

Behind the Scenes at LTVB

By Mary Lou Mahlman



All My Sons was set in the backyard of the Keller family. What's a backyard without a tree? The challenge of creating a tree that looks alive inside the theater was no problem for master designer Jason Martens! The trunks are a cardboard cylinder, wrapped in chicken wire, overlaid in muslin, and textured with paper toweling. They were painted by artist (and actor) Tom Coffey in variegated shades to look like bark. The leaves (hundreds of them!) were cut from craft paper. A crew of "leafers" hot glued individual wire stems to each leaf, then hot glued each leaf to a real branch. We mixed in some "real" leaves... "real" as in realistic-looking fake leaves. Of course these were only available in fall colors, so Jason spray painted them green! The leafers honed their skills for *All My Sons*, then recruited the actors from *Mornings at Seven* to help create the illusion of a backyard forest!

A few of the Leafers hard at work: Ellie Cesario, Tom Coffey, Jason Martens, and Nancy Bloom

*Photograph at left by Mary Lou Mahlman

Want to take a look behind the scenes at LTVB?

Visit www.ltvb.com and check out the backstage blog, The Green Room, where you can read about the backstage goings-on from one of the actors in the show. You can also become a fan of Little Theatre of Virginia Beach on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/ltvabeach.



Coming up next at LTVB...

The Secret Garden

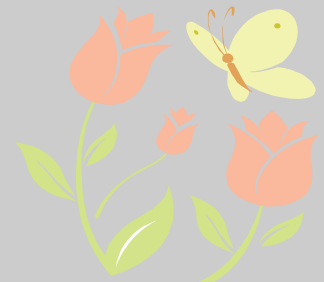
Book and lyrics by Marsha Norman.

Music by Lucy Simon.

Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Directed by Dave Hobbs

July 16th - August 8th, 2010



This enchanting classic of children's literature is now a brilliant musical by a Pulitzer Prize winning playwright. Orphaned in India, an 11-year-old girl returns to Yorkshire to live with an embittered, reclusive uncle and his invalid son. The estate includes a magic locked garden. Flashbacks, dream sequences, a strolling chorus of ghosts, and some of the most beautiful music ever written for Broadway dramatize *The Secret Garden's* compelling tale of regeneration. This Tony Award winner is a treasure for children and adults.

"Elegant, entrancing.... The best American musical of the Broadway season." -- *Time*

Auditions for The Secret Garden are May 10th & May 11th, 7:00 pm

LTVB, 550 Barberton Dr. Virginia Beach

(please check www.ltvb.com for more information regarding auditions)

THE SECRET GARDEN is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Special Thanks

...to Nancy Bloom for donation of a vintage kitchen table

...to Mike Hilton for donation of a sound effects CD

...to Mike Dunavan for donation of vintage shoes, cane, and phone

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Announcing the 2010-2011 Season!

Harvey

by Mary Chase

Auditions: July 19 & 20, 2010

Performances: September 10 – October 3, 2010

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Book by Rachel Sheinkin; Music & Lyrics by William Finn

Auditions: Sept 13 & 14, 2010

Performances: November 12 – December 5, 2010

Rabbit Hole

by David Lindsay-Abaire

Auditions: Nov 15 & 16, 2010

Performances: January 14 – February 6, 2011

Picnic

by William Inge

Auditions: Jan 17 & 18, 2011

Performances: March 11 – April 3, 2011

Hotel Paradiso

by Georges Feydeau & Maurice Desvallieres; Translation by Peter Glenville

Auditions: March 14 & 15, 2011

Performances: May 13 – June 5, 2011

2010-2011 season tickets will go on sale in May!

Summer Show (which is not included in the 2010-2011 season):

Guys and Dolls

Book by Jo Swerling & Abe Burrows; Music & Lyrics by Frank Loesser

Auditions: May 16 & 17, 2011

Performances: July 15 – August 7, 2011

2010-2011 Season Ticket Prices

After seven years of holding season ticket prices steady, the Board of Directors has voted to raise the prices of our season tickets, beginning with the 2010-2011 season, by \$1 per show. Adult season tickets are now \$65 (or \$13 per show) and seniors, students and active duty military are \$45 (\$9 per show). Season tickets also include two bonus tickets, at no extra cost, one each to the Little Theatre of Norfolk and the Generic Theater. We know that you will agree that although we are raising our prices, our season ticket package continues to offer a significant value for live theatrical entertainment.



LTVB Annual Meeting

June 13, 2010
at 1:00pm

All season subscribers and members are invited to join us at the theatre for great food, entertainment, news about our 2010-2011 Season, and the annual business meeting, which includes the election of board members.

LTVB 2009-2010 Board of Directors

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Local Theatre News

Tidewater Independent Stages (TIS): www.tistages.org

Little Theatre of Norfolk, 627-8551: *Smoke on the Mountain: The Homecoming* May 7–30

Generic Theater, 441-2260: *Tuesdays with Morrie*, May 21–June 13

Hurrah Players, 627-5437: *Nickelodeon's Rugrats: A Live Adventure* (at Nauticus) May 8-9

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2010-11 Membership Application

Your season ticket includes: membership in the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach; one ticket to each of the five regular season shows; one bonus ticket to the Little Theatre of Norfolk and one bonus ticket to The Generic Theater; and our bi-monthly newsletter, *Stage Notes*.

Membership Levels

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

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Send my *Stage Notes* via () email () snail mail

Mail this application, with your check made payable to LTVB to:

Little Theatre of Virginia Beach
P.O. Box 1053
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Producer (10 season tickets)	\$500+ \$ _____ **
Director (8 season tickets)	\$400-499 \$ _____ **
Stage Manager (6 season tickets)	\$300-399 \$ _____ **
Actor (4 season tickets)	\$200-299 \$ _____ **
Cameo (2 season tickets)	\$100-199 \$ _____ **
Adult (1 season ticket)	___ x \$65 \$ _____
Senior/Student/Active Duty Military (1 season ticket)	___ x \$45 \$ _____

Membership only (no tickets)

Member (voting, 18+ years)	___ x \$10 \$ _____
Apprentice (non-voting, 14-17 years)	___ x \$5 \$ _____
Junior (non-voting, under 14)	___ x \$10 \$ _____

DONATION \$ _____

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