



# SPOTLIGHT

December 2010



## Let's All Dance to *The Christmas Carol Rag*

BLT's next production, *The Christmas Carol Rag*, is a spunky take on the Dickens classic. The story of Scrooge's redemption is set in the exciting, ragtime world of New York, circa 1911. Evelyn Scrooge runs her sweatshop with an iron fist but slowly opens her heart as she is visited by a Yiddish-spouting Ghost of Christmas Past and a gospel-wailing Ghost of Christmas Present. The score, which includes songs by Victor Herbert and George M. Cohan, brings the age old Christmas story to life with rousing production numbers set to familiar songs from "Hello, My Baby" to "The Streets of New York." Wildly funny and deeply moving, *The Christmas Carol Rag* brings a new twist to an old chestnut.

Playwright Norman Allen is the recipient of a Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play and two regional Emmy Awards for documentary writing. During a long association with Signature Theatre he premiered *Melville Slept Here*, *Nijinsky's Last Dance* (Helen Hayes Award, Outstanding Play), *In the Garden* (MacArthur Award), *The Christmas Carol Rag*, and *Fallen from Proust*, with subsequent productions throughout the United States, South Africa and Europe. Mr. Allen's work has been commissioned and produced by the Kennedy Center and several other top performance venues.

Heading the cast as Mrs. Scrooge is **Cheryl Walkup** who wowed audiences with her portrayal of free-spirited radio station owner Hazel Hunt in *Radio Gals*. Young Miss Scrooge is played by **Abigail Arnold**, **Nita Porter** is Janet **Marley**, Augustin Edmundson is **Bob Cratchit**, Alexis Burrell is **Anne Cratchit**, **Alicia Elias** is Ghost of Christmas Past, and **Ann Munch** is Ghost of Christmas Present. The cast is rounded out by Doug Huth, Monty Burrell, Abby McKee, Allie Cagen, Tom Arnold, Jessica Wright, Brooklyn Burrell, Joseph F. Hall, and Sonia Arnold.

Performances of *The Christmas Carol Rag* are on December 2, 3, 4 at 8 PM, and December 5 at 3 PM, all performances at the American Legion Hall, 55 East Jordan Street, Brevard. For more information or to make reservations, call BLT at 884-BLTR(2587).



The Ghost of Christmas Past (Alicia Elias) confronts Mrs. Scrooge (Cheryl Walkup) in this scene from *The Christmas Carol Rag*.

### - **Calling All Actors** -

#### AUDITION NOTICE FOR UPCOMING SHOWS

*Tea and Sympathy* – a drama by Robert Anderson

- **Auditions:** January 8 & 9, 2 to 4 PM
- **Performances:** February 25, 26, 27 & March 4, 5, 6
- **Available Roles:** 9 men, 2 women
- **Director:** Mark Henry

*The Hallelujah Girls* – a comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten

- **Auditions:** February 5 & 6, 2 to 4 PM
- **Performances:** March 25, 26, 27, April 1, 2, 3 & April 8, 9, 10
- **Available Roles:** 2 men, 6 women
- **Director:** Al Edick

Auditions for these shows at Keir Bldg., 133 McLean Rd., Brevard (turn off of Broad St. opposite Ingles Gas Express).

### — Help Wanted —

#### NEEDED NOW:

**Stage hands for *The Christmas Carol Rag*:** Contact Al Edick at 828-890-1495, or at [aedick87@gmail.com](mailto:aedick87@gmail.com).

**Twilight Tour, Dec. 4, 4 - 8 PM.:** We need a few more people to help with our booth, collect tickets, and sing carols, while people are boarding the carriages and wagons. If you can help, please contact Al Edick, 828-890-1495, or at [aedick87@gmail.com](mailto:aedick87@gmail.com).

**Help needed distributing show posters.** Contact Al Edick at 890-1495.

**Enjoy using the internet?** Become one of our online publicists—from the comfort of your home! For details, call Joe Narsavage at 828-884-5636.

**Ad salesperson** for our playbill – call Al Edick at 828-890-1495.

## Catch Me If You Can Was Hilarious

Director/Actor Sy Berg and his talented cast had their audiences in stitches in their production of the comedy whodunit *Catch Me If You Can*. Each show's audience was thoroughly engaged in trying to figure out who was guilty and who was who, and almost everyone was surprised by the 'sting' at the end.

A delightful evening's entertainment: Congratulations and many thanks to:



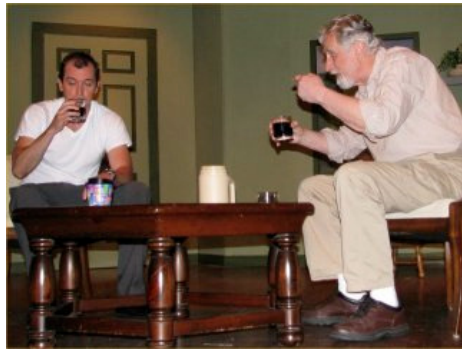
**The Cast:** Dan Clancy, Joe Narsavage, Jason Mendez, Christine Yaxley Miller, Sy Berg, Mary Mujica, Terry A. Moore.

**Production Staff:** Reno Adams, Sam Alden, Marvin Barg, Sy Berg, David Jones, Tommie Jones, Carissa McCrary, Marylou Morrison, Karen Narsavage, Gene O'Hare, Lyn O'Hare,

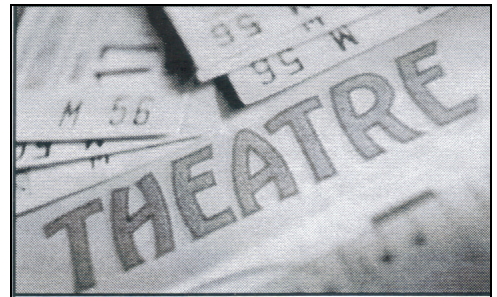


Colleen Rose, Bob Stacy.

**Production Support Staff:** Darien Aiken, Karla Atkinson, Marvin Barg, Michele Barg, Lynn Brewer, Molly Brewer, Randi Bucci, Nedra Carvajal., Denise Daniels, Geri Hambley, Lynne Hastie, Kathy Kitahata, Dottie Kosiba, Leo Kosiba, Sue Lidsky, Ann Munch, Joel



Munch, Joe Narsavage, Karen Narsavage, Karen O'Connor, Lyn O'Hare, Roberta Price, Gail Reyes, Kay Reynolds, Jim Robards, Lynn Robards, Lyn Smith, Marty Smith, Sally Smith, Bob Stacy, June Stacy, Ann Strother, Sybil Stuart, Celeste Thorington, Terri Upton.



### Ticket Information for *The Christmas Carol Rag*

#### Box Office Hours

#### Advance sales:

Thursdays & Fridays, 10 AM - 1 PM  
(Closed Thanksgiving Day)

#### Performances

December 2, 3, 4

(Box office 7:00 PM, Curtain 8:00 PM)

December 5

(Box office 2 PM, Curtain 3 PM)

Box Office located in theatre lobby (American Legion Hall), corner of Jordan & Johnson Streets, downtown Brevard  
Avoid lines at performances! Stop by to:

- Buy tickets in advance
- Pick up tickets reserved or purchased by phone

#### Ticket Prices

Adults (age 12 and over) \$16  
Students \$10

*BLT Season Tickets are applicable*

### BLT Reservations and Information Line

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for information and reservations
- Phone reservations for *The Christmas Carol Rag* being accepted now!

828-884-BLTReservations  
(828-884-2587)

Additional information at  
[www.brevardlittletheatre.com](http://www.brevardlittletheatre.com)

## BLT Announces Plays for 2011 Season

Brevard Little Theatre proudly announces its lineup of plays for its 61<sup>st</sup> consecutive season. The season opener is *Tea and Sympathy*, the classic drama by Robert Anderson. Next up is the comedy, *The Hallelujah Girls*. The 2010 winner of BLT's **New Play Competition** will be performed in May, followed by the **Third Annual Broadway Cabaret Show** in June. (Please note that the Cabaret Show is not part of the the regular season.) The new season's musical is the ever-popular comedy *Annie.*, A newly-discovered comedy by Mark Twain, *Is He Dead?*, will fill the theatre with laughter in October, and the season ends with *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, promising a jolly time for all. Performance dates for these productions are shown on the last page of this newsletter, so save these dates now, and see you at the theatre!

## **BLT Spotlight Is On the Web**

The BLT *Spotlight* is published on our website. As each issue of the *Spotlight* is posted on the Web, everyone on our email list will receive an email notice with a hotlink to the newsletter. If BLT does not have your current email address, please send it to: [brevardlt@citcom.net](mailto:brevardlt@citcom.net).

If you wish to continue receiving the *Spotlight* via U.S. mail, email us at the above address, or leave a message at 828-884-2587.

## **BLT Needs You**

BLT needs volunteers for the 2011 season: set work, props, house managers, ushers, etc. If you have always wanted to do something in theatre, here's your chance. Just call our volunteer coordinator, Marylou Morrison, at 828-884-5853.

## **Keep BLT Alive: Become "One of a Thousand Stars"**

Now more than ever, BLT needs your financial help if it is to survive and continue to offer high-quality theatre productions. We urge you to consider supporting BLT's "One of a Thousand Stars" campaign, a commitment to donate \$100 a year for either three or five years. To become "One of A Thousand Stars" for BLT, please call our theatre STAR line at 884-2094. (This number is used only for the campaign; please keep calling 884-2587 for tickets and general information.) Leave your name, address, and phone number, and we will send you the information you need to join our campaign. BLT is a 501(c3) tax-exempt organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. We would be delighted to add your name to our ever-growing list of Stars.

## **Audiences Were Charmed by *Harvey***

The BLT production of *Harvey*, the classic comedy by Mary Chase, delighted its audiences. Many thanks to the entire cast and crew, and to directors/producers June and Bob Stacy, for putting together a terrific show.

**The Cast:** Marvin Barg, Michele Barg, Michael Boulos, Claudia Carter Covington, David E. Gibbs, Fred W. Greene, Martha Hogenboom, Jim Keeley, Terry A. Moore, Allison Pressley, Amy Jo Riddick.

**Production Staff:** Sonia Arnold, Marvin Barg, Michele Barg, Al Edick, Mark Henry, Steve Hogenboom, David Jones, Tommie Jones, Jeff Leibold, Carissa McCrary, Marylou Morrison, Karen Narsavage, Bob Stacy, June Stacy, Mark Thompson.

**Production Support Staff:** Darien Aiken, Karla Atkinson, Addie Blake, Randi Bucci, Nedra

Carvajal, Denise Daniels, Al Edick, Jackie Guryan, Geri Hambley, Joe Hamrick, Lynne Hastie, Kathy Kitahata, Dottie Kosiba, Leo Kosiba, Sue Lidsky, Karen Narsavage, Joe Narsavage, Karen O'Connor, Lyn O'Hare, Jack Powers, Roberta Price, Gail Reyes, Kay Reynolds, Lynn Robards, Jim Robards, Lyn Smith, Marty Smith, Sally Smith, Ann Strother, Sybil Stuart, Celeste Thorington, Jean Woods.



"Doctor, I wrestled with reality for forty years and I am happy to state that I finally won out over it."  
— Elwood P. Dowd, *Harvey*, Act II, scene 2



**Harvey** cast, back row from left: David Gibbs, Michele Barg, Jim Keeley, Amy Jo Riddick, Michael Boulos, Marvin Barg, Terry Moore, Fred Greene. Front row, from left: Claudia Carter Covington, Allison Pressley, Martha Hogenboom.

## **Brevard Little Theatre**

### **OFFICERS**

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### **Rent BLT's Theatre Space for Your Special Event**

Did you know that BLT's theatre space at the American Legion Hall is available to rent when it is not being used by BLT? For further information and to book a date for your event, call Jerry Arnold at 828-883-2029.

## **BLT's 61<sup>st</sup> Consecutive Season**

All shows will be staged at the American Legion Hall, 55 East Jordan Street, in downtown Brevard.

**Tea and Sympathy** – a drama by Robert Anderson  
~ February 25, 26, 27 ~ March 4, 5, 6 ~

**The Hallelujah Girls** – a comedy by  
Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten  
~ March 25, 26, 27 ~ April 1, 2, 3 ~ April 8, 9, 10 ~

**BLT's 2010 New Play Winner**  
BLT's New Play Competition winner for 2010  
~ May 6, 7, 8 ~ May 13, 14, 15 ~

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Broadway Cabaret Show\***  
~ June 23, 24, 25, 26 ~

**Annie** – a musical comedy  
~ August 4, 5, 6, 7 ~ August 11, 12, 13, 14 ~

**Is He Dead?** – a comedy by Mark Twain  
~ October 7, 8, 9 ~ October 14, 15, 16 ~ October 21, 22, 23

**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** – a comedy  
by Barbara Robinson  
~ December 8, 9, 10, 11 ~

\*This show is in addition to our regular season.

