

# SEASON 92

## AT THEATRE JACKSONVILLE!!!

### CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER EXTRAS:

#### FABULOUS SHOWS AT AMAZING PRICES!!!

Theatre Jacksonville continues its Summer Classic in San Marco Series with ***Our Town*** by Thornton Wilder! Hailed as one of the greatest American plays ever written and groundbreaking for its time, ***Our Town*** is an account of everyday life in the small fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. This American classic follows the lives of the Gibbs family, the Webb family, and their neighbors in the early 20th century and is narrated by the Stage Manager, who speaks directly to the audience. He describes the town, gives pertinent facts about Grover's Corners, and provides introductions to the characters as the story of the courtship and marriage of George Gibbs and Emily Webb unfolds. Brilliant in its minimalism and simplicity, there are also influences of classic Greek drama to be found: the Stage Manager as Chorus and the three-act structure as trilogy. Like its Greek ancestors, ***Our Town*** concerns itself with the continuing cycle of life and humankind's quest for greater understanding of eternity.

***Our Town*** premiered in 1938, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and has become one of the most produced plays in the world. In fact, it recently received critical acclaim in a riveting off-broadway production – still relevant, absorbing and moving 71 years after it was written. It was last seen on the Theatre Jacksonville stage in 1965.

Our talented cast includes **Rick deSpain, Bradley Akers, Mark Roberts, Kara Matthews, Kaiya Matthews, Brenda T. Chapman, Jason Canning, David Eger, Michael Fisher, Jackson Roberts, Bobby Parker, Annie Garner, Kayce Clark, Bill White, Sarah Bartlo, Jacob Sims, Joshua Taylor, Robert Blade, Gray Houston, Matthew Ubl, Jennifer Carter, Virginia**



## PREMIERING NOW:

### THEATRE JAX GETS A WEB MAKOVER!

Thanks to our graphic design partner **Jon Scherf**, Theatre Jax has been sporting a streamlined new brand in our newsletter and show posters. That sleek look can now also be seen in our totally revamped website. Visit us at [www.theatrejax.com](http://www.theatrejax.com) and check it out!



LITTLE THEATRE • BIG VOICE

# ENCORE

Theatre Jacksonville's  
Summer Classic in San Marco

# OUR TOWN

by Thornton Wilder

"Beautiful and remarkable...  
one of the sagest, warmest and most deeply human scripts  
to have come out of our theatre..."  
- NY Post

Directed by Andrew Dickson

**AUG. 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28**  
**SEPT. 1, 2, 3, 2011**

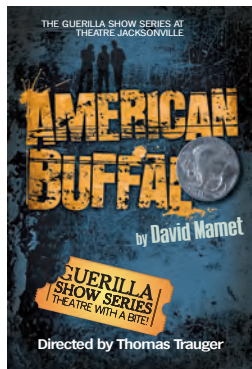
**Pierce-Kelly, Lindsey Weirich, and Martha Lange.** **Andrew Dickson** returns to Theatre Jacksonville to direct ***Our Town*** and is joined by Costume Designer **Kimberley Rowan**, resident Lighting Designer **Jeffrey Wagoner**, Foley artist **Nick Despres** and Stage Manager **Lori Drake**.

All show times are Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. **Tickets for individual shows are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students and subscribers**, and are available by calling **904-396-4425** or online at [www.theatrejax.com](http://www.theatrejax.com).

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FOR DETAILS ON THE FIRST OF OUR  
**GUERRILLA SHOW SERIES PRODUCTIONS**  
**AMERICAN BUFFALO**

## GUERRILLA SHOW SERIES: AMERICAN BUFFALO



Theatre Jacksonville kicks off its first ever Guerrilla Show Series with David Mamet's *American Buffalo*. Directed by **Thomas Trauger**, the show runs for **four performances only September 15-18**.

Contemporary and challenging, it's the perfect choice for our new series of minimalist and progressive shows that will run as extras in our 92nd season.

In *American Buffalo*, a coin collector stumbles across a valuable buffalo nickel in a small Chicago junk shop and purchases it for only \$90. Later coming to believe that the coin was worth far more than this and feeling he has been unfairly taken advantage of, Don (**T.R. Hainline**), the shop owner, becomes determined to steal the coin back. He elicits help from Bobby (**Derrick Routier**), a young friend, and Teach (**Michael Bartlo**), a paranoid and violent braggart.

The three conspirators fancy themselves as businessmen pursuing the legitimate concerns of free enterprise. In reality, however, they are merely small time crooks, and all of their plotting amounts to nothing in the end. It is a futile, vulgar, verbal exercise that finally erupts in violence when their failure becomes apparent and the frustration becomes unbearable.

*American Buffalo* won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for best play of the 1977 season, was nominated for two Tony Awards, and four Drama Desk Awards. The 1983 revival was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Reproduction and Al Pacino was nominated for the Drama Desk Award, Outstanding Actor in a Play. In 1996, the play was adapted into a film starring Dennis Franz, Dustin Hoffman and Sean Nelson.

Showtimes are **Thursday September 15 at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday September 16th and 17th at 8:00pm and Sunday Sept. 18th at 7:00pm**. Tickets are \$15 for general public, \$10 for Theatre Jacksonville subscribers and are available by calling **904-396-4425** or online at [www.theatrejax.com](http://www.theatrejax.com). *Because of strong, coarse and explicit language, children under 18 will not be admitted without parent or guardian.*

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:



### MARK STODDARD

"show" they put on for guests at Theatre Jacksonville, don't hesitate to call them for your own catering needs. Needless to say they come highly recommended!

At every TJ special event, regular patrons are used to the friendly, familiar faces of **Anthony's Gourmet Catering** staff behind the bar and serving up delicious nibbles. Anthony's has supported Theatre Jacksonville as a business partner for six years, providing catering and bartending for the many special events that have occurred both on and off the theatre's premises.

Many, many thanks to owner Mark Stoddard and the entire Anthony's team for all their support and yummy food! If you like the "show" they put on for guests at Theatre Jacksonville, don't hesitate to call them for your own catering needs. Needless to say they come highly recommended!

## LAST SEEN ON OUR STAGE...

### THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

Music and Lyrics by  
Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison  
Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar

**Directed by Dave Thomas,**  
with **Music Direction by Samuel Clein** and  
**Choreography by Curtis Williams.**

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## TWEET UP THURSDAY!!

GET \$5 OFF  
ADMISSION PRICE!

**TWITTER THURSDAY@ THEATRE JAX FOR AMERICAN BUFFALO!** Follow us @theatrejax and come see *American Buffalo* for **\$5 off admission price. An exclusive offer for our Tweeps!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Saturday, Aug. 27, 1:00 pm**

### AUDITIONS FOR: Welfarewell

By *Kat Delaney*

Show dates: October 14 - 29

Directed by *Shirley Sacks*



## EDUCATION NEWS: FALL CLASS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED!

### YOUNG ACTORS THEATRE

**RED STAR ACTING** - Ages 7-9  
Tuesdays 4-5:30 - Aug 30-Nov 15  
**BLUE STAR ACTING** - Ages 10-13  
Tuesdays 5:30-6 - Aug 30-Nov 15  
Taught by Juan Carlos Unzueta  
**\$210 for 12 week Session**



At Theatre Jacksonville, we strive to provide a safe, comfortable environment where kids can express themselves freely, develop their imaginations, and expand their social skills by interacting with others their age. Through improvisation exercises, poetry reading, monologue and scene work our Red and Blue Star students will enhance their stage presence and gain the skills for proper stage performance. Theatre helps build important life skills, self esteem and confidence, all while providing students with fun, enjoyment, and a sense of accomplishment!

**GOLD STAR ACTING** - Ages 14-18  
Fridays Sept 2 - Nov 18 4:30-6pm  
Taught by Juan Carlos Unzueta  
**\$210 for 12 week Session**

Created for high school age actors, this class helps develop dramatic technique through monologue and scene study. It will culminate in the performance of a 1 act play or monologue showcase.

**PUPPET PALS** - Ages 6-10  
Taught by Stephanie Natale Frus  
Thursdays 4-5pm Sept 1 - Nov 17  
SHOWCASE 11/21 @ 7pm  
**\$210 for 12 week Session**

Come discover the magical world of puppets! This exciting and fun class will explore some different types of puppets and how to make, manipulate, and perform with them. We will work with our hands, bodies, and imaginations to create shadow, hand, stick, and beginner marionette puppets. By the end of the class, students will be able to



### ADULT TRAINING PROGRAM

**BEGINNING ACTING FOR ADULTS** -  
Sundays 4-5:30pm - Sept 11 - Oct 30  
**ADVANCED ACTING FOR ADULTS** -  
Sundays 5:30-7pm - Sept 11 - Oct 30  
Taught by Amy Noel Canning  
**\$180 for 8 week Session**

Through the use of theatre games, creative improvisation, and scene work, we'll explore subtext, believability, and the importance of being in the moment. While one class covers the basics of acting for beginners, the other will include advanced concepts of creating relationships and playing an objective. Text used will be provided by the instructor. Come prepared to have fun and try something new or strengthen the acting tools you've already acquired!

### BELIEVABLE ACTING FOR FILM

Taught by Kent Lindsey  
This class will discuss the process and business of acting in front of a camera, and the elements of how to get the job.

Mondays 7-9pm  
FALL begins 9/19  
**8 week session - \$220**

put on a basic puppet show with their favorite puppet characters! This course is designed for young actors. No previous puppet experience required.

**YOUTH IMPROV** - Ages 13-17  
Wednesdays 4-5:30pm Aug 31 - Nov 16  
Taught by Jason Collins  
SHOWCASE 11/21 @ 7pm  
**\$210 for 12 week Session**

After a smashing debut last season as an instructor in Theatre Jacksonville's Young Actor's Theatre, Jason Collins returns to teach Youth Improv. Based on the techniques and teachings of Viola Spolin, this class will help promote self-exploration and freedom of expression in a fun and creative environment. Students will fine tune quick thinking skills and problem solving methods in a team environment.

## THE PLAYWRIGHT'S EXCHANGE

The Playwright's Exchange is an informal group of adult writers of all experience levels led by a facilitator who meet regularly to read plays, musicals, and scenes in progress written by its members. Since there is no "teacher," the Exchange involves an open forum of feedback, encouragement, and inspiration from all participants following each reading. The Exchange is focused on the process rather than the product, and is a helpful support group for all aspiring and experienced playwrights, incorporating shared discussions, ideas, and suggestions about the writing process from its members. Best of all, there is no charge to participate!!! Just let us know if you're interested!!!!

Theatre Jacksonville veteran actor/director/writer **Michael Lipp** is the Exchange Facilitator. If you are interested in participating, contact him through the theatre by emailing [info@theatrejax.com](mailto:info@theatrejax.com). We're planning to start the Exchange shortly after Labor Day.

# MAINSTAGE SEASON 2011-2012

## Welfarewell

by Cat Delaney

October 14 – 29, 2011

## I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Book and Lyrics by Joe DiPietro  
Music by Jimmy Roberts

December 2 – 17, 2011

## Night of January 16th

by Ayn Rand

March 2 – 17, 2012

## Twentieth Century

by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur · Based on a play by Charles Bruce Milholland In a new adaptation by Ken Ludwig

April 20 – May 5, 2012

## Hot Mikado

Book and Lyrics Adapted by David H. Bell · Music Adapted and Arranged by Rob Bowman · Based on "The Mikado" by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

June 8 – 23, 2012

## GET YOUR SEASON SUBSCRIPTION NOW!

- Open Seating** – Attend all five shows, call in advance for reservations
- Wild Card** – Five admissions to be used in any combination, call in advance for reservations
- Permanent Seating** – Attend the same night and sit in the same seat for each show

Week 1:  Friday 8pm  Saturday 8pm  Sunday 2:00pm  
 Week 2:  Thursday 7:30pm  Friday 8pm  Saturday 8pm  Sunday 2:00pm  
 Week 3:  Thursday 7:30pm  Friday 8pm  Saturday 8pm **Seat(s)#**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Subscription(s) Adult @ \$95 each  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Subscription(s) Senior, Student or Military @ \$75 each  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Subscription(s) Family\* (2 Adults + 1 Child) @ \$240 each  
\*OPEN OR WILD SEATING ONLY, each additional child \$50  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Tax-Deductable Donation  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL  New Subscriber  Renewal with changes  
 Renewal (Same as last Season)

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