



Kylie Koscoe (as Lenny)

ICEHOUSE THEATRE OPENS WITH A FARCE

CRIMES OF THE HEART IS A CHARMER

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This month the curtain goes up on the 61st season at the IceHouse Theatre where the Mount Dora Theatre Company, under the artistic direction of Darlin Barry, has scheduled five productions: two comedies, two musicals and a poignant drama.

Opening night is Sept. 12 with “Crimes of the Heart,” a comedy by Beth Henley that won the 1981 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award.

Set in 1974 in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, “five years after Hurricane Camille,” the story unfolds in the rambling, old kitchen where the Magrath sisters, Lenny, Meg, and Babe, grew up. The eldest, Lenny, is the family caregiver and unhappily turning 30 with no marital prospects; the middle sister, Meg is self-absorbed and rudderless at 27, with her musical aspirations unrealized; and the youngest, Babe is facing dire consequences at 24, having just been released on bail for

shooting her husband in the stomach the night before, because she “didn’t like his looks.”

The boisterous story is directed by Darlin Barry and features some well-known talents, as well as a few who are new to the IceHouse stage. The cast includes Tara Golson, Kylie Koscoe, Elizabeth Dean, Marty Stonerock, Zach Van Dyke, and Steve Williams. The production staff: Gail Bartell, costumes; Theresa Donato, lights; Bernie Dedinsky and Tim Bartell, set construction. The IceHouse Theatre welcomes interested volunteers in all areas: onstage, backstage and as ushers.

Barry calls the play, which runs through Oct. 5, ‘a high-spirited, heart-warming charmer.’

“A Wonderful Life,” a musical adaptation of Frank Capra’s film classic, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” with book and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and music by Joe Raposo, opens on Nov. 14 and runs on weekends through Dec. 7. The story of George Bailey’s wonderful life in Bedford Falls is a timeless fable of dreams and the power of love...it celebrates the innate goodness in us all.

Additional scheduled shows include:

January 23 – February 15, 2009 – The Underpants by Steve Martin

March 20 – April 12, 2009 – The Honky Tonk Angels by Ted Swindley

May 15 – June 7, 2009 – On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson

Ticket prices for Subscribers, for groups and for individual tickets will remain the same in this new season. Renewing Subscribers are invited to secure their current seats now for the upcoming 2008-2009 shows.

The Mount Dora Theatre Company is a nonprofit organization offering opportunities for all members of the Central Florida region to engage in the joy of participation in live theater, both back stage and on stage. It welcomes newcomers to the organization, and is proud to offer cultural enrichment to the residents of our community.

Box Office Information: Fixed Seat Subscriptions are \$70 for Thrifty Thursdays, \$80 for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and \$85 for Flex Pass Subscriptions. Individual Tickets are \$20 adults, \$ 18 for seniors (55 +) on Thursdays and Sundays; and \$ 12 for students with ID. Tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$15 when booked in advance. Tickets can be purchased by phone, (352) 383-4616; in person at the IceHouse Box Office at 1100 N. Unser Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757, or online at www.icehousetheatre.com. Box Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday 1 pm – 5 pm and one hour prior to show time on performance dates.



The IceHouse Theatre celebrates it's 61st season.