



# Lake Wales Little Theatre

## Season 38 \* 2015 - 2016

### **Schoolhouse Rock Jr. (Children's Theatre) September 18 – 27, 2015**

The Emmy® Award-winning Saturday morning educational cartoon series, *Schoolhouse Rock*, is now on the stage! This energetic musical follows Tom, a young school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music. Memorable songs as "Just a Bill," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly," and "Conjunction Junction" bring his lesson plans vividly to life.

### **Spreading It Around November 6 – 22, 2015**

Angela Drayton, a wealthy widow living in an up-scale retirement community, is tired of handing out money to her unappreciative children. So she starts the "S.I.N. (Spending It Now) Foundation," to give to those truly in need. This terrifies her greedy son, driving him to devise a plan to have her committed. Featuring delicious roles for adult and mature actors, this poignant family comedy has played numerous theatres in the US and Canada, and continues spreading the laughs around. Londos D'Arrigo, the playwright, was a comedy writer for such luminaries as Phyllis Diller, Lily Tomlin and Joan Rivers.

### **Always a Bridesmaid – January 15 – 31, 2016 (special performance Jan. 28)**

Another fabulous Jones Hope Wooten southern-fried comedy!

In this hilarious comedic romp, four friends have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their Senior Prom: to be in each other's weddings...no matter what. More than thirty years later, these Southern friends-for-life are still making "the long walk" for each other, determined to honor that vow. Libby Ruth, Deedra, Monette and Charlie are committed to the notion that careers, waistlines and even marriages may disappear, but real friendships last a lifetime. Forsaking all others, in sickness and in health, they repeatedly struggle to stage the perfect wedding in spite of fistfights at the altar, runaway brides and the mistaken, and unfortunate, release of a flock of white doves on the first day of hunting season.

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## **The Big Five-Oh April 1 – 17, 2016**

Whoever said life is better after fifty had better be right! George Thomas is turning fifty on Saturday, and it has been a terrible week. His dog is sick, his son is a slacker, and his daughter wants to marry a Republican. With a neurotic wife and a widowed neighbor providing more challenges than even George can overcome, this may be the worst week of his life. Through these trying days, George will discover the wonders of family, the responsibilities of parenthood, and the results of his latest physical.

*The Big Five-Oh* is a hilarious, sometimes touching account of a grown man coming to terms with his age, his relationship with his son, and his future. It is the story of a middle-aged man finally growing up.

## **Rehearsal for Murder (Teen Theatre) June 10 – 19, 2016**

This is a thrilling "theatrical" mystery in which the theatre becomes the set for the play. The playwright turns on the stage work light and prepares for the first reading of his new play. The actors, producer, director and others connected with the show come onto the stage, and under their humorous (and utterly real) theatrical talk, tension grows. We discover that everyone connected with this play was involved with another play by the same playwright. At its opening night, exactly a year ago and in this same theatre, the beautiful leading lady, who was also the playwright's fiancée, was murdered! As these people start with the new play, startling connections to the murder begin to unfold. The growing tension reaches the boiling point with surprising revelations, countered by others even more surprising.

Adapted for the stage by D. D. Brook, the television play was written by Richard Levinson and William Link. They were the creators and producers of shows such as "Murder, She Wrote", "Columbo", "Mannix", and "McCloud".

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