

ED FLETCHER'S EARLY BIRD DINNER THEATRE

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Special Interest:

- Opening: *Leading Ladies*
- Celebrating FIVE years at the IAC!
- 2011-2012 Season

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Get ready for a brand new show and the beginning of our sixth season at the IAC! This news is so hot off the press, we don't even have a full cast picture for you yet!!!

Ed Fletcher's fabulous new production of *Leading Ladies* is opening on September 8th.

Leading Ladies, written by Ken Ludwig's (author of *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*) is a most hilarious comedy.

It takes place in the 1950's in York, Pennsylvania.

When Jack and Leo, two down on their luck English actors, learn that a dying millionairess is leaving her fortune to her long lost English relatives, Max and Stephen, they decide to pose as her nephews.

But there is a problem ... of course! Nephews Max and Stephen are really nieces Maxine and Stephanie. However that minor detail doesn't deter Jack and Leo.



Romantic entanglements ensue as Jack and Leo change back and forth between their female alter egos to enable Leo to woo Meg, another niece, and Jack to romance Audrey, a ditzzy waitress.

All of this goes on under the constant danger of exposure by the local Reverend (who just happens to be engaged to Meg), the Doctor, and Butch, Audrey's beau.

Artistic Director Robin New has assembled a terrific cast that includes: Charles Wilcox, as Leo Clark; Jonathan Cho, as Jack Gable; Bill Henricks, as Doc Myers; Joseph Alan Johnson, as Duncan Wooley; Adam Crain, as Butch Myers; Jonelle

Meyer, as Meg Snider; Julia Teal, as Audrey Hampton; and Barbara Anthony, as Florence Snider.

Leading Ladies runs through October 30, 2011.

Call now and make your reservations soon. You'll be glad you did!

See you at the show!

**For Reservations
Call
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Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre

Celebrating FIVE YEARS at the Italian American Club!



*Early Bird Dinner Theatre
At the Italian American Club*

Was it really back on September 7th of 2006 that we opened our first production at the Italian American Club location? Time flies! Join us for a little trip down memory lane and all that has occurred over the past 5 years.

Does anyone remember that very first show? Here's a hint for you:



That's right! Our **FIRST SEASON** at the IAC was ...

Who's in Bed with the Butler?
September – October 2006

How about the next one? Oh, okay. We'll give you another hint:



You're right again!
Sin, Sex and the CIA
November – December 2006

We can see that you're pretty good at this! So, how about a pictorial journey down that memory lane?



Key for Two
December 2006 – February 2007



Steel Magnolias
February 2007 – April 2007

And back to pure farce, we continued with ...



The Lone Star Love Potion
April – June 2007

Let's see ... what's next? Ah, yes, our summer show in 2007!



Pajama Tops
July – September 2007

We opened our **SECOND SEASON** with a drama! How daring of us!



Angel Street
September – October 2007

Then, we went right back to our usual fare of comedy with a **World Premier** performance by Michael Parker, who joined the cast in the photo below. Hint: He's not the one with the curlers in his hair!



Never Kiss a Naughty Nanny
November – December 2007

And that completes 2006 through 2007! What a lot of laughter we've shared.

Ready for some more?

There's Plenty More to CELEBRATE!!!

Lets move on to 2008 and beyond. There's more memories and laughter to share! Are you recognizing some familiar cast members yet?



Out of Order
January – February 2008

Followed by yet another wild comedy ...



Run for Your Wife
March – April 2008

March of 2008 was when we began our EBDT Newsletters!



Rich is Better
April 2008 – June 2008

After completing our second season at the IAC, we took a little summer intermission.

In June of 2008, we lost our beloved cast member Chris Tracy. Gone, but never forgotten.

In Loving Memory of Chris Tracey



Well, the show does go on and **SEASON THREE** opened with the ever-popular show ...



Social Security
September – November 2008



Over the River and Through the Woods
November – December 2008



Bermuda Avenue Triangle
January – February 2009



Natalie Needs a Nightie
February – April 2009



Private Lives
April – June 2009

Can you believe Ed Fletcher produced so many shows? And Artistic Director Robin new has directed each of them? Wow!

Our summer show that year was a classic comedy ...



The Owl and the Pussycat
July – August 2009

We began our **FOURTH SEASON** with...



Squabbles
September – October 2009

We Just Keep on Going!

And then along came ...



Anybody for Murder
November – December 2009

We began 2010 with ... do you remember which show it was? It was very funny ... Well, they're ALL hysterical!



There's a Burglar in my Bed
January – February 2010

Then, a dark and campy comedy for your amusement...



Death by Chocolate
March – April 2010

How did we ever go on? Ah, the love of live theatre and our patrons keeps us going!



Funny Money
April – June 2010

Then, we brewed up a little something special for the summer of 2010!



The Kitchen Witches
July – September 2010

Our **FIFTH SEASON** opened with ...



Lovers and Other Strangers
September – October 2010



How the Other Half Loves
November – December 2010

And we rang in the New Year with ...



The Dixie Swim Club
January - February 2011



Sex Please, We're Sixty!
March – April 2011



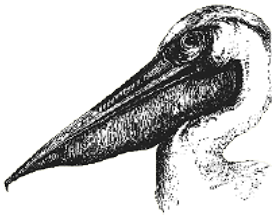
Don't Dress for Dinner
April – June 2011

This brings us to ...



The Last of the Red Hot Lovers
July – August 2011

Special Thanks to Ed Fletcher, Robin New, our casts and our patrons for making these past five years fabulous ones!!!
THANK YOU ALL!



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Next up: "The Sensuous Senator"

Senator Douglas is running for president on a "morality" platform, but when his wife Lois leaves to attend a conference in Chicago, he does not hesitate to invite Veronica, his secretary and lover, over. Finding her unavailable, he has an escort agency send the voluptuous Fiona.

All seems well until his elderly Congressional colleague and neighbor locks himself out and asks to spend the night. Then Congressman Jack Maquire drops in unexpectedly and Fiona, unsure who her client is, zeros in on him.

Meanwhile, snow closes the airport and his wife Lois returns home for bedlam leading to a surprise ending.

"A madcap...hilarious American farce..." ~ *Observer*

"A rollicking bedroom farce." ~ *Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel*

"Witty humor, gorgeous women, and an ending with a twist make this a must-see farce!" ~ *The Journal Times*

The Sensuous Senator
opens November 3rd
and runs until December 23rd 2011

Get Your Ducks in a Row for Our 2011-2012

Now Playing *Leading Ladies*: September 8 – October 30, 2011

Next up: *The Sensuous Senator*: November 3 – December 23, 2011

***Lie, Cheat and Genuflect*:** January 5 – February 26, 2012

What is Susan's Secret? March 1 – April 22, 2012

***Separate Beds*:** April 26 – June 3, 2012

For further information and a brief synopsis of each show, please visit our website at: EarlyBirdDinnerTheatre.com

Patron Corner:

Remember that we love hearing from each of you, and we welcome emails about shows you've seen and special experiences you've had at the theatre. You can email us at the address listed below. We look forward to hearing from you!

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