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LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE LAUNCHES ECLECTIC NEW SEASON Diverse Lineup Offers Something for Everyone

LAKE WORTH, Florida (August 26, 2008) – The Lake Worth Playhouse announces its 2008-2009 season, once again offering an array of artistic offerings across a variety of entertainment channels: live theatre, independent and foreign film, concert series, children's theatre, alternative stage, special events and hi-def screenings of world renowned opera and ballet performances. The season – the Playhouse's 56th – opens on October 24, 2008 and runs through May 3, 2009.

Big River premieres first in the season lineup. With a book by William Hauptman and a score by well-known country-music songsmith Roger Miller, this seven-time Tony Award-winner is a musical adaptation of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. At once comical and poignant, this acclaimed musical takes audiences on an adventure down the Mississippi River to tell the powerful tale of a boy's struggle to escape convention, and a man's struggle to find freedom. Performances run October 24 – November 9, 2008.

Leading Ladies by Ken Ludwig, the award-winning author of *Lend Me a Tenor*, is a fast-paced farce featuring two bachelors who don pantyhose and dresses to pose as the long-lost nieces of a dying Englishwoman with a sizeable fortune to share. Performances run December 5 – 21, 2008.

Nonsense is the hilarious talent show staged by the five survivors at the Little Sisters of Hoboken nunnery intent on raising funds to bury four of their dearly departed sisters who lost a bout with botulism brought on by Sister Julia's homemade vichyssoise. This musical comedy by Dan Groggin won the Outer Critics' Circle award for best off-Broadway musical, best book and best music. Performances run January 16 – February 1, 2009.

The Crucible is Arthur Miller's Tony Award-winning drama that famously details the mass hysteria that led to the tragic 1692 Salem witch trials. The accusations of a group of misguided girls set a tenuous town on a mad witch hunt that pits neighbor against neighbor and changes lives forever. Written in 1953 at the height of McCarthyism, Miller's provocative play parallels the events of his time and delivers a dramatic study in "the conflict between a man's raw deeds and his conception of himself." Performances run February 27 – March 15, 2009.

Always...Patsy Cline is Ted Swindley's tribute to the legendary country singer whose career was cut short when she died in a plane crash at age 30. Based on the true story of Cline's friendship with a fan she corresponded with from the time they met at a Texas honky-tonk in 1961 until her tragic death in 1963, the show features many of Patsy's unforgettable hits, including *Crazy*, *I Fall to Pieces*, *Sweet Dreams* and *Waking After Midnight*. Performances run April 17 – May 3, 2009.

Main stage productions run Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., select Sundays at 7:00 p.m., and select Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Single ticket prices are \$25-29. Subscriptions range from \$66 (Snowbird Special) to \$240 (VIP Dinner & Dress). Complimentary valet parking is available to subscribers.

Other Lake Worth Playhouse offerings include:

Emerging Cinemas

Arthouse-style independent and foreign films presented 365 days a year in an intimate black-box style viewing room via state-of-the-art, hi-def digital projection.

Concert Series

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| • Latin Jazz Project | Dec 31, 2008 | 8:00 p.m. |
| • Klezmainia | Jan 28, 2009 | 8:00 p.m. |
| • Swing 8n't All | Feb 14, 2009 | 8:00 p.m. |
| • The Legends of Doo Wop | Mar 11, 2009 | 8:00 p.m. |
| • TBA | Apr 22, 2009 | 8:00 p.m. |

Individual tickets are \$25 per concert (\$35 for New Year's Eve concert with champagne reception). Subscriptions are \$70-\$110.

Children's Theatre

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| • Chicken Little | Oct 10, 2008 | 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. |
| • A Country Christmas Carol | Nov 18, 2008 | 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. |
| • Mysterious Mona Lisa | May 5, 2009 | 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. |

Performed by [Atlantic Coast Theatre for Youth](#)
Tickets are \$6 for children (12 and under) and \$8 for adults.

Alternative Stage

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| • Send in the Queens | Mar 27 & 28, 2009 | 8:00 p.m. |
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Lake Worth's Pride Week drag show is back by popular demand.
Tickets are \$35.00

Special Programs

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| • Playhouse Ghost Hunt | Sep 12, 2008 | 9:00 p.m. |
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A hands-on study of strange phenomena that haunt the Playhouse. Additional dates TBA.
Tickets are \$60.

Opera & Ballet Series (Hi-Def Screenings)

- Italian Opera Series (from Milan's La Scala & Florence's Teatro del Maggio Musicale)
- Bolshoi Ballet (one of Russia's premiere ballet companies)

Live performances recorded in HDTV and presented on large screen. Dates TBA.

Tickets to all performances and events are on sale now. Contact the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or visit www.lakeworthplayhouse.org. Individual tickets can be purchased online.