

# ED FLETCHER'S EARLY BIRD DINNER THEATRE

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## THE KITCHEN WITCHES is Now Playing

### Special Interest:

- *The Kitchen Witches*
- Actor Spotlight
- 2010/2011 Season

Ed Fletcher is proud to present *The Kitchen Witches*, by Caroline Smith. This lively and funny show was the winner of the 2005 Samuel French Canadian Play Contest.

Our audience response for our preview night and our first weekend was fabulous! Thank you to all who attended.



Cast: (Left to Right) Jennifer Sloane, Ian MacCallum, Midge Mamatas and Barbara Anthony

Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two mature cable-access cooking show hostesses, who have hated each other for thirty years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other.

After a hilarious confrontation puts Dolly and Isobel together in front of a live audience, the network decides to give them their own cooking show called "The Kitchen Witches." What ensues are insults, food fights and a secret from their past is revealed.

Dolly's long-suffering TV-producer son, Stephen, tries to keep them on track, but as long

as Dolly's dressing room is one inch closer to the set than Isobel's, it's a losing battle. The show becomes a ratings smash, as Dolly and Isobel top Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer combined.

Add in Dawn, the TV camera woman whose antics encourage audience response, and you have the perfect combination for a great summer show!

The actors are thoroughly enjoying this hilarious show, and are especially thrilled by our audiences, who are so receptive to joining in the fun.

Artistic Director, Robin New, has put together a wonderful cast that includes: Midge Mamatas, Jennifer Sloane, Ian McCallum and Barbara Anthony.

***Kitchen Witches* opened on July 15th and runs until September 5th, 2010.**

Call now for reservations, and we'll see you at the show!

**For Reservations  
Call  
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## ACTOR SPOTLIGHT: Ian MacCallum



*Ian MacCallum*

Ian MacCallum has it all. He's a young, talented, bright and fun loving actor, whose natural performances reminds this author of a young Jimmy Stewart.

Ian is now appearing in the role of Stephen Biddle in Ed Fletcher's production of "The Kitchen Witches."

While Ian was born in Gainesville, FL, he has been in the Tampa Bay area since he was three years old. He graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 2001 and is currently attending SPC.

Ian was first introduced to the performing arts when he was very young. His grandmother,

Sheila Wessner, owned and operated an acting studio in Clearwater. Sheila encouraged Ian to pursue acting at an early age.

Sheila Wessner, a well-respected actor and coach, has also appeared on the Early Bird stage. It's become a family tradition!

Ian's first show was a small part in "Much Ado About Nothing." After that performance, he fell in love with theatre. At that time, Ian also began auditioning for commercials and radio spots, and was involved in an educational series that gave him the opportunity to travel around the country, filming in various locations.

However, live theatre has always been and will always be Ian's main love.

"There's nothing like the experience of doing live theatre," says Ian with a ready smile. "From becoming a different person through the roles one portrays, to the thrill of being in front of a live audience ... and never truly knowing what is going to be thrown your way when you're on stage!"

Ian's favorite theatre

experiences have been with the Early Bird Dinner Theatre. His first show was "The Foreigner."

"Then," Ian says, "I was directed by the wonderfully talented Robin New in "Angel on my Shoulder" in 2003. Since then, I have done five shows under Robin's direction."

Ian's talented performances have run the gamut from the zany farce "Out of Order" to the touchingly entertaining "Over the River and Through the Woods," and currently the delightfully madcap show "The Kitchen Witches."

"It's been a pleasure to be a part of every show," Ian says.

Ian's performances are a joy for the other actors at the theatre. His enthusiasm is genuine and his laughter is infectious. It's always a great show when Ian is on board.

Ian sums it up nicely by saying, "Early Bird has always been a close knit second family to me with so many actors that have become dear friends."

He thanks Artistic Director, Robin New, and Producer, Ed Fletcher for continuing to cast him in such great shows.



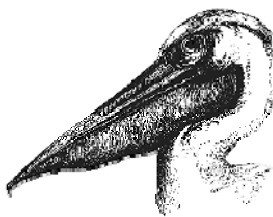
*Ian, as the patient son Stephen Biddle, in "The Kitchen Witches."*



*Ian, as grandson Nick Cristiano in "Over the River and Through the Woods."*



*Ian, as the flustered George Pigden in "Out of Order"*



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**Producer**  
**Ed Fletcher**

**Artistic Director**  
**Robin New**

## **NEXT UP: LOVERS AND OTHER STRANGERS**

*Lovers and Other Strangers*, the very funny and engaging comedy written by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna, will be opening on September 9, 2010.

This show features four vignettes that will keep you smiling and laughing all the way through.

The first introduces a young man, who begins to seduce a young woman, only to have the tables turned on him. The second involves a married couple, who can't figure out whose turn it is to initiate lovemaking. The third opens in a young woman's apartment when her fiancé tells her he's too nervous to go through with their wedding. She gently leads him back to their plans. The final vignette brings us a couple who has fought for over thirty years, and now tries to save their son's marriage by confessing their own failings.

The cast has yet to be announced, but it's guaranteed that Artistic Director, Robin New, will select terrific actors for each role. So, mark your calendars now, and remember it's never too early to call for reservations!

***Lovers and Other Strangers***  
***opens on***  
***September 9, 2010***

## ***Get Your Ducks in a Row for Our 2010/2011 Season***

***Kitchen Witches*** from July 15 to September 5, 2010.

***Lovers and Other Strangers*** from September 9 to October 31, 2010.

***How the Other Half Loves*** from November 4 to December 26, 2010.

***NEW!!! The Dixie Swim Club*** from January 6 to February 27, 2011

***NEW!!! Sex Please, We're Sixty*** from March 3 to April 24, 2011

***NEW!!! Don't Dress for Dinner*** from April 28 to June 19, 2011

***For more information and details of upcoming shows, please visit our website:***

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## ***Patron Corner:***

If you'd like to tell us about some special memories you've had at the theatre or want to tell us about one of your favorite shows, just send us an email at

[newsletter@earlybirddinnertheatre.com](mailto:newsletter@earlybirddinnertheatre.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!!!

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