored to make the Education Department programs accessible and enjoyable for all who wished to participate. During that time, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with the greatest group of students a teacher and director could ever ask for. When someone asks me if I have any children, my reply is always the same; "Yes, I have over 1000 kids ... they are all my students." I have felt the joy of every student's success and the pain of each and every audition disappointment. What I will miss the most is the time I have been allowed to spend working and playing with such a wonderful group of students.

While this will be a departure for me, it will in no way be a good-bye. I will not be far away, and I plan to make frequent trips back to visit and watch on stage all of my Ocala Civic Theatre friends and family. In the meantime, over the next month, I plan to enjoy your company and friendship to the fullest extent. And know that all of you will always hold a special place in my heart.

Thank you for all you have done for me and shared with me. And thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives because you being a part of mine made me a happier and more complete person. I hope to see you all around the Theatre this summer. — Tom Whatley, Director of Education

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the By-Laws of The Marion Players, Inc. (revised May 18, 2004), Article VI, Section 1: Annual Meeting, the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MARION PLAYERS, INC. (D/B/A OCALA CIVIC THEATRE) will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at Ocala Civic Theatre, 4337 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida. In accordance with the By-Laws, Article V, Section 2: Number, Term and Qualifications, and Section 3: Nomination of Directors, the following slate will be presented.

FOR TWO-YEAR TERM (served a first term, nominated for a second two-year term)

CLARK DOUGHERTY, LMT is owner/operator of Clark Dougherty Therapeutic Massage Clinic. He is a member of the Ocala Youth Baseball Association, having served as Vice President and Tournament Director from 1996 to 2002. He also served on the Vanguard High School S.A.C. Technology Committee in 2004. He is past chairperson of the Theatre's Fund Raising Committee, has been a member of its Scholarship Committee, and currently serves on the Theatre's Play-Reading Committee.

PAULETTE MILLHORN is owner of The Veranda Gallery & Tea Room. She is currently President of Fine Arts For Ocala, having served on the Board of Directors for the last ten years. She has also served eight years on the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Symphony Orchestra, the last five of them as Vice President. She is Chairman of the Theatre's Fund-Raising Committee.

G. EDWARD STEWART II, M.D. is Medical Director of Allergy & Asthma Care of Florida, a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of South Florida, and Past-President of the Florida Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Society. He is an officer of Ocala Elks Lodge. At First United Methodist Church, he chairs the Music Committee. He has also played guitar or bass for six shows here at the Theatre.

DONNA HEALY STRICKLAND is Human Resources Director for Benefit Advisors. A member of the Society of Human Resources Management, she also serves on the Ocala/Marion County Leadership Board and is a member of the Ocala Elks Club.

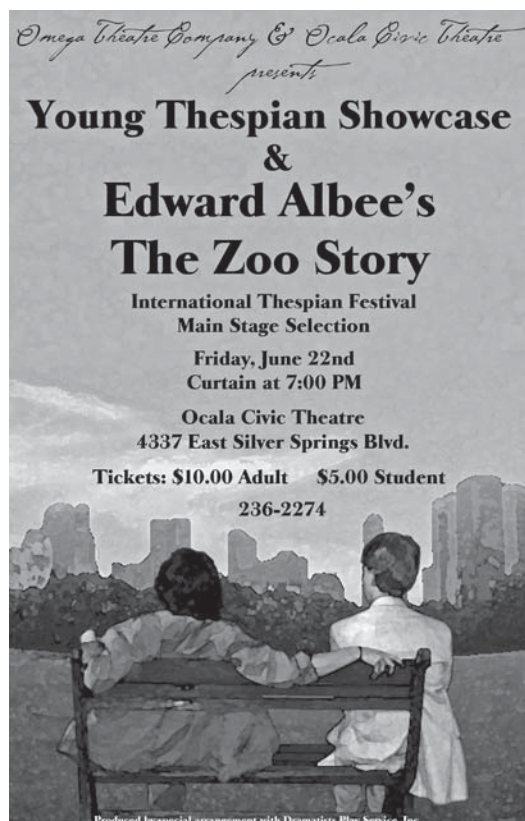
FOR TWO-YEAR TERM (nominated for a first term, eligible to serve a second term)

BRIAN EVERARD is currently working in his family's business, Another Episode Farm. Mr. Everard has raised and raced horses for the past twenty-five years. He and the farm staff are celebrating this year's Preakness winner, Curlin, who was broken and trained at the farm last year. They are eagerly looking forward to his next race in the Belmont stakes. Brian was raised and has resided in Ocala/Marion County from the early 1970s. He has been an Ocala Civic Theatre season ticket holder and supporter since 1993, and is looking forward to helping further the Theater's success in the coming years.

The By-Laws, Article III, Section 4: Voting, read as follows: "In any election, or on any question presented at any regular or special meeting of the membership, each member, 18 years of age or older, and a member in good standing in any category at least thirty (30) days prior to said regular or special meeting, will be entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy or absentee vote will not be permitted." [Note: Classes of membership are Active Participating Member (Marion Player), Patron Member (Season Ticket Holder), and Honorary Member and Director Emeritus.] All are encouraged to attend.

JUNE 29TH IS THE MAGIC DATE!

If you are renewing your season tickets, requesting a change in seating, or are a new subscriber, you should submit your order form no later than June 29 for the best seating. If you need assistance with your application, our box office personnel will be happy to help you. If you are not renewing, please take a minute to call our office at (352) 236-2274 to let us know so that we can release your seats. Thank you.



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JUNE 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 42nd Street 8:15 p.m.	2 42nd Street 2:15 p.m.
3 42nd Street 2:15 p.m.	4 Disney Double: Aristocats and Sleeping Beauty Tickets On Sale	5	6	7	8	9 Awards Ceremony 6:00 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15 Missoula ... Andersen 7:00 p.m.	16 Missoula ... Andersen 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
17	18 High School Musical Tickets on Sale	19	20	21	22 West Port High School Production The Zoo Story 7:00 p.m.	23
24	25	26 Actor's Night 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29 Aristocats Sleeping Beauty 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.	30 Aristocats Sleeping Beauty 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

JULY 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Jack And The Beanstalk Tickets on Sale	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 High School Musical 7:00 p.m.	14 High School Musical 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
15 High School Musical 2:00 p.m.	16	17	18	19 High School Musical 7:00 p.m.	20 High School Musical 7:00 p.m.	21 High School Musical 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
22 High School Musical 2:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27 Jack And The Beanstalk 7:00 p.m.	28 Jack And The Beanstalk 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
29	30	31				

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