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"Dearly Departed is drop dead funny...but don't take our word for it, see it yourself."

---New York Daily News



Set somewhere south of the Mason-Dixon line, **Dearly Departed** tells the hilarious story of father Bud Turpin's funeral and its aftermath. From the moment father Bud Turpin keels over at the breakfast table right on through his burial in the "Gentleman Farmer" coffin, **DEARLY DEPARTED** makes it clear that there's more to living and dying in the Bible Belt than you can shake a corn dog at.

It seems a dizzying array of crazies and dysfunctional Southern-fried eccentrics have inhabited Bud's life and you'll want to pay a visit to them all.

-The Crazy Cast-

Peopling this zany group is one of the largest list of award-winning and accomplished actors to ever emerge on our stage. The cast is led by son Ray-Bud (Larry Helms), who becomes responsible for footing the bill for this funky funeral, including the footwear wife Lucille (Audrey Kelly-Fritz) was able to locate for her deceased father-in-law. As they say, "if the shoe fits..."

Bud's wife Raynelle (Lora Slavik) may miss her departed, but "mean and surly" somehow seems more fitting for the headstone. Sister Marguerite (Marie Staton) carries her bible and her hymns wherever she trots, especially in the car with son Royce (John Hatfield) who has no job, no gas and no future.

Junior (Will Greene) is one of the sons left behind--along with an earring

accidentally dropped in his car wife Suzanne (Suzanne Clark) comes upon. Hell hath no fury like an earring found. Sister-in-law Juanita (Susanna Carey) journeys alone to the funeral of course, since her husband seems to be getting his fried chicken somewhere else.

Leading this group through righteous paths is Reverend Hooker (Curt Whirl), a man whose voice is loud and whose bathroom need be close. Friends of the family, an odd mix themselves, include Clyde (Cliff Folds), Ray-Bud's boss at the transmission shop who knows how to blow things up and Nadine (Laura Modrall) expecting her eighth, but whose favorite child is still Geraldo, or is it Oprah, or Perry Como, or Farah-Zsa-Zsa, or....

Then there's Veda (Kathy Sheffield), herself just a few fries short of a Happy Meal who brings husband Norval (Larry Everhart) for a visit. Seems Norval may be fitted for his own shoes sometime soon. Veda will soon make sure they fit better than the oxygen mask.

Oh, mustn't forget Delightful (S. Collins), who delights in Cokes, M & M, bubble gum and anything else that allows her to speak in monosyllables while eating.

"Oddball" doesn't begin to describe this group (the characters, not the cast. Please.)

Taken together, though, this cast has appeared in over 100 productions, and will be directed by Norman Small. Set & lighting design is by Tom Altman, Costumes by Camille McCellan with Krista Burtman as Stage Manager.

A movie version called KINGDOM COME was released in 2001 starring Whoopi Goldberg. It departed very soon from the theaters.

DATES & TIMES

WEEK 1

Thu., Apr. 14 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Apr. 15 at 7:30 pm

Sat., Apr. 16 at 7:30 pm

Sun., Apr. 17 at 2:30 pm

WEEK 2

Thu., Apr. 21 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Apr. 22 at 7:30 pm

Sat., Apr. 23 at 7:30 pm

Sun., Apr. 24 at 2:30 pm

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WEEK 3

Thu., Apr. 28 at 7:30 pm

Fri., Apr. 29 at 7:30 pm

Sat., Apr. 30 at 2:30 pm

Sat., Apr. 30 at 7:30 pm

Sun., May. 1 at 2:30 pm

DEARLY DEPARTED
contains occasional adult
language, occasionally found
among peeved Southerners.

BOX OFFICE

Extended Hours begin

April 12; 1 pm - 6 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF StageRead

April 5 & 6, 2011

DEARLY DEPARTED Mainstage

April 14 - May 1, 2011

THE SECRET GARDEN Academy

May 20 - 22, 2011



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Summer Mummers Musical July 22 - August 7, 2011

THE FULL MONTY Mainstage

September 15 - October 9, 2011

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Mainstage

December 1 - 18, 2011

THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES Mainstage

January 12 - February 5, 2012

BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story Mainstage

February 23 - March 18, 2012

RUMORS Mainstage

April 12 - 29, 2012

HAIRSPRAY

Summer Mummers Musical

July 20 - August 5, 2012

All Shows Subject
to availability

MEET THE CO-PRODUCERS OF DEARLY DEPARTED

STEELE'S FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICES, with over 30 years experience in funeral directing, Steele's Family Funeral Services has demonstrated the professional knowledge and ability to faithfully serve your family, as it has so many others. A full service funeral home, Steele's Family Funeral Services can complete disposition instructions within the full spectrum of options, from complete funerals to simple cremations. Whether modest or opulent, your individual tastes and style -- reflected in choices you make -- will be carried out with respect and attention to your every detail by our caring, professional staff. Theatre Winter Haven has been called "one of the best community theatres in America." It is with great pleasure that Steele's Family Services has the opportunity to play a small part in providing live theatre to Polk County and its surrounding communities.

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MRS. WILLIAM FULLER, Board Member and philanthropist, is a treasure to our community. An ardent supporter of TWH, Mrs. Fuller has co-Produced many past TWH productions including, CATS, OKLAHOMA!, CAMELOT and last season's **THE BOYS NEXT DOOR**. She is often seen at rehearsals, supplying homemade goodies for the cast and crew. Mrs. Fuller also awards two outstanding young people at our annual award ceremony in June. Thank you, Mrs. Fuller, for all you do!

OTHER EVENTS THIS APRIL & MAY

StageRead Series - Theatre in Mind Contemporary plays for discriminating audiences



Sponsored by
Dr. & Mrs. Ed Lubin

**R-RATED FOR
ADULTS ONLY**

April 5 & 6 at 7:30 pm in the Ridge Art Gallery.
Tickets: \$10

Called "a rapture of utter depletion," "a toxic swamp of words," "a great marital wrestling match," "notorious vitriol with eye-opening compassion," this mind-shattering piece won Elizabeth Taylor and Sandy Dennis an Oscar and was nominated for eleven more. You'll find some laughter within this piece, but you'll also find a harbinger of hate that needs a truce called on occasion. Like many marriages.

The original play version won both the 1963 Tony Award for Best Play and the 1962-63 New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play. Its stars won the 1963 Tony Awards for Best Actor and Actress as well. It was also selected for the 1963

Pulitzer Prize for Drama by that award's drama jury. However, the award's advisory board—the trustees of Columbia University—objected to the play's then-controversial use of profanity and sexual themes, and overruled the award's advisory committee, awarding no Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1963. Half the advisory committee then resigned.

Theatre Winter Haven Academy presents:



Co-Produced by
The Rolf Jaehnigen Family

School Performances:
May 18 - 20

Public Performances:
Fri., May 20
Sat., May 21
Sun., May 22

Adapted from the classic novel this musical brings us into the world of Mary Lennox, and how her joy of living brought back life to Misselthwaite Manor.

Tickets (Public Shows): \$7 Adults/\$5 Students

With a Special Student Matinee Performance
(5/21 at 2:30 pm) all tickets \$5!



The Sound of Music



The Who's TOMMY

Over 6,600 patrons. Two holdover performances. **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**, called "the best ever" by hundreds. Hope you got to hear the sounds. Thanks to the Dr. & Mrs. Fischer families, Tommy & Lynn Oakley, Hill Nissan and The Center for Retina and Macular Disease.

The Who's TOMMY was A mind-bending experience. With two performances in concert style. Did you see it? Hear it? Feel it?

The Brightest Star featured 12 of Polk County's top acts in a talent competition. Winners were presented with over \$1,500 in cash and prizes. Our thanks to the Rolf Jaehnigen family and Sylvan Learning Center for sponsoring the prizes. A very special evening.

Season 42 -- includes three musicals and **no increase in prices if you renew by May 1st!!** Current subscribers have until June 1st to keep your current seats.

The new theatre is still in discussion. The good news is that your season tickets will not be affected. The current facility will not be closed until the new one is completed and ready for you. And that is years away. More details later.

Blend - the a cappella group that tours America is returning for one performance only, June 12. Tickets are available online or at the Box Office.

EVITA tickets now on sale. If you are going to be here this summer (July 22-August 7) get your tickets early. The production is being directed by Katrina Ploof, who brought you both **RAGTIME** and **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**. Miss Ploof starred as Evita herself in the National tour.

Group rates are available for every Mainstage production. Contact Tony at the Box Office to inquire about tickets for groups of 10 or more!

ACT IV, the senior arm of TWH is available for performances at your local community centers, mobile home parks, nursing homes and/or club organizations. To schedule call Carol at 537-6237.

High School & College Drama Students are admitted free on opening night, if seats are available! Have your student I.D. handy and enjoy the show.

Join us for a luncheon and fashion show - Wednesday, April 27

"Thanks For All You Do"

Celebrating Administrative Professional's Week with lunch at Carrabba's Italian Grill and fashion show to follow with Carin Jones presenting the latest fashion from Casual Chic Boutique located in Auburndale.



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Door Prizes Awarded

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Evita

May 29 & 30

The Full Monty

July 24 & 25

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April 14 - May 1

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HAMHOCKS * OF THE MONTH

Harold & Gladys Bieber

Born in Long Island, NY, Gladys lived and worked in NYC until 1975. She loves golf, bowling, travel, reading, crosswords. She has a love for theatre since a child and did productions in high school, and loved attending Broadway and summer stock. She started volunteering at TWH with a friend in 2004, and has been a Florida resident for over 20 years. She has a passion for musicals and comedies.

Harold, a retired Army Lt. Colonel, lived in Allentown, PA from 1965 to 1989. Both a fixed-wing and helicopter pilot in the Army, Harold now enjoys golf, bowling and has worked with the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), helping to do income taxes for the past 13 years. He's also been active with Gideons International since 1978 and a TWH volunteer since 2007.



*HAMHOCK
 (ham-hock). Noun.
 The "backside" of the theatre team. Makes the show go. Not known for receiving applause.

Here's a big OINK! OINK! to our Hamhocks of the Month.