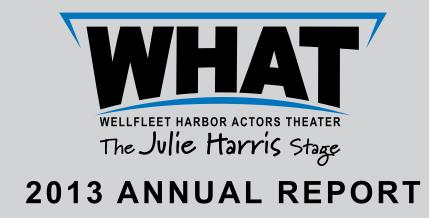
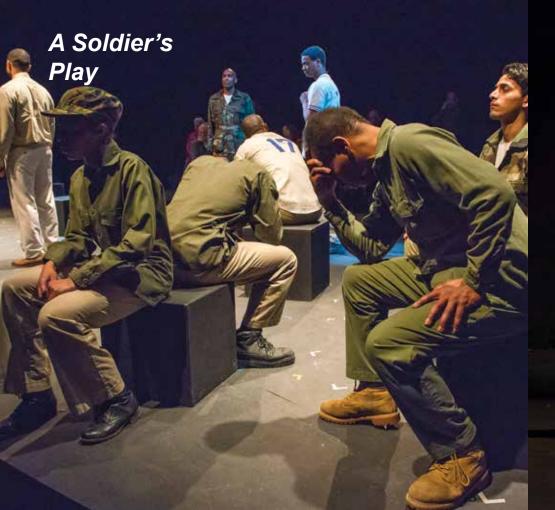




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Dear Friends of WHAT,

Without question, this has been an amazing year for WHAT and we are pleased to send this annual report celebrating a great 2013 and setting the stage for a bright future.

In 2013, we provided theater goers with a national premiere, a world premiere WHAT adaptation, a new comedy with star power and a Tennessee Williams classic. Also, we hosted a number of successful collaborations, partnered with other non-profits, and presented our 13th What for Kids season. The WHAT internship program continues to be a growing success as we send young professionals out into the world to begin their careers. This season our resident stage manager, multi-media specialist, and assistant Technical Director all graduated from our intern program. Casey Blackwell, an intern with us during 2013 has been accepted in the professional internship program at Julliard.

Key accomplishments during 2013 have prepared us for a successful future. We are happy to report that the completion of necessary repairs to the building have been completed, operational improvements regarding accountability and reporting are in place and we continue to rebuild relationships with key supporters from the past.

These actions, along with many others, provide us with the correct footing to embark upon a capital campaign to become a sustainable business. Recently we secured a four year pledge which provides the seed to begin our recovery. With an objective to raise \$3.5 million over the next four years we can secure a permanent structure for the WHAT for Kids program and the community at large, an annual scholarship named after Julie Harris for a local high school graduate pursuing a career in theater, build a strong endowment, and reduce our significant mortgages.

We are steps away from continued sustainability with the continuation of bold efforts internally and a successful capital campaign. WHAT will continue to offer professional quality theater, and work to enhance the quality of life for all Cape residents. We thank you for being a strong part of all we do.

Sincerely, Jeffry George **Executive Director**



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Collaborations and

Over the last year we have hosted events for and collaborated

with organizations including Am HaYam Cape Havurah, Cape

Cod Chamber Music Festival, Cape Cod Institute, Mass Audu-

bon, SPAT, Tennessee Williams Festival, WCAI, and Wellfleet

Democratic Committee. We hosted visiting companies Peregrine

Theatre Ensemble (Blithe Spirit), Roxbury Repertory Theater (A

Soldier's Play), staged readings from TC Squared (Qui' Mo Chic)

celebrated Día de Muertos with two concerts by Sol y Canto. We

and playwright Wendy Kesselman (Two Daughters 1789), and

raised money for our neighbors at the 6th annual Yule for Fuel,

and for WHAT at a special performance by Lewis Black.

Events at WHAT











2013 Season







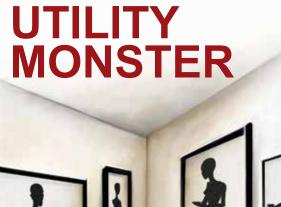








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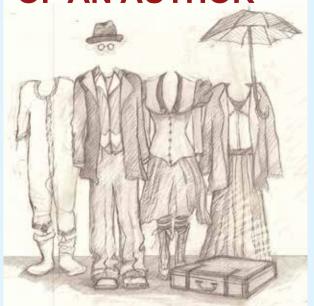




by Marina Keegan Dan Lombardo, Director

World Premiere WHAT Adaptation

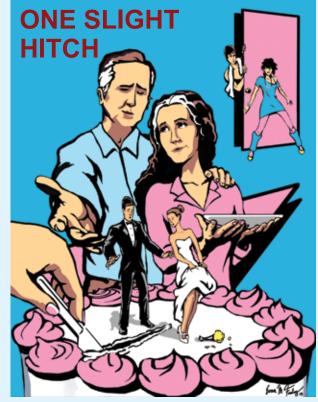
SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR



by Luigi Pirandello Adapted by Matt Foss with Dan Lombardo Dan Lombardo, Director

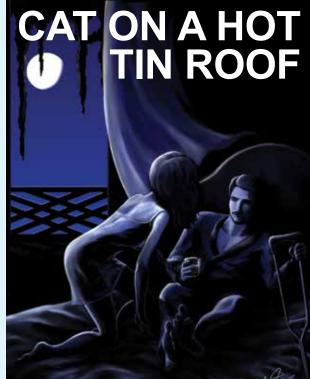
A New Comedy with Star Power

Coro de Entrevoces



by Lewis Black With stage, TV, and film stars Mark Linn-Baker and Lizbeth MacKay. Joe Grifasi, Director

A Tennessee Williams Classic



by Tennessee Williams Elizabeth Falk, Director

2013 WHAT SPECIAL EVENTS



Requiem with Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary



Jazzical Fusion with Martin Piecuch, woodwinds; Regan Ryzuk, piano;





Andre Gregory: **Before and After Dinner** A Cindy Kleine Film Andre Gregory and Cindy Kleine in person for this Benefit Screening for WHAT

Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin

The Nose

2013 Season

Puccini's Tosca

Verdi's Falstaff

Dvořák's Rusalka

Prince Igor Massenet's

Werther Puccini's

La Bohème

Mozart's Così fan tutte

Rossini's La Cenerentola

Hosted by Stephen Russell, Yule for Fuel is four consecutive Saturdays of music, merriment and mirth, benefiting the Lower Cape Outreach Council and Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC). Musicians, writers, entertainers and more come together, donating their time and talent to help keep their neighbors warm over the holidays and beyond. Yule for Fuel is generously sponsored by Cape Cod Oil, Eastham Discount Oil, Marcey Oil, Snows Fuel Company and WOMR. Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater gives thunderous applause and huge thanks to all the talent over the years that has made this community event great.

Lewis Black was at WHAT

Lewis Black, two-time Grammy Award-winning comic who has been a regular commentator on "The Daily Show," brought his talent to the Julie Harris stage for a special benefit for WHAT. He has done six Comedy Central specials, two for HBO, and two for Epix that he self-produced: "Stark Raving Black" and "In God We Rust."





WHAT for Kids







rendering: John Freeman

Imagine, if you will, a new permanent WHAT for Kids structure where the Wellfleet community can gather as they prepare for the summer season and where they can hold celebrations in the fall. Imagine utilizing our beautiful building, completed in 2007, by providing educational programming of productions that begin here and travel to schools, and schools coming to us. Picture a theater that reflects and enhances the Outer Cape community. A go-to destination for all who love theater. Imagine!

WHAT for Kids

Rising to the occasion

What you see at WHAT for Kids is an original play written and directed by Stephen Russell, performed by novice and professional actors, and designed to entertain the whole family. What we see is an amazing amount of growth.

Our production interns, who do such a great job building sets for the Julie Harris Stage, have an opportunity to take the lead on designing what you see in the WHAT for Kids tent. For instance, Anne Miggins designed costumes for Puss in Boots as an intern, and then stayed to design costumes for Daisy Crockett, Frontiersperson!, Sleeping Beauty and several main stage productions. WHAT's assistant technical director, Jack Golden, built last year's set as an intern and this year is design the 2014 production of Surfside Snoops..

Our stage manager, Pearl Kerber, started by passing out programs as a volunteer one summer. This year, she returns to WHAT for her sixth season, following a stage management internship at the Denver Center Theater Company (part of the Denver Center for Performing Arts). "I believe that stage managing WHAT for Kids shows for multiple seasons has helped me become more independent as a stage manager and has given me more confidence in my work," she said. "Without working for WHAT for Kids, I would not be where I am today in my theater career."

On stage, you will see familiar faces from year to year, as well as a few new ones. "I like the tidal nature of the program," Stephen Russell says, "how people flow in and flow out. It's fun watching them grow with the company." Actors who have come through and moved on include professional working actors Holly Erin McCarthy, Amanda Collins, and Dakota Shepard.

The company performs 32 shows in July and August – a commitment that trims down the number of people who show up for auditions, which is fine since Stephen has a very clear idea of what he's looking for in his actors. "There's a certain kind of kid who responds to what we're doing," he said. "It's the quiet ones. The ones sitting in the corner reading a book. Those kids really intrigue me and they often have this untapped reservoir of talent that's fun to bring out."

The 32-show run allows the whole company to learn and grow, Stephen concluded. "You get to go really deep with it," he said. "It helps you figure out what an audience is going to want to see." New cast members join seasoned cast members, quickly forming a close company. Some come back year after year, but for many, there's a natural progression to college or other companies, taking the confidence instilled by a long run of summer theater with them.

"Whatever they end up doing," Stephen says of all involved, "they tend to do well at it."

WHAT Internship

Program

In December, six months prior to the start of the summer season, we cast a wide net searching for college students and emerging professionals who are eager to deepen their education and sharpen their theatrical and administrative skills in a professional environment. During the summer WHAT hires ten interns to work in all areas of the theater. We believe that all thespians should be masters in their own field and understand and support their co-workers in each department. As such, all interns receive on the job training in their field, plus cross-training from production to administration and front-of-house. Their contribution to the theater is immense, as is the work experience they come away with.

In addition to their responsibilities as part of our team, interns participate in entrance and exit interviews, are required to keep a weekly journal and complete a self-evaluation at the end of their experience. Interns are also required to participate in weekly interactive professional development seminars. Some of our professional development topics include:

2013 interns Nathaniel Lamkin, Jack Golden, Sarah Kachel, Jamaica Jarvis, Sophie Nahrmann, Lewis Black, Casey Blackbird, Kalie Scanlan, Mia Rocchio

Creative Problem Solving: The Power of **Unconventional Thinking**

- A Case Study on Creating
- **Exploration of Three Dimensional Space: Creating** a Theatrical Environment
- God I Hope I Get It: Creating a Theatrical Resume, Portfolio, and Headshot
- Crafting Light and Shadow: The Role of the Lighting

What to do after WHAT:

- A conversation with former interns on taking that
- Taking the Show on the Road: The Logistics of a **Touring Production**
- But What I Really Want to do is Direct: A Conversation with a Director



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EXPENSES

\$908,209 Program General Admin. & Fundraising \$598,794

Total Expenses \$1,507,003

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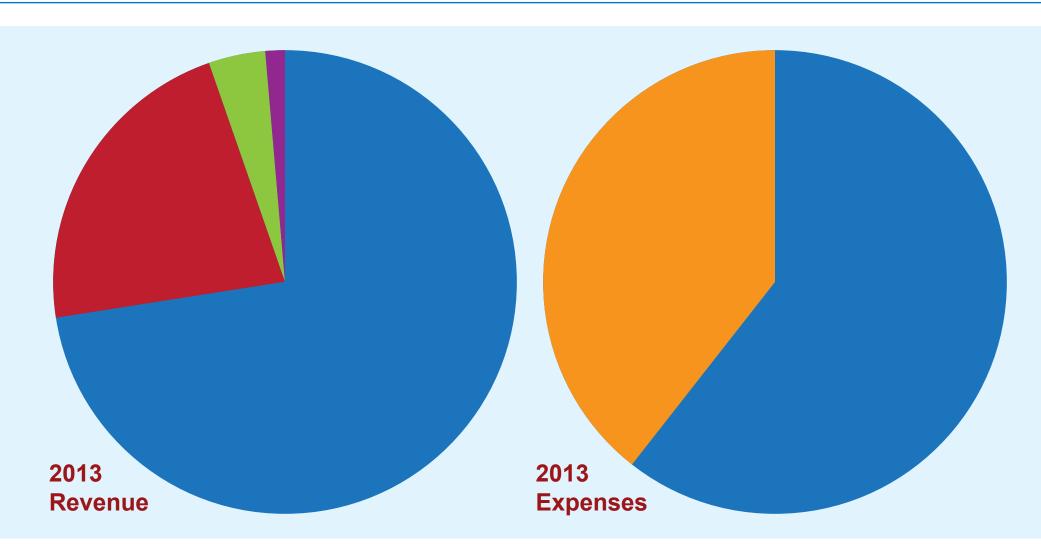
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Dear WHAT community:

This season is truly something to celebrate. Not only does it mark 30 years of professional quality theater for our audience, but it ushers in an era of solidarity, direction and stability within the company.

In 2013 our total net ticket sales increased by 13%. Our total number of individual tickets sold increased by 10%. During that calendar year, nearly 3,000 new patrons crossed our threshold This is what happens when we all pull in the same direction. The theater is sounder than it's ever been, operating

in the black for the first time in many years, while partnering with local organizations and offering more free programming than ever. The theater continues to take seriously its role in the year-round community, providing facilities and programming for not only summer visitors but year-round residents. With all that said, we still have a very long way to go to support our beautiful building, so the Board of Trustees

recently adopted a \$3.5 million Capitol Campaign to bring WHAT into a sustainable business model. These funds go to support needed repairs and updating, the replacement of the WHAT for Kids tent with a more suitable structure, the reduction of our mortgages, and an endowment to partially fund a scholarship program in honor of Julie Harris.

In addition to this commitment, last year we hired a strategic consultant to help us map out a long range plan. The board is energized by this opportunity to move forward, building on the history and foundation we have earned. As a result, five year budgetary goals were adopted, where a healthy financial outcome in 2019 has been predicted.

The board was also happy to add to its membership this year with four new trustees: Gerald Garnick, Kai Maristed, Michelle McClennen and Donna Ward. We will continue to expand the board this year, seeking professionals to volunteer their time in the areas of marketing, fundraising, legal counsel and community outreach.

Finally, at the end of the day, "the play's the thing." We met with critical success last year and have started this season with more glowing reviews. During our entire history, one of our staunchest supporters was Julie Harris, who generously gave of herself to the theater community on the Cape and allowed us to name our stage after her. We will be celebrating her life and legacy on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, with an over-the-top gala southern barbecue by director, playwright and pitmaster, John Markus.

We hope you will join us then, and we thank you for joining us now. We couldn't do this without you.

Very truly yours. Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater **Board of Trustees**



Artistic

Leadership

Transitions in any institution are never easy, but during FY12 and FY13, Artistic Director Dan Lombardo rose to the challenge by providing the artistic grounding the organization needed. During FY13 he led the artistic charge by choosing the season, casting the plays and then directing UTILITY MONSTER and SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR. He also brought in Broadway and film stars Mark Linn-Baker and Keir Dullea. Broadway star Mia Dillon, Keir's wife, also graced our stage. Lewis Black appeared at WHAT because of Dan's contributions. Over the years Dan brought forth the WHAT Lab, presenting two new works in FY13, his adaptation of SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR and FILMING O'KEEFFE. SIX CHARACTERS was so well received that it became part of the 2013 summer season. In the fall of 2013, TC Squared Theatre Company, comprised of young, at-risk actors from Boston, returned to WHAT for further development of QUI' MO CHIC. It was a sad day when Dan stepped down in September of 2013 to pursue his directing career. We are grateful for his many contributions.



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WHAT Mission Statement

The Mission of Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater is to present professional quality theater to its audiences; to provide an alternative theater experience not found elsewhere in the region; to advance and preserve the art of the theater for the education and appreciation of the public.

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Previews May 22, 23 Runs May 24-June 21

Thursdays - Mondays at 8pm

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The Trials of Gertrude Camera Moody



Written by Kimberly Burke Directed by Jef Hall-Flavin

Previews June 26, 27 Runs June 28 - July 19

Thursdays - Mondays at 8pm

A Tribute to Julie I Am A



Written by John Van Druten Adapted from "The Berlin Stories" by Christopher Isherwood Directed by Caitlin Langstaff

Previews July 24, 25 Runs July 26-August 23

Wednesdays - Mondays at 8pm

A New Social Comedy

The Fabulous Period of **Lipitones**



Written by John Markus and Mark St. Germain Directed by John Markus

Previews August 28, 29 Runs August 30-Sept 21

Thursdays - Mondays at 8pm

The Tennessee Williams Relationship Continues

Adjustment



Written by Tennessee Williams Directed by Michael Unger

and at the Tennessee Williams Festival in Provincetown Sept 26-28

FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS!

2014 Summer Tuesday and Wednesday nights in July

▼ Tuesday, July 1, 8pm George Gritzbach **Blues Band Concert**

& CD Release

Wednesday, July 2,



Tuesday, July 8, 8pm An evening of Cabaret with Singer/ Songwriter **Krisanthi Pappas Y**With a special appearance by **Edwige Yinglin**



8pm Cape Cod Chambei



8pm An evening of



Big Band Music with Stage Door Canteen

WHAT for Kids

The Surfside **Snoops and** the Ghost of **Great Island**



Mondays through Thursdays, July 7 to August 28, 7:30pm

A ghost of a pirate is terrorizing visitors to Great Island, lobbing cannonballs at boats in the harbor and threatening to deep six the proposed development of a multi-billion dollar resort and housing complex. Who's behind these terrifying apparitions? One thing is certain: evil is stalking and it seems only the Surfside Snoops can bring it to bay.

The Julie Harris Display

May through September Featuring memorabilia about Julie's career and connection to the many theatrical organizations on Cape Cod.

Julie Harris Film Festival

Tuesdays in August

August 5, 8pm Member of the Wedding / August 12, 8pm East of Eden August 19, 8pm The Hiding Place