

2008 Main Series Shows



January 11 – 27, 2008

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

Book by Larry King & Paul Masterson, Music & Lyrics by Carol Hall

This happy-go-lucky view of small-town vice and statewide political side-stepping recounts the good times and the demise of the Chicken Ranch, known since the 1850's as one of the better pleasure palaces in all of Texas. Local dignitaries frequent the bordello until the puritan Watchdog steps in with righteous indignation focusing on closing the institution.

February 22 – March 9, 2008

The Good Doctor

By Neil Simon

This Broadway hit offers hilarious sketches that are composites of Neil Simon and Anton Chekhov, as well as various other entertaining vignettes. The stories are droll, the portraits affectionate, the humor infectious and the fun unending. "There is much fun here. . . Mr. Simon's comic fancy is admirable."



April 4 – 20, 2008

Steel Magnolias

By Robert Harling

Truvy's Beauty Salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana is where a group of gossipy Southern ladies come to have their hair done. Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the ladies "who are anybody". The play is alternately hilarious and touching – and in the end, deeply revealing of strength and purposefulness, ". . . suffused with humor and tinged with tragedy."

May 16 – June 1, 2008

Under Papa's Picture

By George Tibbles & Joe Connelly

A stuffy bigoted young businessman, married with one child, is on the verge of solid success with his company when he discovers his widowed mother is pregnant. In his concern for his image, he attempts to get the baby-to-be's father, an Italian painter, to marry his mother. Then something goes wrong at the office to mess up an important assignment.



July 4 – 20, 2008

Born to Ride the Waves

Musical – Music & Lyrics by Joseph Mulroy, Book by Mimi Leahey & Harry Nangle

Over Labor Day weekend, 1964, the last days of an idyllic California Point Break, confirmed loner and champion surfer Tom Bannick finds his carefree world suddenly challenged by love and a demolition crew. Inspired by Dana Point's colorful past and featuring songs from *Surfstory*, which the LA Times hailed as "fresh, inspired, elegant, engaging and blissfully unpretentious".

August 22 – September 7, 2008

Night of January 16th

By Ayn Rand

This is a gripping courtroom drama, a murder trial, in which the jury is the audience and will vote on the verdict of guilty or innocent. Based on the March 12, 1932 death of Ivar Krueger, the Swedish "Match King", the factual evidence of the defendant's guilt or innocence is evenly balanced to make either verdict possible. Since it's original Broadway success in 1935 this play has achieved vast worldwide acclaim.



October 10 – October 26, 2008

Dracula-La!

By David Hayes & Max Forseter

The story is a mix of several things, beginning with a vampire "trying to quit", (and you thought giving up cigarettes was tough), a touching middle-aged love story, and a 1920's comedy cartoon featuring all-live singing, dancing actors from the flapper era. Our hero, Bela Lupescu is just 3 days short of the 7 years it takes to go from being a vampire back to being human. He has opened an all night candy store to help himself subsist on sugar instead of blood. . .

2008 Family Series Shows



August 4 – August 8, 2008

Luann

By Greg Evans

The popular comic strip *Luann* comes to life in this exhilarating musical written by *Luann's* creator, Greg Evans. Like the strip, the show is an amusing look at teenhood: from the agony of homework, pimples and bad hair to the joy of summer, The Mall and romance. Full of laughs, a few tears and lots of fun and funny musical moments, it's a hugely entertaining show for the entire family.

November 17 – 23, 2008

Lady Pirates of the Caribbean

By Craig Sodaro

Lawless lady pirates save orphaned children. A chest of gold doubloons sent by the Queen to care for orphaned children has been stolen. To save the orphans from starvation, Sister Benedict seeks the help of Esmeralda, the captain of the pirates known as the Lawless Ladies. Once an orphan herself, Esmeralda promises to recover the gold.



December 8 – 14, 2008

TBD

At the time this brochure went to press, the Play Selection Committee was still considering several possible Christmas shows. All of the shows under consideration are charming family oriented shows. The final selection will be posted on the Playhouse's web site and in the show programs as soon as possible.

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