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Celebrating 13 years of **Award-Winning Regional Theatre**, Florida Rep is a fully professional theatre company located in the heart of the Fort Myers River District that produces a wide variety of comedies, dramas and musicals. Performing in the newly renovated **Historic Arcade Theatre**, Florida Rep brings more than 70,000 people to the River District annually throughout its October to May season. Florida Rep is the only theatre company of its caliber in Southwest Florida, and was recently praised nationally by **The Wall Street Journal** as one of the “**Best of 2009.**” In February 2010 acclaimed Drama Critic, Terry Teachout, said that **Florida Rep** “**Sets the bar high,**” and in 2009 called Florida Rep’s work “**Profoundly Satisfying,**” and told America to “**Make haste to Fort Myers, where the weather is warm and the theater fine!**”

Lucky Season Thirteen • 2010-2011

Noises Off

By Michael Frayn

October 26 – November 20

Over a million people have wept with laughter at *Noises Off*, arguably the best farce ever written. This sidesplitting comic romp is actually two plays for the price of one and follows the hilarious exploits of a hapless theatre troupe trying to mount a sex farce, *Nothing On*. While that’s happening on-stage, a real-life farce unfolds backstage as actors come and go (usually at the wrong time and through the wrong doors) and off-stage assignments lead to on-stage chaos. From first rehearsal to final performance the delirium never ends.

The Funniest Play Ever Written! Revival of Florida Rep’s 1998 Inaugural Production!

Gaslight

By Patrick Hamilton

November 30 – December 19

Set in fog-bound London in 1880, *Gaslight* is an edge-of-your-seat psychological thriller that tells the story of the Mannings of Angel Street. Under the guise of kindness, the handsome Mr. Manningham is torturing his wife into insanity in hopes of ultimately disposing of her and getting away with murder. One of the longest running plays in Broadway history, *Gaslight* is the perfect Victorian-era thriller full of intrigue, treachery and good, old-fashioned melodramatic fun.

A Classic Psychological Thriller!

The Santaland Diaries

By David Sedaris • Adapted by Joe Mantello

In the Florida Rep Studio Theatre • Not included in a Subscription Series.

December 9 – 23

Crumpet the Elf is back for another season of mischief. This Christmas, Florida Rep audiences can again treat themselves to this thorny comedy by acclaimed satirist, David Sedaris. *The Santaland Diaries* exposes the underside of Santa’s workshop when David, a down and out-of-work cynical writer, desperately takes a job as Macy’s elf during the holiday crunch.

“More Naughty Than Nice” *News-Press* • “Delightfully Subversive” *Florida Weekly*

Sylvia

By A.R.Gurney

January 4 – 23

Greg and Kate, two recent empty nesters, have moved to Manhattan after twenty-two years of blissful suburban life. Greg's career is winding down, while Kate's is taking off. But when Greg brings home a frisky, young blonde (a dog named Sylvia), she becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife. From the author of *The Middle Ages* and *A Cocktail Hour*, *Sylvia* is a witty & touching look at what happens to one couple (and their dog) as they face the uncertainty of becoming middle-aged. *Sylvia* is a hilarious and intelligent comedy about a man, his wife and the street-smart mutt who puts their marriage in the doghouse.

A Laugh-Out-Loud Comedy! Witty & Intelligent!

Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*

Adapted by Patrick Barlow • From the novel by John Buchan

February 1 – 26

Still running in New York, *The 39 Steps* took Broadway by storm in 2008 and became an instant sensation across the country. Mix an Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have *The 39 Steps*, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre. This two-time Tony-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by just four actors), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance.

NEW Tony-Winning Comedy! Where Hitchcock Meets Hilarious!

*The Lady with All the Answers**

By David Rambo • Drawn from the life and letters of Ann Landers with the cooperation of Margo Howard
In the Florida Rep Studio Theatre • Included in a Subscription Series.

February 10 – 26

“Dear Ann Landers...” For decades, renowned advice columnist Ann Landers answered countless letters from lovelorn teens, confused couples and a multitude of others in need of advice, regaling her readers with direct, insightful and often humorously honest columns. In an ironic twist of events, she suddenly finds herself with a deadline looming for a column on a new kind of heartbreak: her own. Drawn from Ms. Landers life and letters, *The Lady with All the Answers* is as much a look at ourselves as it is an entertaining visit with the wise, funny, no-nonsense woman who helped shape the social and sexual landscapes of the last half century.

A Touchingly Comic Story about the Life and Letters of Ann Landers!

August: Osage County

By Tracy Letts

March 8 – 27

The most honored and critically acclaimed play of the last decade, this comedy-drama will electrify audiences with its thrilling story, twisted dark comedy and scathingly intelligent writing. *August: Osage County* is a darkly comic and terrifyingly real play about a father who disappears, a mother caught in the grip of addiction, a marriage unraveling and a family approaching total meltdown. The New York Post called it “enormously funny.” **Please Note: *August: Osage County* is a gritty and award-winning drama that delights in its very adult content, mature language and dramatic situations. It is the kind of play you will never forget, but is not recommended for the easily offended.**

Pulitzer Prize & Multiple Tony Winning BEST PLAY!

Miracle on South Division Street

By Tom Dudzick

April 5 – 24

According to family legend, there was a miracle on South Division Street when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in one man's barbershop. Ever since that day, the Nowak family grew up thinking they were special. Now, Clara Nowak and her children will have their faith shaken when a deathbed confession changes everything. *Miracle on South Division Street* is a touching, heartfelt and hilarious new comedy from the author of previous Florida Rep hits, *Greetings!* and *Over the Tavern*.

A Miraculous NEW Comedy from the author of Greetings!

The Devil's Music*

The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith

By Angelo Parra

May 3 – 22

Sexy and racy, Blues singer Bessie Smith was the definition of a Red Hot Mamma and the most successful entertainer of her time. On the eve of her tragic and controversial death in 1937, Bessie takes center stage in a Memphis "buffet flat," having walked out of the whites-only theatre where she was to perform earlier that evening. Now, among friends, she tells the story of her amazing life, career, her loves and losses. Put your troubles aside, and soak up the blues as the Bessie Smith comes to life and sings the songs that made her so unforgettable including *St. Louis Blues*, *Need a Little Sugar in my Bowl* and *Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out*.

A Blues Sensation! A Sexy Musical Treat!

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Preview Subscription Series

Florida Rep's preview subscription series proved wildly successful when introduced this season. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 pm and on Wednesday at 2 pm, before the regular run of each show opens, you can continue to score greatly discounted subscription pricing, particularly attractive to working families and the most budget conscious patrons. **WARNING: This series virtually sold out last season, so secure your tickets today by subscribing NOW!**

Great Theatre in the Florida Rep Studio

This season in our NEW Studio Theatre, Florida Rep will produce two shows simultaneously during the months of December and February. Season Thirteen's 8-Show subscribers can enjoy *The Lady with All the Answers* as part of this subscription series and/or add on *The Santaland Diaries* (if they missed it or want to see it again) at greatly reduced prices during the month of December.

Your Time to ACT!

Call (239) 332-4488 and speak with our Box Office staff to subscribe, or **fill out the form included**, and **mail to: P.O. Box 2483, Fort Myers, FL 33902**, or **fax to: (239) 332-1808**, and we'll call you to confirm your subscription. We will happily mail your tickets to you after August 1. Please note that if your summer address differs, fill in the portion of the form that includes your other address.