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Don't Miss **LOVERS AND OTHER STRANGERS**

Ed Fletcher's production of *Lovers and Other Strangers*, by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna is getting great laughs from our audience members.

According to Lee Clark Zumpe's review in TBN Weekly, "*Lovers and Other Strangers* takes a humorous look at love – both the splendid and the slightly sordid varieties."

The show consists of five vignettes that take a very funny look at relationships between men and women in the 1970's. Each scene takes place in a different apartment on the same evening in New York City.

In the first scene, Jerry tries desperately to bed Brenda, who coyly avoids his advances with her quick moves and her vast knowledge of philosophy about relationships.

In the second scene, Cathy secretly meets her married lover Hal in a bathroom during a party to finally come to terms over their five-year affair ... with hilarious results.



Cast: (Left to Right) Charles W. Wilcox, Tracy Borgatti, Barbara Anthony, and Toby Manion

In scene three, Mike bursts into his fiancée Susan's apartment at 4:00 a.m. with the worst case of pre-marital jitters you've ever seen.

In Act Two, Johnny and Wilma, a married couple, are deeply embroiled in an argument about whose turn it is to commence lovemaking.

In the final scene, Frank and Bea try to save their son and daughter-in-law's marriage (Richie and Joan) by confessing their own failings.

Four actors tackle these twelve vastly different roles, and do so with enthusiasm and talent that

is great fun to watch.

Artistic Director, Robin New's cast includes: Barbara Anthony, Tracy Borgatti, Toby Manion, and newcomer Charles W. Wilcox.

Lovers and Other Strangers runs until October 31, 2010.

Call now for reservations. You don't want to miss this one.

See you at the show!

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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Lucille SantaMaria



Lucille SantaMaria

This spot is usually reserved for the Actor's Spotlight, but this month we thought you should know about a special woman, who has been very instrumental in the continuing success of the Early Bird Dinner Theatre.

When Lucille SantaMaria moved from New York to Florida with her husband Al, she decided to look for some quality entertainment. When she discovered the Early Bird Dinner Theatre at our old location on Ft. Harrison Street in downtown Clearwater, Lucille knew that she had found what she'd been looking for.

Lucille and Al became loyal patrons and have attended every show since they discovered the theatre.

In fact, Lucille was at the final performance at our old location when she heard the announcement that the theatre was looking for a new home. As a long time board member of the Italian American Club on McMullen-Booth Road,

Lucille had a brilliant idea.

The next day, she phoned Ed Fletcher and told him that there was space available at the IAC, if he was interested in seeing it. Ed had a look, met with the board members of the IAC and a new home was found for the Early Bird! After Ed did some renovation work that gave the Club a "facelift" that benefited both parties, the theatre moved in. Since then, there have been over 550 shows performed at the IAC. All thanks to Lucille's idea and open welcome of the board members.

If you knew Lucille SantaMaria, you'd understand that this was not her first act of community involvement.

Lucille lived in Queens, New York, before moving to Florida, where she raised her two daughters and was actively involved in her community. She served on the school board and acted as a Girl Scout Leader for 14 years. When Lucille's daughters grew older, she took a job with the Police Department and was later transferred to the Board of Education in an administrative capacity. Community involvement comes naturally to Lucille.

After her move to Florida, she and her husband became members of the IAC. In fact, when they joined, they were the youngest members of the Club. Lucille has even served as President of the Board, and continues her active involvement as a board member now.

"It's a blessing to have the theatre here," says Lucille. "For a local area this is the best entertainment

around ... and for a reasonable price! Why go anywhere else?"

Lucille lives up to her word. She hasn't missed a show yet! She attends all the preview nights and then comes to see each show again with her friends. The actors are always happy to see her laughing face on preview night!

"I love all the shows!" Lucille says. "Laughter is so important. Of course, everyone has problems, but the shows here take our minds off them and let us laugh. That's just great!"

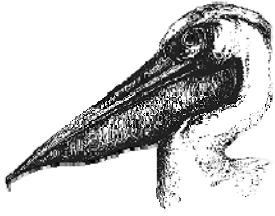
Everyone at Early Bird is grateful to Lucille for her generous suggestion to house our theatre at the IAC. And to think that all it took to find our new home was one woman who cared about serving her community and decided to play an active role in supporting live theatre.

Lucille and Al live in the area and have two grown daughters and two granddaughters. While she continues her duties at the IAC, it's obvious to see that Lucille is also very devoted to her family.

The Italian American Club has been at its current location for 37 years. They offer Tuesday night pasta dinners and Saturday night dances, and now, with the presence of the Early Bird, the Club is now home to the finest dinner theatre in Tampa Bay.

"Having the theatre at the IAC benefits everyone," said Lucille.

We agree and we'd like Lucille to know that if we had a Patron of the Year award, she would be our first recipient!



In Rehearsal Now: HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES

How The Other Half Loves will be opening on November 4, 2010. The preview night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd.

British playwright Alan Ayckbourn, who penned over 73 full-length plays, wrote this popular hysterical farce. *How the Other Half Loves* pulls us into the lives of three couples, in which all three husbands work for the same company. One of the younger men is having an affair with the wife of the oldest man. When each of them returns home suspiciously late one night, they decide to invent a story about having to spend time smoothing over some domestic matters in the home of the third couple. Of course, the third couple shows up and that complication only adds more hilarity to this fabulous sidesplitting farce.

Artistic Director, Robin New, has put together a great cast that includes: Barbara Anthony, as Mary Featherstone; Joe Johnson, as William Featherstone; Gail Scott, as Fiona Foster; Charles W. Wilcox, as Frank Foster; Tracy Borgatti, as Teresa Phillips; and Ian McCallum, as Bob Phillips. Toby Manion is will be filling in for Charles Wilcox on a few occasions.

Call early and make your reservations soon!

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NOW PLAYING: Lovers and Other Strangers from September 9 to October 31, 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

Earlybirddinnertheatre.com

Patron Corner: Let's Hear from You!

Tell us about some special memories you've had at the theatre or tell us about one of your favorite shows; just send us an email at

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We look forward to hearing from you!!!

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