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Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum

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A Note from the Director

I would like to thank you for coming out to see *Mama Won't Fly* at the Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum. This is a very important play for our patrons, the city, and the actors as it is the first play being put on since everything was put on hold. Because of how important this play is, they reached out to the funniest person they knew to direct it. When that person wasn't available, they called me.

I think we could all use a good laugh right now, so I was thrilled at the play that Diane Wood, Kerri Bounds, and Marissa Schumacher selected. It is fast-paced and funny from beginning to end. I think you're really going to like it.

I would be remiss if I didn't say a HUGE "Thank You!" to Diane for making this happen; to Kerri (and her husband) for her assistance, especially with some of the major props; and to Marissa, who was right there for anything and everything we needed to make this production a success. I could not have asked for a better partnership.

And there is no way that I could leave the cast out of this. What a wonderful, professional, and talented group of individuals. Each and every one was fearless, never saying "no" to anything I asked of them, no matter how outrageous. So to Leah, Jeanene, Amy, Velda, Jeanne, Heather, Eric, Jamie, and Michael, "Thank You!" for making this dream a reality and for bringing the words and characters in the script to life.

So, let's laugh long, laugh loud, and laugh together – and let the play BEGIN!

John Sallustio

Mama Won't Fly

CAST & CREW

Crew:

Director.....John Sallustio
Assistant Director.....Heather Clark
Stage Manager.....Michael Cote
Assistant Stage Manager.....Rachel Sallustio
Costumer.....Carrot Top Crafts

Cast:

Norleen Sprunt (Mama).....Leah Conway
Savannah Honeycutt.....Jeanene MacLean
Hayley Quinn.....Amy Lyn Howell
Tanya Dudley
Aunt Rema Jean, Edweena, Kiki.....Velda Gauthier
Essie,
Great-Aunt Pawnee, Fanny, Sybil.....Heather Clark
Aunt Ardale,
Juliette, Teeta.....Jeanne Botz
Denton Crawford,
Cousin Chicken, Mitch,
Officer Dugger, Ronald, Kelvin.....Jamie Bierchen
Uncle Ferd,
Mickey, Red, Spud Farley.....Eric Weber



John Sallustio, Director

John is a local actor, writer, and stand-up comedian who, luckily for this bio, loves talking about himself in the third person. He won the 2019 STAR Award for Favorite Actor – Comedy for his role of Vinny the Enforcer in the Tarpon Arts production of *Love, Lies, and the Doctor's Dilemma*. Some previous roles/shows are Petruchio in *The Taming of the Shrew*, MC/actor in the One Act Plays Festivals, Emcee/host in *Bayou Radio Theatre*, as a lovelorn literary agent in *Funny Valentines*, Charles Condomine in *Blithe Spirit*, Lloyd in *Noises Off*, and most recently as Sir John Falstaff, Touchstone, and Banquo last October in the Shakespeareance production, *Shakespeare's Greatest Hits*. He was also a guest chef on a cooking show that was livestreamed around the world. He would like to personally thank you for supporting local theatre.



Heather Clark, Assistant Director as Essie, Great-Aunt Pawnee, Fanny, and Sybil

Heather has been acting since the age of 6 with her first dual role being Snow White's mother and evil stepmother. She's been in several shows over the last few years, including *Spamalot*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels: The Musical*, *Mame*, *Dixie Swim Club*, *Hot Bed Hotel*, and many others. She's so honored to be a part of this production of *Mama Won't Fly* with such a talented cast and crew.



Michael Cote, Stage Manager

Michael is so proud to be a part of *Mama Won't Fly* and is honored to have worked with such a wonderful and talented set of actors. Michael previously performed in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Cabaret*, and *Shakespeare's Greatest Hits*. He would like to thank John Sallustio for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing show. Michael would also like to thank his parents, Mike and Susan, for being inspirations and for supporting and helping him wherever it was needed. He would also like to thank his friends and girlfriend for being inspirations and always encouraging him.



Rachel Sallustio, Assistant Stage Manager

Rachel Sallustio has been working in community theatre for two years, including shows with EOT, Mad, CWP, and Just for Laughs Dinner Theatre. This is her second show with Tarpon Arts as assistant stage manager, and she is very excited about this opportunity.



Leah Conway as Norleen Sprunt (Mama)

Leah is delighted to join this talented cast and Director in bringing fun and laughter to the stage. She has enjoyed her roles in Purim Spiels, in SAGES Theater productions, and in the Tarpon Arts One Act Plays Festival. She thanks her husband, John, for his loving support of her involvement in Tampa Bay community theater.



Jeanene MacLean as Savannah Honeycutt

Jeanene is excited to be acting in another Jones Hope Wooten show and working with her incredible castmates. 2019 Credits include: Vernadette Sims in *The Dixie Swim Club*, Charlie Collins in *Always A Bridesmaid* and Truvy Jones in *Steel Magnolias*. Favorite credits include: Billy Dawn in *Born Yesterday* and Maria in *Lend Me A Tenor*. She thanks her fellow castmates, friends, and mostly her family for all their love and support. Jeanene extends a special thank you to Lu Doxey for making her square dancing dress.



Amy Lyn Howell as Hayley Quinn

Amy is thrilled to be taking this road trip as Hayley. This is her first time performing at Tarpon Arts. Her most recent roles include Sagot in *Picasso at the Lapine Agile* and Mrs. Bradman in *Blithe Spirit*, both at Richey Suncoast Theatre. She is a member of the "Hot People" improv troupe in St. Petersburg. Amy previously owned a commercial/theatrical talent agency for 7 years. In addition, she has produced/written/directed over 20 short films. She would like to thank John, her mom, her daughters Kelsie and Charlotte, and all of her castmates for their encouragement and support.



Velda Gauthier as Tanya Dudley, Aunt Rema Jean, Edweena, and Kiki

Velda is a local theatre actress who has been in numerous productions at various theatres in the area. She has 3 Cathy Awards from the Gulfport Players, 5 Michael Awards from SPCT, and a Star Award from the Theatre Grapevine. Some of her favorite roles include Dr. Martha Livingston from *Agnes of God* and Fiona from the *Sensuous Senator*. She has played both Vernadette and Lexi from

Velda Gauthier (Cont.)

the *Dixie Swim Club*, Myran from *In the Restroom At Rosenbloom's*, Daria Chase in *The Games Afoot*, Estelle Lapointe in *Sherlock Holmes and the Spinsters of BlackMead*, June in *SAGES A Corset Line*, Jean Perkins in *Funny Money*, and Miss Dilber in *A Christmas Carol*. She is reprising her roles in *Mama Won't Fly* which is the same role she played at the Early Bird Dinner Theater. She will also be in the upcoming Tarpon Arts production of *The Wild Women of Winedale*. She is very happy to continue working on the craft of acting, which she loves. Velda thanks everyone and hopes everyone enjoys the show. She sends love to her babies.



Jeanne Botz as Aunt Ardale, Juliette, and Teeta

Jeanne is thrilled to be a part of the cast of *Mama Won't Fly*. She is an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner. Over the last 20 years, she has been a member of the Clearwater Chorus and in a multitude of roles at Richey Suncoast Theatre. She has had a featured role in their annual Christmas Show as the mean Mrs. Artiluke. Other credits include: *Annie*, *Urinetown*, and *Catch Me If You Can (Ensemble)*. Stage-managed credits at Richey Suncoast Theatre include: *Guys and Dolls*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, and *The Fear of Filing*. Jeanne would like to thank her family, Heather Clark, and Charlie and Marie Skelton for their encouragement to remember her love of theater.



Jamie Bierchen as Denton Crawford, Cousin Chicken, Mitch, Officer Dugger, Ronald, and Kelvin

Jamie has been performing and directing in Pinellas County for over 30 years. He has directed numerous award-winning productions including *Annie Get Your Gun* which garnered all 6 possible STAR awards for the performers, as well as *Kiss Me Kate* and *Carousel*, which won for Musical Production, Director, and various performers. Other shows directed for Tarpon Arts include *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *My Fair Lady*, *Oliver*, *The King and I*, *The Music Man*, *The Fantasticks*, *I Do, I Do*, *The Mousetrap*, *The Game's Afoot*, *The Doctor's Dilemma*, and *The Little Mermaid* to mention just a few. His productions have garnered well over 100 award nominations, winning a couple dozen awards. Before the COVID virus hit, he directed and choreographed St. Pete City Theatre's sold out production of *Mamma Mia*. On various Pinellas stages, he has performed as Captain Fisby in *Teahouse of the August Moon*, El Dancairo in *Carmen*, Loge in *Das Rheingold*, Monostatos in *The Magic Flute*, Renfield in *Dracula*, Ko-Ko in *The Mikado*, the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*,

Jamie Bierchen (Cont.)

Alan in *Babes in Toyland*, Giuseppe in *The Gondoliers*, the Knave in *Alice in Wonderland*, Brian Runnicles in *No Sex Please, We're British*, Ben Silverman in *The Sunshine Boys*, Paul Verrall in *Born Yesterday*, and the Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance*. Jamie wants to thank the director of *Mamma Won't Fly*, John Sallustio, for giving him the chance to be a part of this production.

Eric Weber as Uncle Ferd, Mickey, Red, and Spud Farley



Eric is thrilled to be back performing in Tarpon Springs. He was last seen as Jim in Jon Jory's adaptation of *Gift of the Magi*. Eric has also performed such roles as Chris in Michael and Susan Parker's *Love, Lies and the Doctor's Dilemma*, Simon Bright in Ken Ludwig's *The Game's Afoot*, Giles Ralston in Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap*, Charley Wykeham in Brandon Thomas's *Charley's Aunt*, and Bill in Robin Hawdon's *Perfect Wedding* and other productions on the Tarpon Arts stage. Eric has had such a great time working with this cast of talented thespians and sincerely hopes you enjoy the show!





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TUES, OCT. 20

10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

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Local photographer and self-published author Alex Casano presents an interesting look at some of the fascinating history of the buildings in Tarpon Springs, told through photographs. These are the buildings you know and love, and they have so much more to tell!



The Wild Women of Winedale

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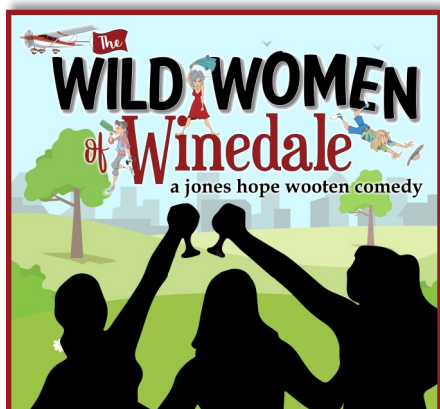
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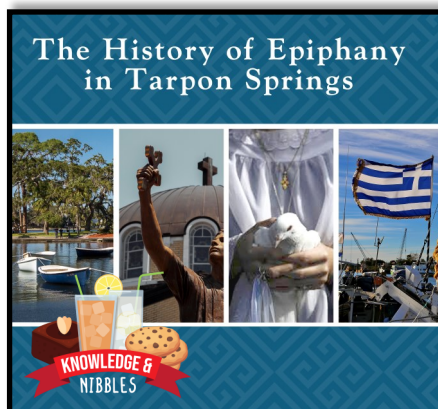
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TUES, NOV. 17

10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

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