



Behind the Scenes at Caribbean Community Theatre

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Auditions for *The Miss Firecracker Contest*



Auditions for *The Miss Firecracker Contest*, a comedy by Beth Henley, will be held at CCT on **March 23 & 24**

(Monday & Tuesday) at 7PM.

The characters include:

- **Carnelle** (known locally as “Miss Hot Tamale”) who hopes that winning the local Fourth of July pageant will salvage her tarnished reputation and allow her to leave town in a blaze of glory
- Carnelle’s cousin **Elain**, a former Miss Firecracker winner, who has walked out on her rich-but-boring husband and her two small children
- Elain’s eccentric brother, **Delmount**, recently released from a mental institution
- A touchingly awkward seamstress, named **Popeye**, who is hopelessly smitten by Delmount
- And several other complex and quirky characters

The cast includes four women, age 24-32, and two men, age 28 and 36. (Some flexibility is possible.) The show will open May 8 and run for three weekends.

For more information, call the director, Christine Thomas, at 513-4648 or email christine@shindigs-creative.com.

The Hit Comedy ‘ART’ Opens March 20th

What if one of your best friends just bought a very expensive painting that’s all white with white diagonal lines? How much would you pay for a white painting? Would it matter who the painter was? Would it be art?

‘ART’ — the Award-Winning play written by Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton — opens March 20.

‘ART’ is directed by Tom Ziegler and stars Charles Braslow, Fred Handleman and Bruce Spector. Tom, who is new to the island, said he thought the play would be perfect for St. Croix. “I’ve never lived anywhere,” he said, “with more artists, more art galleries, and obviously more art aficionados than here. However, I should point out that the play is less about the art of painting, and more about the art of friendship.”



There will be six evening performances of this hit comedy on Friday and Saturday, **March 20-21, 27-28 and April 3-4, at 8 PM**, as well as a **Sunday matinee on March 29 at 4 PM**. The show is not suggested for children under 13.

Coming Up in April, Our Big FUNdraiser... *Love Bytes: A Musical Revue*

Mark your calendars for our spring fundraiser, *Love Bytes: A Musical Revue*, directed by Michael Armendariz and David Richards. The event will run for three performances only: **April 24 and 25 at 8 PM and April 26 at 4 PM**. The entertainment will include songs and skits from past shows, including *Ain’t Misbehavin’*, *Oklahoma!*, *Relationships* and more. It will be a fabulous evening, featuring cabaret-style seating and complimentary desserts. More info to come soon!

Searching for Props for *The Miss Firecracker Contest*

We need your help locating a couple of very special props:

- An antique spinning wheel
- A dressing table with a lighted mirror, such as you might find backstage at a theater

If you can donate or loan either of these items, please call Christine at 513-4648, or email christine@shindigs-creative.com.

Wanted: Stage Manager

The Miss Firecracker Contest is also in need of a Stage Manager. Experience preferred. If interested, please contact Christine (see above).

Be a Hero!

Sponsor a CCT Production

Our shows need your support. For \$250 (or more), *you* can be a hero for one of our shows! Sponsors receive show tickets, and their names appear in our programs and posters — plus, they get that warm fuzzy feeling! Currently we need sponsors for *Love Bytes: A Musical Revue*, *The Miss Firecracker Contest* and our final show of the season, *Sordid Lives*. If you are interested —or if you know someone who might be — please contact Eileen at 778-1983 or eileencct@gmail.com.

Calico Cat Company



The Calico Cat Company, CCT's children's after-school theater program, is underway! This is a wonderful program, being taught by Tori Baur and Lisa Vaughan, assisted by Millie Baur and Khadijah Muhammad. Many thanks to them for their great work with the kids!

The Calico Cat Company is always grateful for donations to help the program, or for people to sponsor a deserving student for \$200 per semester. If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact Eileen at 778-1983 or eileencct@gmail.com.

Calling All Chefs

Here's a great opportunity to show off your culinary skills — and help CCT at the same time! We are looking for people to donate desserts for our spring fundraiser, *Love Bytes: A Musical Revue*. If you would like to donate some of your best bites, please contact Christine Thomas at christine@shindigs-creative.com.

Note from the President

There's a lot going on at CCT these days. And it's not all on the stage! If you've been in our parking lot recently, you will have noticed some major construction going on. Among other changes, our current courtyard space is about to become an indoor lounge area. Help us come up with a "cool" name for our new lounge. We will also need help designing and painting our new space, as well as furnishing it. Stay tuned for more info.

Thank you for supporting CCT!

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