

I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE

One of the longest running Off-Broadway musicals in history, *I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change* debuts on the Theatre Jacksonville stage just in time for the holidays!

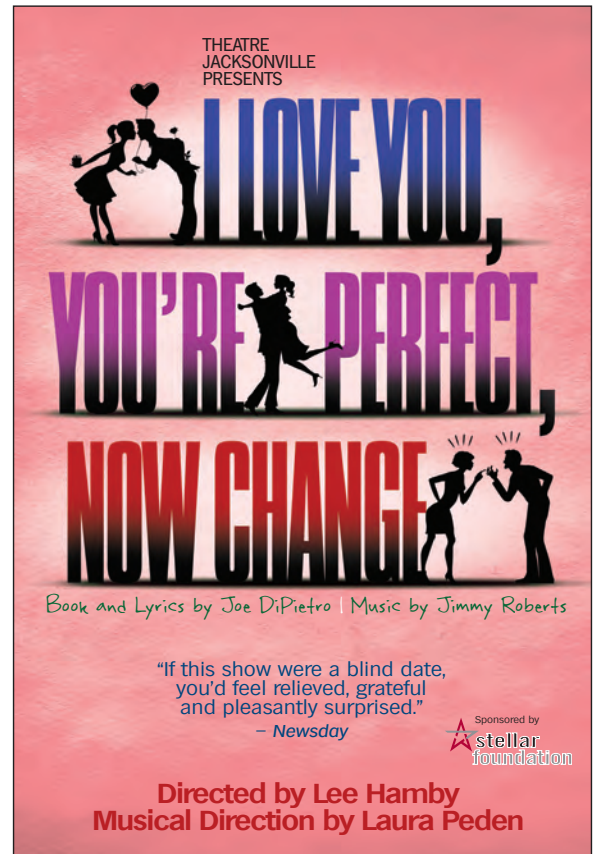
In a theatrical age of mammoth spectacles and brooding musical dramas *I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change* is a rollicking throwback to a nearly extinct theatrical genre: the musical comedy revue. With book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro and music by Jimmy Roberts, the show reinvigorates the revue by taking a hilarious and tuneful joyride through the dizzying spectrum of modern male-female relationships.

This celebration of the mating game takes on the truths and myths behind that contemporary conundrum know as "the relationship" and explores the journey from dating and waiting to love and marriage. It's a very funny tribute to those who have loved and lost, to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance, and to those who have dared to ask, "Say, what are you doing Saturday night?" When *I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change* opened off-Broadway, it was hailed by Gannett Newspapers as "Entirely winning! A show for real people about real people." The musical has been showcased in more than 250 cities worldwide including London, Tel Aviv, Amsterdam, Sydney, Seoul, Rio de Janeiro and Johannesburg. In addition to its enormous success, the Off-Broadway production was also the site of 50 marriage proposals!

Our talented cast includes **Michael Fritton, Kathy Sanders, Gary Baker, Keisha Marie Gill, Alejandro Rodriguez,** and **Nikki Spies.** The show is directed by **Lee Hamby** with musical direction by **Laura Peden.**

WE LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, BRING CHANGE!

Each performance of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* will be hosted by a local celebrity who will encourage their fans to donate spare "Change" (**OK, we'll take cash, credit cards and checks, too!**) as part of Theatre Jacksonville's Annual Campaign to raise much needed operating funds. At press time for this newsletter, confirmed celebrity hosts include **Nikki Preede Kimbleton** and **Bruce Hamilton** from WJXT-4, Gator Country's **Eden Kendall, Tracy Collins** from



**DEC. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11,
15, 16, 17, 2011**

All show times are Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets for individual shows are \$25. Tickets are available by calling 904-396-4425 or online at www.theatrejax.com.

Due to the festivities of Holiday Magic in San Marco Square, the performance originally scheduled for Saturday December 10 has been moved to Sunday December 11 at 7:00pm.

As always, there will be a complimentary pre-show reception for opening night ticket holders on December 2.

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Action News Jax and Jacksonville Magazine's **Natalie Wearstle.** Check out our facebook page for updates as more celebrities join the schedule. Which host can raise the most money??? Stay tuned on twitter, facebook and **theatrejax.com** for the big announcement at the end of the run.

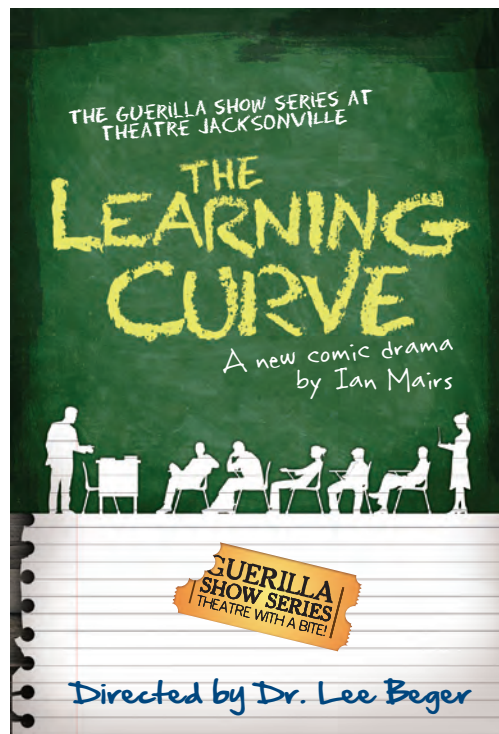


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**JAN. 20, 21, 22,
27, 28, 29, 2012**

Theatre Jacksonville's Guerilla Show Series continues **January 20 – 29** with the Jacksonville premiere of *The Learning Curve*, a new comic drama by **Ian Mairs** that explores the world of teaching. With an outstanding local cast led by director **Dr. Lee Beger**, *The Learning Curve* follows the journeys of teachers at all phases of their careers. The play features Mitch who has fled his depressing stint as a management trainee in search of a more meaningful existence and winds up with a dismal assignment: working as a long term substitute teacher to a particularly challenging set of high school students. *The Learning Curve* tracks his journey of daily setbacks and the occasional tiny victory as it charts one person's struggle to find his place in the world.

The Learning Curve was supported by an Arts Ventures grant from the Jacksonville Community Foundation in 2010 for development and received its first public reading at the Douglas Anderson Writer's Festival in the spring of 2010. The play was then given a workshop production

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LAST SCENES ON OUR STAGE...

WELFAREWELL
By Cat Delaney
Directed by Shirley Sacks



OUR TOWN
By Thornton Wilder
Directed by Andrew Dickson



AMERICAN BUFFALO
By David Mamet
Directed by Thomas Trauger



EDUCATION NEWS:

The Junior Mainstage Series kicks off its second year with

CHECK, PLEASE
by Jonathan Rand

Dating can be hard. Especially when your date happens to be a raging kleptomaniac, or your grandmother's bridge partner, or a foot reading psychic, or a mime. With *Check, Please*, follow Theatre Jacksonville's Jr. Mainstage Players through a series of blind dinner dates that couldn't get any worse – until they do. Keeping with the Jr. Mainstage tradition of thematically matching the concurrent Mainstage production, *Check, Please* is a hilarious counterpart to *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and has a talented cast of teenage actors and backstage crew from local Duval County Schools. Join us as we see if there is light at the end of the dating tunnel.

Performances are **December 17 at 2pm** and **December 18 at 5pm**. Tickets are \$10.

KIDS WORKSHOP – GET YOUR PUPPET ON!!:

Ages 6-10 years old
December 10, from 10:00 to 11:30am

Join **Stephanie Natale Frus** (Camp Theatre Jacksonville 2011 Instructor) and discover

the magical world of puppets! This exciting workshop will be an engaging preview of our Puppet Pals class that begins in February. Participants will work with their hands, bodies, and imaginations to create beginner level puppets based on Aesop's Fables to take home for future play. The workshop and February class are designed for young actors and no previous puppet experience is required.

Workshop fee is \$20.

FALL EDUCATION SHOWCASE

November 21, from 6:00 to 7:30pm

Come see what Theatre Jacksonville's Young Actors' Theatre students have been working on for the past few months. Students ages 7-17 perform scenes, monologues, improv sketches, and a short one act play for family and friends as a final showcase of their 12 weeks of hard work. **Admission is free.**

REGISTER NOW FOR WINTER CLASSES!

After the holidays, Adult and Youth classes will again be getting underway. It's not too late to register your child, or even take a class yourself! **Classes begin January 15.** Please visit us online at www.theatrejax.com to see full class descriptions, dates, times and fees.



FOOD DRIVE SCORES FOR CLARA WHITE MISSION

As part of October's run of *Welfarewell*, Theatre Jacksonville hosted a food drive for the **Clara White Mission**. A very special thank you to all our patrons who donated much needed food for Clara White just in time for the holiday season!



THEATRE JAX GETS GREENER

Theatre Jax goes green with a rainbow of colors for *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. **Thanks to a generous grant from the Harold K Smith Playhouse Endowment at the Community Foundation**, audiences will see our stage transformed by recently installed energy efficient LED stage lights and a new lighting control board. Not only are we keeping up with theatrical industry artistic and technological standards, we're reducing our carbon footprint, not to mention taking a load off our electric bill! It's a win-win for everyone.

Technical Director **Jeff Wagoner** and volunteer **Gary Swallow** working with new light board.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Dec. 6 @ 6:00 pm

AUDITIONS FOR: Night of January 16th

By Ayn Rand
Performance dates: March 2 - 17
Directed by Michelle Svenson Simkulet

Go to www.theatrejax.com for more information.

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two of the following
shows (four tickets total):

Night of January 16th (March 2 - 17)
Twentieth Century (April 20 - May 5)
Hot Mikado (June 8 - 23)

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