

Smithfield Little Theatre
Presents



October 7th - October 30th, 2022

Robert Cox, Director
Jean Kellberg, Assistant Director

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no photography or videography
is permitted during the show.
Please stay after the show to meet
the cast and take photos.

President's Note:

Patrons, Family, and Friends –

Thank you for joining us for the opening show of our 61st season at the Smithfield Little Theatre! We are so happy you're here!

I hope you are in the mood to laugh tonight. Southern women and alcohol – need I say more?

If you are a single ticket holder and enjoy tonight's performance, I hope you'll consider becoming a season ticket subscriber and join us for the remainder of our season. We have *Kitchen Witches* in the winter and *She Loves Me* in the spring. The first is comprised of rival cooking show hosts (think Rachel Ray meets Jerry Springer) and the latter is a musical version of *You've Got Mail*. Both are sure to be fun evenings at the theatre. If you are interested in upgrading tonight's ticket, please visit the box office at intermission.

\$50 gets you a ticket for all 3 shows. That's a buy two, get one half-off deal (and who doesn't love a deal?).

We are also excited to present *A Charlie Brown Christmas* in December! Everyone's favorite blockhead and his friends come to life on stage to present the Christmas program that you may have seen on TV. This show is not included in the season ticket package.

Make sure you follow us on Facebook and join our mailing list to get notified as soon as tickets go on sale! If you are not receiving our emails, the box office can assist with that as well.

Thank you for your continued support. We truly couldn't do it without you.

Enjoy the show!

James Clarke, President

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From the Director:

I am so glad to be opening SLT's 61st season with this upbeat comedy. This is the third play which I have directed that was written by the Jones, Hope & Wooten creative team and I am expecting it to be another fun experience for our audiences.

Comedy scripts are much different than drama in that timing is much more critical. Our group of four actors presenting this story have worked hard to bring you the essence of their characters' struggles in dealing with the bumps and curves encountered in their individual and collective lives. I hope that you will enjoy their efforts as they sip their way to sorting out the tangle.

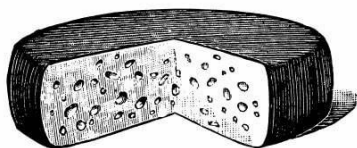
Thank you all for supporting community theatre here in our town. I performed on stage for the first time in 1961 with a group of folks here in Smithfield which would eventuate into the Cotton Gin Theatre and ultimately, Smithfield Little Theatre. It is my hope that we will continue to share with our audiences the enjoyment this venue offers for all of us on both sides of the curtain.

-Robert Cox, Director

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Savannah Sipping Society

In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fate—and an impromptu happy hour—and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures, and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jump start their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment—and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make new old friends. So raise your glass to these strong Southern women and their fierce embrace of life and say "Cheers!" to this joyful and surprisingly touching Jones, Hope, Wooten comedy!



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Savannah Sipping Society

CHARACTERS

Randa Covington, 49

Dot Haigler, 69

Marlafaye Mosley, 57

Jinx Jenkins, 53

Grandmother Covington

PLACE

The second-story verandah of a Savannah home

TIME PERIOD

Present Day

ACT ONE:

Scene 1: Late morning, lobby of a yoga studio

Scene 2: A few days later, late afternoon, verandah of Randa's home

Scene 3: One month later, late night, the verandah

Scene 4: One week later, late afternoon, the verandah

ACT TWO:

Scene 1: Weeks later, late afternoon, the verandah

Scene 2: Valentine's Day, late afternoon, the verandah

Scene 3: Six weeks later, the verandah

Scene 4: One month later, a hotel balcony



Cast:

Sharon Suttle as Dot Haigler



Sharon lives in Suffolk with her husband Pat and son Patrick. She has enjoyed working backstage at SLT since 2003. She has performed in Little Shop of Horrors, Dixie Swim Club and Always a Bridesmaid. She has also served on the Board of Directors and is currently co-chairman of the Reading Committee. While not backstage at SLT, she enjoys backpacking, hiking, cycling and camping. Many thanks to the cast, crew and those behind the scenes for their many hours of hard work in putting together this wonderful show. Most of all, thanks to my family for their love and support! I couldn't have done it without you.

Cheryl Ketchum as Randa Covington



This is Cheryl's first play since COVID, and she's excited to be on stage again! You may have seen her perform at Smithfield Little Theater in Harvey, Play On!, and Always a Bridesmaid. She also previously performed for seven years at Colonial Williamsburg. When not on stage, you can find her working at her store, Finley's General Store in Carrollton, gardening, or traveling and working on her travel blog.
www.followingfinleysfootsteps.com

Cast:

Janet Moore as Marlafaye Mosley



Janet Moore most recently appeared as playwright "Phyllis Montague" in Play On! Other favorite roles include "Charlie" in Always a Bridesmaid and "Sister Woman" in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. She was also in The Sting and three of our Christmas Carol productions. Off stage, Janet has served SLT as a board member, treasurer, seasonal development committee member and concessions volunteer.

Gigi Smith as Jinx Jenkins



Gigi is a veteran SLT member. She has acted, directed and worked backstage. Her favorite roles were M'lynn in Steel Magnolias, Cookie Cusack in Rumors and Sister Aloysius in Doubt. She also enjoyed being the Head Elf in Miracle on 34th Street. She is enjoying being on stage once again as Jinx. When not on stage, Gigi is enjoying retirement. Gigi lives in Smithfield and has two wonderful granddaughters.

Sue Milton as Cordelia Covington



This is Susan's first time on stage at SLT, unless you count the time she put the money in the strippers g string during The Full Monty. She has done behind the scenes work at the theatre for many years, including makeup and costume changes. She is loving this opportunity and says thanks to the director, I didn't know dying was so dramatic!

Creative Staff:

Director- Robert Cox

Assistant Director- Jeany Kellberg

Costumes- Jeany Kellberg

Lighting- Dan Steiger

Marquee- Adam Dennison

Photography- Olivia Shelor

Set Designer- Robert Cox

Set Crew- Steve Kellberg & Mike Hildreth

Sound- Jason Price & Steve Kellberg

Stage Manager- Ethan Price

Stage Crew- Judy Post

Dressers- Mary LeCompte,
Emma Post & Lisa Post



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Smithfield, VA 23431**

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Visit our website at

www.smithfieldlittletheatre.org/volunteers.html

and fill out a volunteer form.



SLT PERFORMING ARTS & EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



SLT awards a \$1500.00 scholarship each year to a deserving student who has shown interest in the performing arts and is pursuing higher education at a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university.

How can YOU help?

- ★ **Donate to the Scholarship fund-** *Every dollar donated goes to the Fund; no administrative costs are deducted*
- ★ **Support SLT Concessions-** *100% of the net profits go to the fund.*

Interested in donating to the Scholarship Fund?

If you are interested in donating or know a deserving student that would like to apply, details are available at www.smithfieldlittletheatre.org or by contacting Elaine Dairo, Scholarship Chair at 757-365-0387.



Coming this Summer:

Smithfield Little Theatre's Summer Youth Project

Does your child like to sing? Dance? Act?

Does your child want to learn about many aspects of theatre,
including auditioning, costuming, set building?

Does your child want to make friends and memories that will last a
lifetime?

If so, please check our website this spring for information about our
2023 Summer Youth Project!



Upcoming Shows

From our community theatre neighbors:

Peninsula Community Theatre

www.pctlive.org

(757) 595-5728

Jitters

October 14-30, 2022

Little Theatre of Norfolk

www.ltnonline.org

(757) 627-8551

Bell, Book, and Candle *October 28- November 20, 2022*

The Williamsburg Players


www.williamsburgplayers.org

(757) 229-0431

Matilda *November 4-20, 2022*

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Smithfield Little Theatre
Presents
A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas



by CHARLES M. SCHULZ
Based on the television special by BILL MELendez and LEE HENDELSON
Stage Adaptation by ERIC SCHAEFFER
By Special Arrangement with ARTHUR WHITELAW and RUBY PERSSON

Show Dates: December 9th - 18th
Fridays: 8:00pm
Saturdays: 2:30pm & 8:00pm
Sundays: 2:30pm

Directed by Meredith Marchant
Co-Directed by Andrew Smith
Producer Howard Marchant
Musical Director James Clarke



Show Dates:
February 10 - March 5, 2023



she Loves Me
May 5-28th, 2023

Book by: Joe Marshall
Music by: Jerry Rock
Lyrics by: Sheldon Harpelle



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