



Holland Civic Theatre's Civic Connection March 2018

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Spring Show—Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

George, a professor at a small college, and his wife, Martha, have just returned home, drunk from a Saturday night party. Martha announces, amidst general profanity, that she has invited a young couple—an opportunistic new professor at the college and his shatteringly naïve new bride—to stop by for a nightcap. When they arrive the charade begins. The drinks flow and suddenly inhibitions melt. It becomes clear that Martha is determined to seduce the young professor, and George couldn't care less. But underneath the edgy banter, which is crossfired between both couples, lurks an undercurrent of tragedy and despair. George and Martha's inhuman bitterness toward one another is provoked by the enormous personal sadness that they have pledged to keep to themselves: a secret that has seemingly been the foundation for their relationship. In the end, the mystery in which the distressed George and Martha have taken refuge is exposed, once and for all revealing the degrading mess they have made of their lives.

Cast

George—Don VandenHuevel
Martha—Sandra Griffin
Nick—Michael Troub
Honey—Lauren Vesbit
Director—Jim Griffin
Assistant Director—Katie Fynewever
Assistant Director O-J-T—by Mike Avis
Produced by Debbie Ruth



Shows

April 12-14; 19-21 at 7:30pm
April 15 at 2pm

***\$10 Preview Night, Thursday April 12
Opening Night Reception, Friday April 13***

Calendar Girls



When Annie's husband John dies of leukemia, she and best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. They manage to persuade four fellow WI members to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar, with a little help from hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence. The news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press soon descend on the small village of Knapeley in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame. Based on the true story of eleven WI members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukemia Research Fund, *Calendar Girls* opened at the Chichester Festival Theatre and has since become the fastest selling play in British theatre history.

Cast

<i>Chris</i>	Cathy Gartland
<i>Annie</i>	Teresa Bock
<i>Cora</i>	Beth Coats
<i>Jessie</i>	Gail Hering
<i>Celia</i>	Vanika Brandon
<i>Ruth</i>	Donna Clarkston
<i>Marie</i>	Nancy Greiner
<i>Brenda</i>	Beth Egge
<i>John</i>	Phil Plomp
<i>Rod</i>	Jason Bock
<i>Lawrence</i>	Austin Aikens
<i>Elaine</i>	Kristi Kozub
<i>Liam</i>	Robb LaMer
<i>Andy</i>	Chuck Warren
<i>Lady Cravenshire</i>	Liz Barveld
<i>Director</i>	Jo-Ellen Ming
<i>Producer</i>	Laurie Van Ark

Shows

Tulip Time

May 5, 8-12 at 7pm

May 6 at 2pm

Tickets currently available

www.tuliptime.com

Additional show dates

May 17-19 at 7:30pm

Tickets available May 11
online at

www.hollandcivictheatre.org

or via box office on May 14

Ticketing Changes

Stay tuned for some exciting changes in our ticketing procedures!!! We will be introducing "Flex Ticketing" in our 2018-19 season. This will allow Season Subscribers and other patrons wishing to reserve their seats for any show starting this fall. So if you are a Season Subscriber and you want E5 & 6 for opening night of each show, you will be able to reserve them all at the same time. If you really are a fan of Sunshine Boys—you will be able to get your tickets well in advance! No more waiting for the tickets to go on sale—they will be available in the fall for all the shows.

More information and details to come!

Be a Volunteer!!

You'll meet great people, gain valuable behind-the-scenes know-how, get free tickets and, best of all, have a ton of fun! No experience necessary.

Volunteer opportunities:

Ushers
Concession Hosts
Scenery building and/or painting
Assistant director
Props
Lights
Sound
Costumes
Make-up
Hair stylist
And much, much more

INTERESTED?! Please email Debbie Ruth at deborahozga72@gmail.com or leave a message at (616) 283-8629. She'll get right back to you.

Script Scraps!!

We will be doing Script Scraps on March 11. What is Script Scraps you ask? We will take a script from our script library and do a "readers theatre" type reading from a portion of the script. (see, the humor—just a scrap of the script!!)

We will have different scripts that people will read from. The catch will be that you might have to do it in a different accent or maybe as a Kindergartner. Who knows what twist to a script there will be!!

We have changed the date!!!! Script Scraps will be on **Sunday, March 11** at 5pm.

Pizza & pop will be provided!!!!

Concessions & Ushers

We are in need of concessions, ushers and house managers for our shows. Ushers & concession hosts can stay on the night they work and see the show (subject to availability) House managers are welcome to come back and watch another show at a later date.

Please consider volunteering!

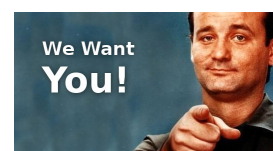
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Any questions, contact Laurie at laurievanark@gmail.com

Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors is looking for interested persons to consider joining the Board. While special skills are always welcome (finance, fundraising, marketing, etc.), they are not necessary. There are monthly meetings, possible committee assignments and occasional duties as required. If you are interested in joining the Board, or know of someone else to nominate, please contact Jodi Miller at 616-250-5869.



CD RELEASE PARTY!!!!

Holland Civic Theatre and Brew Merchant are pleased to announce a CD release party for **Lomax Big Houses'** second CD, *Criminal Record*. The party will be at **Brew Merchant** at 442 Washington Ave, Holland (in Washington Square.) on **Friday, March 23** from 8-11pm. *Criminal Record* and limited copies of Lomax's 1st CD, *Sound Sketches* will be available for purchase.

The night will also feature **The Last Call Band**.

This is a fundraiser for HCT—a \$5 cover charge will be collected for Holland Civic Theatre.

Plan to come to this fun event!!!



About Lomax Big House

Lomax Big House has been together for over 6 years. Based in the Holland area, and performing in a variety of venues across West Michigan, their music has been described as "Americana" - influenced by Blues, Folk, Bluegrass, Swing, Pop, & Country, that ranges from the turn of the last century to the present day.

The members claim their musical experience exceeds their combined ages, which is why they are musicians and not mathematicians. Whatever, a Lomax Big House show adds up to a family-friendly concert in an entertaining style, recognizable for the instrumental versatility & close vocal harmonies.

Lomax Big House is:

Jeff Ashby - Electric Guitar, Ukelele, Concertina, Vocals
Jack C. Oonk - Vocals, Percussion
Mike Oonk - Acoustic Guitar, Vocals
John Ozinga - Bass, Vocals
John Vrieling - Drums, Vocals



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Chris Urbaniak, photographer

Chris has worn many hats as a volunteer at HCT. She started out photographing her son's play two decades ago and soon thereafter found herself the theatre's "official" photographer. She's also sold concessions, addressed envelopes, painted scenery, been house manager, and she still designs and mails the postcards that announce upcoming shows. Our excellent cast photos on display in the lobby and in our archives are her work.

How long have you been volunteering at HCT, and what do you do?

"I've been volunteering since 1997, when our son was in *Forever Plaid*. Tom and I ushered and I started volunteering to take photos. I've been doing that ever since."

(Chris' husband also caught the theatre bug at HCT. Tom Urbaniak has acted in 15 plays and is a former board member.)

Why do you volunteer for community theatre?

"Because of all the opportunities other than being on stage (which doesn't interest me at all). You're invited to get involved in any way you feel comfortable. As a photographer, I just capture what they're doing on stage. It's very enjoyable to me."

"I think it's important for the community to experience live theatre."

Why HCT?

"I like HCT and think they do a great job. They have a lot of talent from local residents. There's a core group of volunteers who have been at HCT for years, but there's also new people coming in all the time. It's a good mix. The organization likes to expand and get as many fresh ideas as they can."

What would you tell someone who's thinking about volunteering?

"It's fun! There's such a variety of opportunities so you can choose what you're good at and enjoy doing."

Such as?

"If you aren't comfortable on stage, there's always something behind-the-scenes to do. You can come in and try something that's a short-term commitment (like ushering or working at the concession counter), or volunteer in an area that you have some experience in. For instance, if you like painting, you can paint scenery."

Tell us about the other people you've met here.

"There are too many fun and dedicated people to name!"



Calling All Directors!!!

If you are an experienced director with vision, talent and great communication and organizational skills, HCT has 6 opportunities next season for you to flex your creative muscles.

The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee

A Musical. Auditions in August. Show Dates: Oct 4-20

A Christmas Story

The Jean Shepherd classic. Auditions in October. Show Dates: Nov 23-Dec 8

Nightwatch

By Lucille Fletcher. Auditions in November. Show Dates: Jan 24-Feb 9

The Sunshine Boys

A Neil Simon classic. Auditions in February. Show Dates: April 25-May 18

James and the Giant Peach (Children's Production)

Audition Workshop May 19; Auditions May 20-21. Show Dates: July 11-20

High School Musical: (Teen Production)

Audition Workshop May 19; Auditions May 20-21. Show Dates: August 8-17

To express interest in directing one of these productions, please contact Michael Culp, Chair of the Artistic Committee at mtculp@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Deadline: March 15, 2018.



Dates you don't want to miss!

March 2018

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Script Scraps 5pm Come to HCT for Fun & Pizza!	12	13 Board Meeting 6:30pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Lomax CD Release Party 7pm Brew Merchants	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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