



Behind the Scenes at CCT

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Life is a Cabaret at CCT

The popular musical *Cabaret* will run all four weekends in February. Set in Weimar Berlin as the Nazis are rising to power, *Cabaret* focuses on nightlife at the racy Kit Kat Klub, and on the relationship between alluring burlesque performer Sally Bowles



and an American writer. The production uses innovative choreography and puppetry, which serve to heighten the dramatic aspects of the story and add to the stunning visual spectacle. In addition to the title tune, *Cabaret* features memorable songs such as "Two Ladies," "I Don't Care Much," "Mein Herr," and "Maybe This Time." The production features Daniel Deane and Mariah Shabazz (pictured), Charles Braslow, Marilyn Chakroff, Katie Walsh, and many other talented actors, dancers and singers, with choreography by Kemit Amon-Lewis and Khnuma Simmonds. This show is not recommended for children under 13.

Ticket prices for *Cabaret* are \$25 for adult non-members; \$23 for seniors; \$20 for CCT members & college students with IDs; \$15 for children under age 18; \$12 for children CCT members. We are pre-selling *Cabaret* tickets at CCT during January 2011: Saturdays and Sundays from 2 – 4 PM, and weekday evenings after 5:30 PM, by appointment.

Auditions for Sarah & Addie

CCT will hold auditions for *Sarah & Addie* on **Tuesday & Wednesday, January 18 & 19, 2011, at 7 PM.** We need male and female actors for these ole-time plays. Written by the late Anton C. Teytaud in Crucian dialect, *Sarah & Addie* is a collage of entertaining short skits centering on the island "market women" of the 1940s and '50s and their humorous commentary and philosophy. We are looking for female actors with raw Crucian accents to play the market women, and both males and females to perform the roles of customers, friends, tourists and local characters. Help us keep the culture and history of St. Croix alive.

CCT 2011 Season

Our schedule for February – July 2011 is listed below:

CABARET



A Tony Award-Winning Musical by John Kander & Fred Ebb

Book by Joe Masteroff

Director: Ruby Des Jardins; Music Director: Patrick Baron

Show dates: February 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2011

Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM; February 20 – Sunday Matinee at 4 PM

SARAH & ADDIE

Short West Indian Comedies by Anton C. Teytaud

Directors: Eileen Bishop Des Jardins & Oceana James

Show dates: March 18, 19, 25, 26, April 1 & 2, 2011

Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM

April 27, 2011 – Sunday Matinee at 4 PM



PAGEANT PLAY



A Comedy by Matthew Wilkas & Mark Setlock

Director: Christine Thomas

Show dates: May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2011

Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM;

May 15, 2011 – Sunday Matinee at 4 PM

Welcome to the hilarious, terrifying and surreal world of child beauty pageants. Pinky Corningfield will do anything to make sure her little angel wins the title Supreme Queen. Glitz, glamour, money, and really, really small false teeth.

THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB

A Comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope & Jamie

Wooten; Director: Sylvia Brady

Show dates: July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23, 2011

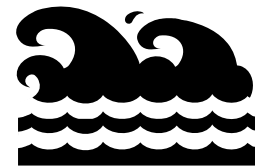
Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM

July 17, 2011 – Sunday Matinee at 4 PM

Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. *The Dixie Swim Club*, a hilarious and touching comedy, focuses on four of those weekends spanning a period of 33 years.

New Ticket prices for our plays (non-musicals) are \$20 for adult non-members; \$18 for seniors; \$15 for adult CCT members & college students with IDs; and \$13 for children/student members. Cash or checks only.

All performances are held at CCT's theater at #18 Estate Orange Grove in Christiansted, St. Croix. Musical productions are always popular, so call 340-778-1983 or email eileenccct@gmail.com to purchase tickets in advance. For more information about CCT, visit our website www.cct.vi.



Some Enchanted Evening



CCT's FUNdraiser this season will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2011. *Some Enchanted Evening* features an evening of songs by Carole Demas, who originated the role of "Sandy" in *Grease* on Broadway. Ms. Demas

has been praised by critics such as Clive Barnes for her show *Summer Nights* at New York's Laurie Beechman Theatre. She has starred off-Broadway in *The Fantasticks*, and appeared in numerous television shows, commercials, and regional theater productions. Ms. Demas also performed for 12 years in *The Magic Garden* on WPIX TV. She will be performing at CCT with her music director Ian Herman and guitarist Sean Harkness for one night only, Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$50 for adults (\$45 for CCT members) for seating at tables, and include desserts and coffee, with a cash bar. This is a FUNdraiser and we will hold a silent auction and raffle to benefit CCT. Tickets for this FUNdraiser will go on sale in February. We are accepting donations for our raffle and silent auction now. Many thanks to Carole Demas and friends for donating their time and talents to CCT.

Volunteer at CCT

CCT needs lots of help to make this a successful season. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity (bartender, house manager, raffle ticket sales), please contact Eileen at 778-1983 or eileencct@gmail.com.

Message from our President

As CCT's President, I am very excited to present our 26th season, continuing our tradition of staging the finest theater available on St. Croix. Here are three easy ways you can help CCT:

1. Come see our great shows: You enjoy a wonderful evening of theater and your ticket purchase helps to sustain our mission.
 2. Bring your family and friends to CCT. Help us fill theater seats by sharing the excitement of CCT with friends and family.
 3. Consider a donation: Even a gift of \$10 buys a light bulb or part of a costume. Larger gifts help cover costs of advertising, show royalties, monthly rent, WAPA bills, and much more.
- Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at CCT in 2011.



Sylvia L. Brady
CCT President

Fences opened CCT's 2010-2011 Season

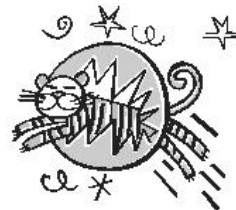


CCT's production of *Fences* – an award-winning play by August Wilson – was a dramatic opener for our 26th season in November 2010. A big thank you to

Directors Lionel Downer and Michael Armendariz, and actors Anthony Harris, Anis Lester, Nehemiah D. Lloyd, Haile-Eyesus Murrell, Sherri Poree, Charles M. Stith, and Lionel Downer. Thanks also to the sponsors of this show: Christiansted Apothecary Hall, Hap Clark, Helen and Bill Gilbert, JKC Communications of the VI, Peter H. Quill, Jr., and Vacation St. Croix. The show was funded in part by a grant from The Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C.

The Calico Cat Company

Members of CCT's after-school children's theater program presented *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit* on December 5, 2010. Many thanks to teachers Oceana James and Lisa Vaughan, dance instructor Khnuma Simonds, and their able assistants Carisma Bishop and Xauskya Simmonds-Emmanuel. To sponsor a student in the Calico Cat Company program, or for more info, contact Eileen at 778-1983 or eileencct@gmail.com.



Please Co-Sponsor a CCT Show

In order for us to continue presenting shows at CCT, we need your support! To co-sponsor the musical *Cabaret*, please mail us your check for \$500 by January 14, 2011. To co-sponsor a CCT play (non-musical), mail us your check for \$250 at least two weeks prior to the opening date of the show. Sponsors receive four tickets to attend the sponsored show. Sponsor tickets may be used during the first two weekends of the show(s) being sponsored, only with advance reservations. Sponsor names appear in our newsletters, programs and on posters. Ask Eileen to email, fax or mail you a sponsor package, or you may obtain a sponsor form on our website: www.cct.vi.

Donations Needed!

CCT is in need of the following items or monetary donations for:

- New flats (\$75 per flat)
- Floor tiles and commercial sink and plumbing for bar
- Wigs, hats, gloves, suspenders, ties and other costume items
- Paint, paint brushes, rollers, and other painting supplies

CCT Needs Set Builders, Stage Managers, Lighting Crew, Painters & More

We are always looking for people who would like to help build and paint sets, stage manage and run the lights for our shows. We will train you; you just need to be willing to commit the time and energy! It is an exciting way to be part of a production without actually being onstage — and a great way to meet people! Let us know if you are interested by calling: 718-4229 or emailing us at eileencct@gmail.com.

