

WATERCREST Newsletter

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OUTSIDE OUR GATES

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October Meetings:

BOD:

Thurs 10/05/2023 6:00-8:00
Jacaranda Library & Zoom

ARC:

Wed 10/04/2023 10:00 Guard
House & Zoom

Wed 10/18/2023 10:00 Guard
House & Zoom

There is a lot to explore outside our Watercrest Gates. We are blessed to have several venues in Venice that help feed our souls and satisfy our craving for the arts. One such venue that continues to offer up a great experience every time is The Venice Theater. As many of you are aware, The Venice Theater sustained significant damage last year from Hurricane Ian. The main stage, the Jervey Theater, was decimated and is still out of commission. Repairs are ongoing and are estimated to cost in the millions. Current estimates are that the rebuild will open in late 2024.

Venice Theater has just entered into its 74th season and is back with new shows for the upcoming year. Although the Jervey Theater is out of commission, plays and musicals are still being offered in the smaller Pinkerton Theater and the Raymond Center. Raymond Center is their former educational building across the way, which has been remodeled and utilized as an additional performing arts space. "Tribute" Concerts, which were previously held in the Jervey Theater are being held in three other locations. These locations are: The Venice Community Center, The Venice Performing Arts Center, and in the Pine View School in Osprey. You can help in their recovery efforts by patronizing the Venice Theater this season. Below are some of the plays and musicals to be offered in the coming season:



Comedy

AUG 25 - SEP 10, 2023 A sardonically humorous look at some grumpy old men in a grumpy old round of golf with their questions, fears, loves, and Metamucil...plus an appearance by an out-of-this-world guy who hit the longest golf shot in history. Fore!



Comedy

OCT 27 - NOV 19, 2023 *Pickleball* is a quippy screwball comedy about the predominant mania of our time ... pickleball! Goofy, lightning-fast, and slightly naughty, it's a "pwocking" good time that will "pickle" your funny bone.



Musical

SEP 8 - OCT 8, 2023 We'll light up the room with the campy, over-the-top musical *Reefer Madness*, last seen at VT in 2008. *Reefer Madness* pokes hilarious fun at the 1936 cult film. Don't eat the brownie, and don't smoke the demon weed. Inhale at your peril or America's wholesome way of life will be destroyed!



Musical

OCT 13 - NOV 12, 2023 Da Da Da Dum - Snap Snap! You've enjoyed the comic strip. You've watched the television show. You've seen the movies (six in all). Now see Gomez, Morticia, Wednesday, Pugsley, and Lurch live in the Broadway musical hit. They're creepy, kooky, and ooky ... The Addams Family!



Musical

DEC 1 - 20, 2023 We are counting our blessings as Venice Theatre's musical version of *A Christmas Carol* returns with the joyous spirit of the year-end holidays. Inter-generational veterans from past productions (including Brad Wages as Scrooge) join with new cast members to tell Charles' Dickens' story of redemption and rebirth.

NOTE: *The Venice Symphony is also back at the Venice Performing Arts Center in November 2023 for their 50th Anniversary Season. Here is a Sample:*

[A Symphony Fantastic!](#) Welcome to the premiere of our 50th anniversary season, *A Symphony Fantastic!*, showcasing the epic and dramatic *Symphony Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz. Our guest artist is Andrew Bain, Principal Horn of the Los Angeles Philharmonic since 2011 who will solo on Composer Eric Ewazen's modern gem, *Concerto for Horn and String Orchestra*. Dates: Fri 17, Sat 18.

[A Holiday Spectacular](#) A Venice tradition, this season's *A Holiday Spectacular* includes yuletide favorites "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Carol of the Bells" and of course "Sleigh Ride," music from *Home Alone* and *A Christmas Carol* and contemporary holiday favorites. Expect a few festive surprises, and what would the holidays be without Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer? Dates: Fri 15, Sat 16.

Do you have a specific topic you would like to see covered in our Newsletter? Let us know. Are you or a neighbor you know celebrating a Marriage, a milestone Birthday or Anniversary? Are you a new Grandparent or Parent? Has someone in our Watercrest Community received a special award or special recognition for something? Lets celebrate by posting this in the monthly newsletter. To submit please email specifics to the Communication Committee at: watercrest.communicates_irene@aol.com