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SPECIAL SUMMER NIGHTS EDITION







MAY 16 10:00a - 3:00p (



A celebration of the performing arts for kids, this annual free event features

theatre, music, clowns, mimes, hands-on activities and more!



Funded by the McCabe Foundation



10:00a Student Showcase Performances

11:00a A Fab Karaoke Fantasy Theatre Factory

12:00p The Three Little Circus Pigs Atlantic Coast Theatre

> 12:30p Riverside Teens

1:00p The Wizard of Oz Student Performance

1:30p Twisted Tales & Tunes

2:00p The Wiz Student Performance







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MEETour NEW SPECIAL EVENTS Director ANNAMARIE

As special events director, what do your duties entail?

Conceptualizing, promoting and overseeing the execution of all special events at Riverside Theatre. There are a lot of details and planning that go into pulling off a successful event so you have to be organized. I work with a lot of different vendors, committees, volunteers and staff to make the events come together on event day.

What projects are you working on for the summer?

When I began working for the Theatre, Jon Moses, our Managing Director, met with me about his vision to take our Comedy Zone Experience to the next level. Seven years ago Comedy Zone started out as an evening comedy club, Jon Moses saw an opportunity to expand on the popularity of the event by adding local live bands as well as a food vendor. This new concept Jon developed really has brought a lot of people to the Theatre that may not usually attend shows. In fact, due to popular demand we

have added additional seating outside to listen to the band and enjoy the food. Jon came to me with the idea to begin theming the weekends as an additional draw to the Theatre. I loved this idea and eagerly began presenting concepts that may work for each theme

he developed.

Beginning at the end of May we will kick start our themed weekends with our version of Summer Nights. We are creating a neighborhood barbeque feel with backvard games the whole family can play, our usual live

music and everyone's favorite summer arilled items. On select evenings, we will also be featuring a summer wine and beer tasting. In July, we will begin our Vegas Nights which will have casino-style games to win great prizes, a lounge singer and salsa dancing on Saturday nights in

addition to our comedy shows. Donations from this evening will go to benefit Riverside's Children's Theatre Outreach and Family Programming. In September, we will be creating our version of

> Oktoberfest offering German-themed food and German

music on Saturday nights through October. Over the holiday season,

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we plan to have the campus decorated with festive lights and maybe even a bit of snow for our *Winter Nights*.

Anything being planned for the coming season?

There is always a party somewhere! The Riverside Friends Committee and I are already underway planning our fundraising events for next season. Our first one is our annual Fall Luncheon and Show which will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Our theme this year is Riverside Goes to Hollywood! Once again, Riverside Theatre's Producing Artistic Director, Allen Cornell, and Music Director, Ken Clifton, will be creating the show.

In addition to our Fall Luncheon we are working on our annual **Supper Club** event in January which is also a sell out as well as our **Premiere Benefit Gala** featuring our most anticipated show of the season, *Hello Dolly!* We are also working on revamping the Theatre's corporate membership program for the upcoming season.

This is your second work experience at Riverside. What was the first?

This question makes me smile because I recall sitting in my

college apartment with a bachelor's degree in public relations while minoring in Theatre performance thinking, what am I supposed to do now? With my lease about to expire in a few months, it hit me, maybe I should send my resume to the Executive Director at Riverside Theatre. As luck would have it. they were looking to expand their marketing department and I was offered a position as the Marketing Assistant. What a wild time that was for not only me but also Riverside – the Theatre was in the middle of a huge Capital Campaign project to expand the Theatre while continuing to be a quality professional theatre to the Treasure Coast. Needless to say, I had to hit the ground running. It was during that time that I realized I wanted to seek more experience in the world of Special Events.

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What did you do in between?

For the past 10 years, I have worked in the event business as the Special Event Director at Grand Harbor Golf and Beach Club coordinating everything from small intimate gatherings, corporate events, fundraisers to weddings.



How have you seen Riverside change over the years?

I was very familiar with the old Theatre and when I returned back to work here this season it felt a little like coming home but your parents had redesigned your bedroom. I am amazed at how the Theatre has transitioned from a quaint theatre into a beautiful performing arts campus thanks to the generosity of our donors. Most of the obvious changes I see are architectural. What has not changed is the passion and dedication the staff has always had of producing outstanding theatre. The shows are bigger and quality of work is even better which is drawing more of a crowd to Riverside. It is so exciting to see how much our subscriber base and single ticket sales have grown over the years. I feel so lucky to be part of this organization.

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COMEDY CLUB & BACKYARD FUN!

CHILL OUT and spend a cheerful evening with family and friends on our front lawn under the oak trees. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy Live bands playing your favorite summertime tunes. We'll set-up the bar, tap the keg, fire up the grill, and have backyard games like corn hole for all to play.

See a comedy show after the backyard fun!



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WINE TASTINGS!

SUMMER WINE AND CRAFT BEER TASTING TICKETS can be purchased through the box office for select evenings

COMEDY CLUB & CASINO GAMES!

In addition to the Comedy Zone performances, make a donation to play our casino-style games set up in the lobby from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

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TO Fabulous

Proceeds benefit Family Programming at Riverside Children's Theatre

> Martini Bar with pianist and singer Dale Rieth.

> > NIGHT SALSA with Joe and Shari Tessier from the 14th Avenue Dance Studio!

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dancing

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The 7th Annual Dancing with Vero's Stars Returns to the Riverside Stage SATURDAY, MAY 9

Meet Our Star Dancers

All in Support of the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition





with Instructor Beth Shestak

Jan Mason Cilento with Instructor Robert Scott





Karen L. Franke with Instructor Joe Tessier

Thomas Lowther with Instructor Amy Trammell





Lee Olsen with Instructor Shari Tessier

O'Toole-Evans, MD with Instructor Joe Wyne



Deborah Polackwich with Instructor Barry Trammell

Jackie Savel with Instructor Olea Dimitrov





Bobby Sexton Instructor Marianella Tobar Instructor Karren Walter

Andy White





Start off your youngest theatre-goer with the Family Series: When young people attend a **Riverside Theatre Family** Series performance they will experience live professional theater of the highest quality.

We recognize the value of building our relationship with the children in our audience. that's why we have begun creating some exciting new productions with them in mind.

Beginning the 2015-2016 season, Riverside Theatre will be offering thrilling professional shows for the vounger viewer. Making live theatre available for all audiences has always been a priority of Riverside Theatre.



You're never too small to make a difference.

You're never too small to make a difference! Pansy is a poodle in waiting, determined to find the perfect person to adopt her. When a little girl named Avery enters, Pansy knows she is the one. Pansy's life blossoms, from raps to riches, with her new family and life at The Palace Hotel in Beverly Hills. But when a mysterious thelt occurs, threatening to close down the hotel, Pansy helps solve the mystery. Based on the book series Pansy at The Palace by Cynthia Bardes and featuring Book by Ken Clitton and DJ Salisbury 10 original songs, Poodlefull is the delightful new musical for the entire family.



A LETTER FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Lots of changes are in store at Riverside Children's Theatre this summer but the one constant is a variety of offerings that give kids the opportunity to become engaged in the arts. Having fun while learning new skills and reinforcing what is taught at school is at the heart of Riverside Children's Theatre (RCT) – all this plus a welcoming environment and a generous scholarship program that ensures a place for all children, no matter their ability to pay.

An exciting start to the summer is the Lion King Experience, bringing an age appropriate adaptation of the Broadway hit The Lion King to the Anne Morton stage. Another Disney favorite, High School Musical will be rehearsed as an intense two-week camp and will present a concert version in July.

New this summer is Kinder Camp, an introduction to theatre and music that helps promote language development and socialization skills. Beginning Stages Camp is back this year with every week having a different theme, iRascals returns with an expanded format so that more kids than ever can join in on the fun with a Rascals Goes Pop show at the end of each session. Two sessions of staged reading workshops offer kids a reader's theatre format with a chance to perform while enhancing their reading comprehension.

The Riverside Dance Festival returns and features artists from the Chicago Repertory Ballet. Finally, Dance Brush Up Camps right before school starts will give young dancers a chance to ready jazz and ballet skills prior to fall classes and auditions.

For kids of all ages, RCT is definitely the place to be this summer!



KINDER CAMP

June 29 - July 1 10:00a - 12:00p DAY 1: WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE DAY 2: IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE DAY 3: CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM

BEGINNING STAGES

June 8 - 12 9:00a - 12:00p INTO THE WILD: THE LION KING

June 15 - 19 9:00a - 12:00p FLYING TO NEVERLAND: PETER PAN

June 22 - 26 9:00a - 12:00p WELCOME TO WONDERLAND: ALICE IN WONDERLAND

July 13 - 17 9:00a - 12:00p UNDER THE SEA: THE LITTLE MERMAID

July 20 - 24 9:00a - 12:00p OUT IN THE JUNGLE: THE JUNGLE BOOK



THE IRASCALS EXPERIENCE

July 20 - 24 10:00a - 4:00p **Performances**: July 24 & 25

Make THEATRE part of your child's life!

SEPTEMBER 2015 Music and Lyrics by Ken Clifton

IRASCALS KIDS July 27 - 31 10:00a - 4:00p Performances: July 31 & August 1

DANCE BRUSH UP CAMPS

August 10 - 14 *Jazz Brush Up* 9:00a - 12:00p

Ballet Brush Up 1:00p - 4:00p

SECOND STAGE WORKSHOPS

STAGED READINGS: A EEE BY RICHARD KRAWIEC June 8 - 12 1:00p - 4:00p



THE LION

Performances:

Performances:

June 26 - 28

June 19 - 21













Sunday August 9 at 2:00p & 7:00p

Riverside will co-present, with Ballet Vero Beach, the Chicago Repertory Ballet in their debut tour. The performances will feature the talented dancers of CRB in some of the company's signature repertoire, including Schaaf's stirring *The Four Seasons*.



Visit riversidetheatre.com/dancefestival or balletverobeach.org.

Riverside Teams Up with Chicago Repertory Ballet for a

Weekend Full of Amazing Performances!



Saturday August 8 at 2:00p

For the fourth year in a row, late summer means contemporary dance comes to Riverside. Featuring a student intensive, outreach initiative, and collaboration with Ballet Vero Beach, the Riverside Dance Festival returns July 27-August 9. Festival Director Adam Schnell has selected Chicago's hot, new, contemporary ballet company Chicago Repertory Ballet (CRB) as the invited company for this year's festival. Schnell chose the company because, while dancing professionally, he performed work by CRB's artistic director Wade Schaaf. "Wade brings an intellect to choreography much like audiences saw with Kate Hutter's work last year for Los Angeles Contemporary Dance Company (LACDC), yet his style is completely different. We are thrilled to be presenting CRB for their first time outside Chicago."

As with LACDC in 2014 and Prometheus Dance in 2013, CRB will be in residence at Riverside for two full weeks. The company will take the lead in coaching young dancers aged ten and up in what it takes to be a professional dancer. Accepted students will spend eight hours a day in classes, rehearsals, and workshops with CRB dancers and artistic staff, as well as Riverside's distinguished dance faculty, in preparation for a fully staged showcase performance on the Stark Stage.

Baerbel O'Haire

SUPPORTER OF RIVERSIDE THEATRE



I first became aware of the **Riverside Theatre complex** when my children were in elementary school. My children attended classes and camps at the Theatre. and we loved attending the student performances as a family. I have since learned the Children's Theatre provides an active outreach and scholarship program that seeks to involve all the children in Indian River County, no matter their circumstances.

Our more recent, formal support of the Riverside Theatre Complex came by way of an introduction from some of my friends and clients who have had leadership roles within the Theater's organization in the past. Their enthusiasm in

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supporting the Vero Beach community through the arts was infectious. Knowing I was a regular patron of the Theatre, they asked if I might be interested in learning more about the organization. Our professional sponsorship of the Theater has since broadened my knowledge of what it takes to bring a serious production to the community. It is incredible to witness firsthand how much work and how many people are involved in creating these major productions. It really has been a wonderful

We are now embarking on our fourth year of sponsorship, and it has been very rewarding becoming more involved with the Theatre during this past year. At the end of the day, it is refreshing to interact with the employees at Riverside Theatre. They truly love what they do. Every member of the artistic staff is absolutely beaming with pride as they bring each production to life

on the Stark and Waxlax Stages. This light-hearted, happy, and professional atmosphere is contagious; I encourage anyone interested in the arts to get more involved with Riverside Theatre.

About Baerbel...

Baerbel O'Haire is a Senior Vice President-Wealth Management and Wealth Management Advisor, and has provided wealth management advice to high net worth families since 1985. Baerbel is ranked among the top 100 Women Financial Advisors for Merrill Lynch in the U.S. and served on the Merrill Lynch's National Advisory Council to Management which represents all Merrill Lynch Financial Advisors. domestically and internationally from 2004 to 2006. She was a corporate trainer for the firm's Professional Management Development program from 1990 to 2000. Locally, she served on the Executive Board of Community Child Care Resources. Currently, she serves on the board of Impact 100. and is the past president of the Women's Exchange of the Treasure Coast. Baerbel is further credentialed as a Chartered Retirement Planning CounselorSM (CRPC®), as well as a graduate of the University of Florida. She resides in Vero Beach with her husband, Sean, and children Sydney, Chloe, and Conor.

35th Annual Statewide Professional Theatre <u>aucitons</u> and Workshops











Florida Professional Theatres Association

On May 17th and 18th, hundreds of actors will descend on Riverside Theatre for Florida Professional Theatres Association's (FPTA) annual gathering of auditions and workshops. These statewide professional auditions and workshops are for Actors' Equity Association (AEA) and professional non-Equity actors who want to audition for a number of Florida professional theatre companies at one time.

FPTA theatre members come from all parts of the state thus making a one-stop audition venue of great importance for those auditioning. In addition, FPTA also offers professional workshops and one-on-one coaching for emerging and established professional actors from May 16 through May 18, also at Riverside.

There is a comprehensive all-day schedule of professional tailor-made workshops and one-on-one coaching for both emerging and established professional actors on Saturday, May 18 and individual-group workshops on Sunday, May 19, and Monday, May 20.

Details about instructors for these professional auditioning. acting, singing, and dance workshops developed specifically for actors, can be found on www.fpta.net.

HISTORY

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

So much to do.....some suggestions for you!

APRIL

30 1:30p Vero Beach Art Club OPEN STUDIOS

MAY

1 6:30p - 9:30p Live in the Loop FREE Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone

2 8:30a OBA* Farmers' Market on Ocean Drive 6:30p - 9:30p Live in the Loop FREE Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone

9 11:00a Turtle Tours at VBMA* 11:00a Relay For Life at Riverside Park



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*OBA Oceanside Business Association *VBMA Vero Beach Museum of Art



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