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Re: Theatrical Notice

THE BAYOU PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS SEASON 4

WAITING AROUND – Oct. 7 – 30, 2011

A TUNA CHRISTMAS – Nov. 25 – Dec. 18, 2011

STEEL MAGNOLIAS – Jan. 13 – Feb. 12, 2012

The return of OKRA – May 11 – June 10, 2012

(Lockport) The BAYOU Playhouse announces its 4th Season of theatrical offerings filled with musicals, comedies, classics and returning favorites. The BAYOU Playhouse opened its premiere season in 2008 and has established itself as the only non-profit professional theatre south of New Orleans. It is also the only theatre in the state with a primary mission to present Louisiana-themed plays, as well as community stories and musical events- all in a down-on-the-Bayou setting. Since its premier opening of the Off-Broadway preview production of *Mirrors of Chartres' Street*, the BAYOU Playhouse has entertained over 20,000 patrons from Grand Isle to New Orleans to Germany. Over the last three years, the Playhouse has produced and presented over 40 productions including mainstage theatrical performances, musical cabarets, standup comedy nights, play readings, a music concert series, and film festivals. Many of the Playhouse patrons are introduced to live theatre for the very first time when attending Playhouse productions.

Topping the bill of Season 4 is the Off-Broadway revival of *Waiting Around, the Restaurant Musical*. This hilarious musical comedy about waiting tables in the French Quarter was originally presented as *The Black and White Blues* at the well-known Le Chat Noir in New Orleans. "Only a handful of plays have made it from the Big Easy to the Big Apple and we are exciting to have one of the best come to our stage," said Bayou Playhouse Artistic Director Perry Martin. "We were interested in presenting our first full musical when Music Composer Harry Mayronne, Jr. , and Playwright Ricky Graham offered the rights to us. This season will bring actors from around the country as well as more New Orleans celebrities and local favorites to the Bayou Playhouse." *Waiting Around will run from October 7 through October 30, 2011. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday nights at 8PM and Sundays at 2:30PM.*

**SEASON 4'S REMAINING OFFERINGS ARE AN EXCITING MIX OF THEATRICAL
PERFORMANCES INCLUDING:**

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A TUNA CHRISTMAS (NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 18, 2011)

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30PM, Sundays at 2:30PM

Staring Playhouse Company Members Liam Kraus (*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*) and Travis Resor (*A Confederacy of Dunces*). Two actors play the entire cast of over twenty eccentric characters of both genders and various ages in this raucous comedy about the fictional town of Tuna, Texas, the "third-smallest" town in the state. This Christmas comedy brings the best (and funniest!) of Southern culture to the Playhouse stage.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (JANUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 12, 2011)

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30PM, Sundays at 2:30PM

Take a trip to Truvy's beauty parlor in this classic comedy–drama about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. As the title suggests the "female characters are as delicate as magnolias but as tough as steel".

OKRA, A CAJUN COMEDY (MAY 11 – JUNE 10, 2012)

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30PM, Sundays at 2:30PM

Back by popular demand! Don't miss this encore performance of a Playhouse favorite!! Winner of the 2004 Bay Area Theatre Critic's Circle Award for Best Original Script. Hot steamy nights, food from heaven and a mother from hell! OKRA takes a comical look at the never-ending question – What is stronger in the Cajun mother/daughter relationship: love or loathing?

Besides the four mainstage productions, the BAYOU Playhouse will present a variety of non-season special events including more comedy nights, play readings, a summer children theatre programs, special events and a CD release party for the latest release of the musical anthology of Leroy Martin, famed Louisiana musician and the father of Bayou Playhouse Artistic Director Perry Martin. "This is an exciting evening for me considering he's my father and I grew up surrounded by all the songs that are release in this 2-CD set," said Perry. "We're gathering many of the artists who recorded with Dad through the years to jam on stage. It'll be a party of musical legends."

Now more than ever, we as a people, a community, and a culture need to remember who we are, where we came from, and what wonderful history we've yet to make. The BAYOU Playhouse continues our pledge to present powerful stories about our heritage passed down through generations and will bring to the stage the exciting stories yet to be told.

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The BAYOU Playhouse, is located at 101 Main Street, in the bayou town of Lockport, Louisiana. The Playhouse is located a short drive from Houma and Thibodaux and just an hour's drive from Downtown New Orleans. *Tickets for all season shows are \$23 in advance online or \$25 at the door.* For ticket purchase, season subscriptions, corporate sponsorship or other information about the BAYOU Playhouse, visit www.bayouplayhouse.com or call Cindy at 1-888-99-BAYOU (22968).

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The Bayou Playhouse welcomes you down on the Bayou!

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