

# THE CURTAIN CALL

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## THE MAN....THE MUSIC....THE LEGEND -- IT'S BUDDY BRILLIANT!

Over 50 years ago, the man who changed the face of popular music tragically died in a plane crash at age 22. Our **BUDDY - THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY** tells the story of the three years in which he became the world's top recording artist with a show that

features over 20 of Buddy Holly's greatest hits including 'Peggy Sue,' 'That'll Be The Day,' 'Oh Boy,' 'Everyday,' 'Not Fade Away,' 'Rave On' and 'Raining In My Heart.'

**"He made it okay to wear glasses"**  
--John Lennon

The musical follows the tragically short life of this great artist from his first recording contract through to his move to New York and concluding with the fatal tour of Midwest America. The production experiences the ups and downs of Holly's 'budding' musical career as he strives to fulfill his potential genius. The heart-warming tale of an All-American boy from Texas is told with care, detail and humor. **BUDDY - THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY** finally explodes into a celebration of youth and lust for life in a re-creation of his last concert in Iowa.

### The day the music died...

Following the February 2nd performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, the performers and their road crew drew straws to decide who would fly in the airplane, and who would ride in the unheated tour bus. The winners were Holly, 17 year old Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, JP Richardson. The four-passenger Beechcraft Bonanza took off into a blinding snow storm and crashed into a corn field several miles after takeoff at 1:05 a.m. The crash killed all three and pilot Roger Peterson, leaving Holly's pregnant bride, Maria Elena Holly, a widow. (She would miscarry soon after.)

**"Buddy Holly was a poet-way ahead of his time"** --Bob Dylan

Our own Buddy will be performed by Daniel C. Jackson, from Alabama, a veteran of over 130 performances of the



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show from Birmingham, AL to Reno, NV. His band The Crickets will be handled by drummer **Joshua McNair** (from the local Brass Heart Band), **Kemp Brinson** (Chairman of the TWH board) and **Marcus Brixa** (guitar instructor, Carlton's Music). **Thom**

**Mesrobian** takes on the Big Bopper and **Alex De La Torre** sings as Ritchie Valens and TWH veteran **Vincent Miller** performs in the Apollo Theatre scene, the place where the Crickets were accidentally booked... as a white band.

Buddy's wife Maria Elena is played by **Francesca Roberto** with **Isoan Corlew** as her Aunt Santiago. **Michael Tanner** is Buddy's record producer Norman Petty, with **Virginia Zechiel** doubling as his wife and the production's Music Director. Pierrot winner **Lori Engler** takes on four different roles in the show while **Travis Whirl**, **John Durbin**, **Tremayne Clay**, **Katria Harper**, **Michael DeFelice** and **Lee Metheny** also find themselves in multiple roles. **Chris Walsh** rounds out the cast as Buddy's first mentor, **Hippockets Duncan**.

Directing is **Norman Small**, set configuration by THW Technical Director **Kirk Stalnaker**. Costuming the company is **Camille McClellan** with musical direction by **Virginia Zechiel** and choreography by **Jennifer Marshall**. **Jeremy Chase** is rehearsal Stage Manager and **Jake McKinnon** is production Stage Manager.

**"I play Buddy Holly every night before going on stage. It keeps me honest."**  
--Bruce Springsteen

With over 19 million tickets sold worldwide **BUDDY** has had audiences on their feet in every corner of the globe. His brief life has been immortalized in this dynamic and heart-rending stage show - a celebration of the man, his music and life - that captures the unique mix of innocence, determination, humor and charm that was Buddy Holly.

**"...and the rest will just be Rock 'n' Roll..."**

## DATES & TIMES

### WEEK 1

Thu., Feb. 23 at 7:30 pm  
Fri., Feb. 24 at 7:30 pm  
Sat., Feb. 25 at 7:30 pm  
Sun., Feb. 26 at 2:30 pm

### WEEK 2

Thu., Mar. 1 at 7:30 pm  
Fri., Mar. 2 at 7:30 pm  
Sat., Mar. 3 at 7:30 pm  
Sun., Mar. 4 at 2:30 pm  
Sun., Mar. 4 at 7:30 pm

### WEEK 3

Thu., Mar. 8 at 7:30 pm  
Fri., Mar. 9 at 7:30 pm  
Sat., Mar. 10 at 2:30 pm  
Sat., Mar. 10 at 7:30 pm  
Sun., Mar. 11 at 2:30 pm

### WEEK 4 (Added Week)

Wed., Mar. 14 at 7:30 pm  
Thu., Mar. 15 at 7:30 pm  
Fri., Mar. 16 at 7:30 pm  
Sat., Mar. 17 at 2:30 pm  
Sat., Mar. 17 at 7:30 pm  
Sun., Mar. 18 at 2:30 pm

## BOX OFFICE

### INFORMATION

#### Extended Hours

begin February 21

Tuesday - Saturday

1 pm - 6 pm; and 90 minutes prior to all curtain times and during intermission

#### Contact Us at:

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Thank You For The Music The Sounds of ABBA Special Events

Sunday, February 12, 2012

## THE SMELL OF THE KILL StageRead Ridge Art Gallery

February 14 & 15, 2012

## BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story Mainstage

February 23 - March 18, 2012

## CASH & FRIENDS Special Event

February 28 & 29, 2012

## MISS SAIGON - in Concert StageRead Mainstage

March 6 & 7, 2012

## Brightest Star Competition Academy

Friday, March 23, 2012

## IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR Special Event

March 24 & 25, 2012

## RABBIT HOLE StageRead Ridge Art Gallery

April 3 & 4, 2012

## Neil Simon's RUMORS Mainstage

April 12 - 29, 2012

## Gathering of Angels Fundraiser Ritz Theatre

Saturday, April 21, 2012

## TALES OF A 4th GRADE NOTHING Academy

MAY 16 - 20, 2012

## HAIRSPRAY Summer Musical

July 20 - August 5, 2012

# MEET THE CO-PRODUCERS OF BUDDY

Hill Nissan, Inc., a long time and highly respected Winter Haven business, can be found at 6401 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Hill Nissan wants to "help you get the vehicle you want as soon as possible" and they continue to support your community's theatre, TWH, to include co-producing last season's SOUND OF MUSIC, and previously CATS, CAMELOT, OKLAHOMA!, KISS ME, KATE and RAGTIME.

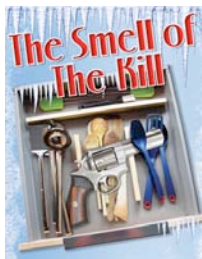
TOMMY & LYNN OAKLEY, are active supporters of TWH, co-producing last season's RAGTIME. Lynn, a Trustee, has served as Co-Chairman for several TWH fundraising events include DUELIN' DIVAS and Gathering of Angels.

DR & MRS. FRANK FISCHER, JR AND DR. & MRS. FRANK FISCHER III, continue to maintain their tradition as co-producers. The Fischer family, each year at our Pierrot awards ceremony, present The Fischer Technical Award to the outstanding young person whose backstage efforts are awarded with a scholarship. Mrs. Kathy Fischer is an active member and former president of our Board of Trustees. The Fischer family have previously produced: 42 STREET, JEKYLL AND HYDE, PETER PAN, LES MISERABLES, CATS, OKLAHOMA!, CAMELOT, KISS ME, KATE, RAGTIME and last season's THE SOUND OF MUSIC.

THE CENTER FOR RETINA AND MACULAR DISEASE, was founded in 1991 by Dr. David Misch, with six Board Certified Physicians currently on staff dedicated to providing available treatment. Along with its state-of-the-art facility on Ave K in Winter Haven, the Center also has locations in Clermont, Sebring, Lakeland, Zephyrhills and Haines City. The center remains on the cutting edge of new treatments and technologies and provides patients with the medical care they require, regardless of their ability to pay for it. Their primary concern is to protect or improve the vision of all their patients.

# STAGEREAD SERIES - THEATRE IN MIND

Every StageRead performance includes complimentary wine & cheese and a talk-back discussion following the show.



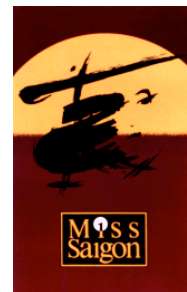
February 14 & 15,  
Ridge Art Gallery  
Take three delicious, malicious wives, add three miserable, unloving husbands – and chill. This new comedy revolves around Nicky, Debra and Molly, who have tolerated

one another during once-a-month dinners for years, and suddenly, the women exchange confidences for the first time. When the men mistakenly lock themselves in a basement meat locker, the women are faced with a life-or-death decision – should they leave the men out in the cold permanently or let them thaw?

*"The Smell of the Kill boasts lines and scenes that have the audience laughing as uproariously as The Producers."* --Variety



Daniel Jackson  
as Buddy



March 6 & 7,  
In Concert - Mainstage.  
This classic love story is brought up-to-date in one of the most musically stunning theatrical spectacles of all time. In MISS SAIGON, the creators of LES MISERABLES bring Puccini's *Madame*

*Butterfly* to the modern world in a moving testament to the human spirit and a scathing indictment of the tragedies of war.

*"One of the most richly melodious scores heard in two decades."*  
--Gannett Newspapers

Single Tickets - \$10  
Series of Three - \$24

## WIN BUDDY HOLLY'S GUITAR! Limited tickets sold!!

Autographed by our Buddy, Daniel Jackson, the guitar will be yours at the conclusion of the production on Sunday, March 18. You do not have to present to win.

ONLY 50 TICKETS AT \$20 WILL BE SOLD!  
THIS ELECTRIC GUITAR IS JUST LIKE THE ONE BUDDY HOLLY USED!!  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE OR ONLINE. REMEMBER – ONLY 50 CHANCES WILL BE AVAILABLE.  
NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.

## MORE SPECIAL EVENTS



**CASH AND FRIENDS:** Ben and Dana Marney's tribute to Johnny Cash, June Carter, Patsy Cline and Waylon Jennings. Ben and Dana do not imitate these legendary artists, but rather emulate their appearance, capturing their legendary essence, magic and charisma, and performed with love and respect to honor their legacies.

Single Tickets: \$18 | \$20



## IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra

A never before seen musical journey about the life and times of the late Frank Sinatra starring *Tony Sands* as "The Voice", singing all his best loved songs!



Single Tickets: \$18 | \$20

Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 PM  
Sunday, March 25 at 2:30 PM

## Backstage Banter

**IT'S OFFICIAL! THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES** played to over 5,500 patrons making it the most successful January show ever!!! Due to its amazing success the cast has agreed to return next season in **THE WINTER WONDERETTES**, a wonderful celebration of the Christmas season. Come sing along with these talented women.



**LOOK FOR YOUR EARLY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM** in the program when you attend **BUDDY**. Current subscribers have until June to keep their same seats. New subscribers will be assigned seating in July. It's going to be a terrific season featuring: **ANNIE, WINTER WONDERETTES, FOX ON THE FAIRWAY, 9 TO 5** and **THE 39 STEPS**.

**LEGENDS IN CONCERT** with **The Brass Heart Band** was a sellout! The group will be returning next season.

**APR 21** **THE GATHERING OF ANGELS: BROADWAY AT THE RITZ** featuring **Broadway At It's Best** with **The Brass Heart Band**. TWH's largest annual fundraiser will be at the newly opened Ritz theatre on April 21. A great synergy with two great theatres.

**HAIRSPRAY** is coming. This show has been the biggest box office bonanza for so many other theatres. If you are still in town this summer, better get your tickets now!

**DUE TO HIGH DEMAND**, we've added more performances to **BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY**. Get your tickets early and be rewarded with songs of this early pioneer of Rock 'n' Roll.

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 club, organizations. To schedule, call Carol at 299-7774.

**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.

### Audition Notice

**Neil Simon's Rumors**

February 26 & 27

**Tales of A Fourth**

**Grade Nothing**

March 18 & 19

Call 299-2672

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## MEALS AND DEALS

**IAM PASTA CAFE**  
 7220 Cypress Gardens Blvd, 863-508-7433  
 \$4.99 all pasta\* with purchase of a drink  
 \*few exceptions - Same day of show

**LAVENDER AND LACE TEA ROOM**  
 10% off your meals and drinks!  
 Same day of show

**THE SHIPPING CENTER**  
 852 6th St. Plaza NW  
 (by Morgan Jewelers)  
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**February 23 - March 18**  
**THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL**  
**ROCK'N'ROLL MUSICAL!**

**HAMHOCKS \* OF THE MONTH**

**Bob & Charlotte Butler**

Originally from Colorado, Bob and Charlotte have made Florida their home since 1996. Bob spent 12 years in the service, 5 years as a police officer, retired from Reco Corporation and served over 15 years as a volunteer firefighter. Charlotte is a retired teacher of 30 years and currently serving on the Board of Governors at Discover Academy. She's also involved with two book clubs and both volunteer with upcoming elections.



Bob & Charlotte just started volunteering with TWH with IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE. Bob spent 100 hours working on that set alone and Charlotte has ushered during several performances. Prior to moving to Florida, Bob enjoyed working at a ski resort in Colorado where he would commute via snowmobile daily...they don't miss it!



**\*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.

**FROM THE TWH ACADEMY**



Competition  
 Friday, March 23 at 7:30 PM

★ Tickets on Sale Now!  
 \$6/person

Cash prizes for winners  
 in each age group!

Proud Sponsors:  
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**A Performing Arts Competition for Youth**

**\*\*\*ACADEMY AUDITIONS\*\*\***

**SIX CANTERBURY TALES**

Troupe-in-a-trunk; Ages 13 - 18

Sun., March 4 at 2 PM & Mon., March 5 at 6PM

Touring Polk Country Schools 4/30 through 5/2

**TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING**

Academy Mainstage Production; Ages 6 to Adults

Sun., March 18 at 2 PM & Mon., March 19 at 6 PM

Production Dates: May 16 - 20, 2012

For more information regarding the TWH Academy program,  
 please contact Molly Judy, Education Director, at 299-2672

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