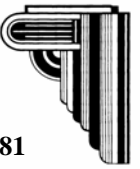


March 2008

# Tennessee Valley Theatre



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PO Box 81

184 West Jackson Ave

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## *PEACE IN THE VALLEY*

**MARCH 13, 15-16, 27, 29-30**

The Harmony Valley Church, the oldest religious institution in the county, is in a crisis situation.

Membership is declining, the building's falling apart, after the last church treasurer died, it was discovered that the church coffers are empty, and they can't keep a preacher! Will the choir, the nucleus of the congregation, be able to step up, put aside their petty rivalries, and formulate a plan to save the church?

Even with a guardian angel (the ghost of the church's first pastor) looking out for them, the task seems formidable, indeed. The results are light-hearted comedy along with a lot of good old-time gospel singing.

### **Directed by Jim Wright**

The cast includes: Ron Ingram, Barbara Shultz, Anita Hale, Thomas Rodgers, Leia Barker, Scott Hilleary, Jim Wright, Allison Sachs, Mary Pendergrass, Regina Mooneyhan, Anessa Vanhorn, Eric Wilson & Hayley Holloway.

## *BACKSTAGE BANTER*

**WITH HARRY LANDRETH**

One of the greatest challenges facing theater organizations today is how to make themselves relevant and important to their communities. In order for TVT to be relevant, it must be worth the investment of our patrons in both time and money.

We know that we are competitive from a ticket price standpoint. Where else can you get 2-3 hours of quality entertainment for \$8-\$10? However, are people willing to spend 2-3 hours with us when they must choose us over other things that they could be doing. In other words, what is our competition? Where do people spend their time? Outside of the home, it is probably church, Little League, school activities, civic clubs, the lake, etc. But the biggest competitor for TVT is TV.

So, the next time you think about watching "The Price is Right" instead of coming to one of our shows, please don't. We really need you!

## *THE GALLERY*

Artwork by Edna Hibel will be displayed at the TVT during the performances of "Peace In The Valley".

Princess of the Imperial Summer Palace, Lorelei & Children, Ulla & Eric, and Guatemala Mother & Child are paintings that will be shown. They are Original Stone Lithographs.

We are in need of artists that have paintings, drawings, or framed photographs that they would like to share with our community. We would like to put them on display at the TVT during the performances.

Call TVT and let us know.

## *EINSTEIN, THE MAN*

**March 14**

In celebration of Albert Einstein's 129<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 14, Tennessee Valley Theatre in Spring City will present *Einstein, the Man* on Friday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. For reservations, call 365-PLAY.

The one-man play is written and performed by Bill Landry, who also has been the voice, host, narrator, and co-producer of *The Heartland Series* since 1984. That show has won 5 Emmy awards.

*Einstein, the Man* blends art and science into an unusual piece of work. Adopting the words and mannerisms of the German-born theoretical physicist as he was at age 65, Landry portrays Albert Einstein as a humanist and a person. The production features some of Dr. Einstein's major scientific work, philosophical ideas and personal idiosyncrasies in the form of a biographical study. For more information on the show, go to: [www.billlandryproductions.com](http://www.billlandryproductions.com)

Following the performance, Landry takes questions as Einstein, then removes his extensive makeup to answer questions about the play. The play has been presented over 850 times since 1977 in 38 states and two provinces of Canada and was adapted for National Public Radio and Public Television.

For reservations, call 365-PLAY. [www.tennesseevalleytheatre.com](http://www.tennesseevalleytheatre.com)

## *MARQUEE FOR THE THEATER*

We are in the process of having a marquee made for the side of the building. The approximate cost is \$7,000. We would like to thank Robinson Manufacturing for their donation toward the sign. Any other donations to help defray the cost would be greatly appreciated.

## **YOU ARE NEEDED!**

Become a part of the exciting events taking place at the TVT. Our mission is to provide a variety of cultural experiences for all ages. The theater operates on a volunteer basis. You are needed to assist with the effort of providing the community with high quality entertainment. You are asked to work as a volunteer, sponsor an event/show, give a donation/grant. We want to keep the theater sound and solvent. If you would like to sponsor a play/event or give a donation/grant, please contact me at 423-365-9848.

A. Horton

## **NEWSWORTHY ITEMS**

If you have an idea for an article, or would like to contribute an article to the newsletter, please contact Margaret at: [mmpintn@bellsouth.net](mailto:mmpintn@bellsouth.net).

## **COMING SOON - TVT WEBSITE**

It's under construction right now but you can still stop by and see it at:

[tennesseevalleytheatre.com](http://tennesseevalleytheatre.com)

## *TENNESSEE TECH TUBA ENSEMBLE*

**April 25**

The internationally acclaimed Tennessee Tech Tuba Ensemble (TTTE) from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville is considered the "pioneer" ensemble of its kind. The TTTE is continually received with favor by audiences from Carnegie Hall in New York to Jackson Square in New Orleans. The group has been described as one that is "not a novelty, but an ensemble with a unique sound." The TTTE first appeared in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in 1976 and continues, with an unprecedented seventh appearance in January 2007, to be the only tuba ensemble to ever present full concerts on that world-famous stage.

<http://orgs.tntech.edu/tuba>

## *MOTHER'S DAY HARP DUET*

**May 10**

The perfect gift for your mom! This dinner and concert features a special Mother's Day musical program by the harp duo of Laura Elder and Tiffany Envid from the Chattanooga Harp Ensemble.

<http://www.notablegrace.com>

## *CHILDREN & YOUTH DRAMA*

**WORKSHOPS**

The youth drama workshop for ages 12-18 will be held May 26-30, 2008 from 9-2 daily. Ms. Kari Ballentine will be returning again this year to direct the workshop and has many wonderful ideas for the kids. Please call 365-7529 (play) to sign up.

The tentative dates for the children's workshop will be June 2-6 for children ages 5-11. The workshop hours will also be 9-2 daily.

Both children and youth are asked to bring a sack lunch. The workshops are free, but we ask that you call the theatre in advance and sign your child up. Please call 365-7529 (play) to sign up.

## **2008 SEAT YOURSELF CAMPAIGN**

The TVT is in need of additional seating capacity. Not only did we lose some chairs in the flood, but after ten years, we have grown! Please join us to SEAT YOURSELF! With a designated donation of \$50 per chair, you will have a chair placed in the auditorium with your name engraved on the top. Please fill out a card in the box office and SEAT YOURSELF!

Businesses and groups are also encouraged to join in to purchase chairs for the auditorium.

Donations can be sent to PO Box 81, Spring City, TN 37381. Please mark your checks for this designated campaign and enclose the name(s) you would like put on each chair.

#### INTRODUCING...

With each issue of the newsletter, we will introduce you to some of our volunteers and board members

Our featured volunteers are *Carl and Kay Hesselbach*. They spend more time for TVT than anyone else! They are responsible for reservations, answering more than 200 phone calls per month.

Carl is a native of New Jersey, but received a B.S. in Elem. Ed and M.S. in Statistics from the University of Alabama. He worked for Ford Motors, Xerox and was an instructor at several colleges. Currently he works part-time at Vaughn Funeral Home.

Kay is a native New Yorker and has a M.S. in Elem. Ed from Alabama and MLS from SUNY. She was an elementary teacher and librarian.

Being high school sweethearts, they were married in 1960 and have a daughter, Carolyn, and a son, Carl Ross. In 1982 they purchased and operated Watts Bar Resort with Ed & Joyce Probst until 2001.

The Hesselbachs are in the choir at Spring City UMC and sing at the S.C. Care Center on Tuesdays. Kay is a Sunday school teacher and Carl is the church treasurer. Kay is a volunteer at Our Daily Bread and on the board of the Spring City Historical Museum. Carl is a volunteer third grade math mentor at S.C. Elementary School.

*Arlandres Horton* is the TVT board member responsible for grants and sponsorships. Arlandres is a native of Milan, TN. He has a B.S. in Chemistry from Knoxville College and M.S. and Ed. S. from Tenn Tech. He retired after 35 years as a teacher and principal in various schools in Rhea and Hamilton Counties.

He and his wife, Pat (also a retired educator), live in Spring City. They are members of Reeds Chapel UMC. Arlandres is the Sunday School Supt/Adult teacher. He is a certified Lay Speaker of the UMC.

Alpha Phi Alpha, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Kappa are some of the organizations to which Horton belongs. He received the E. Harper Johnson Human Relations reward in addition to many education accolades. Arlandres is a board member of the Audrey Pack Library. His hobbies are reading and writing poetry.

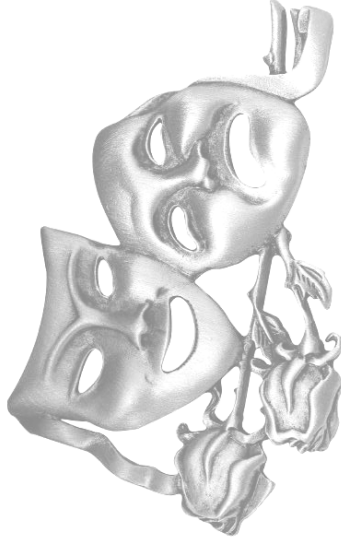
**BRYAN COLLEGE COMING EVENTS**

*Man of La Mancha (Musical)*

April 17-19, 2008

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