

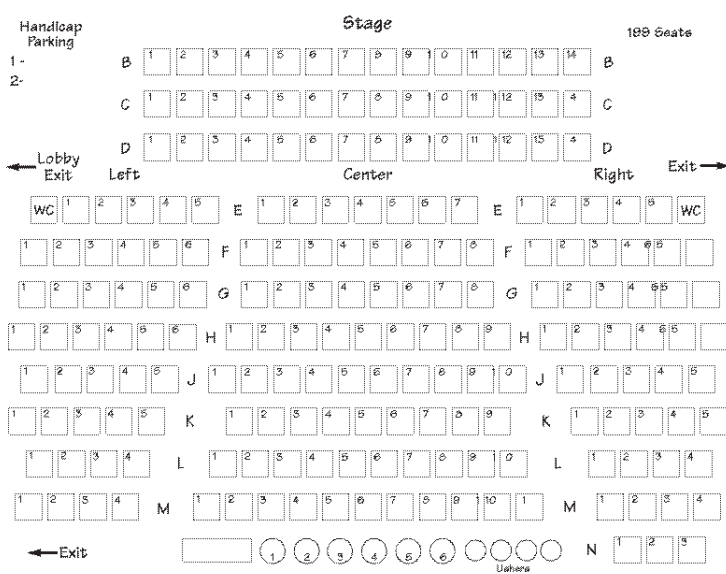


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## Seating Chart



Workshop Theatre encourages you to dine at one of our fine local restaurants before or after the show. Below is a sample listing for your convenience. Hospitality taxes collected by Midlands restaurants support Workshop's building fund drive and programs.

Andy's Deli	799-2639
Blue Marlin	799-3838
Bull Market Restaurant & Tavern	343-2855
California Dreaming	254-6767
Carolina Wings	256-8844
City Cafe & Bakery, Inc.	252-1133
Dianne's on Devine	254-3535
DiPrato's	779-0606
Doc's Gumbo Grille	256-4440
Garden Bistro	933-9085
Garibaldi's	771-8888
Gervais & Vine Wine & Tapas Bar	799-8463
Goatfeathers	256-3325
Hampton St. Vineyard	252-0850
Harper's	252-2222
Hennessy's	799-8280
Hunter-Gatherer Brewery & Ale House	748-0540
Lizard's Thicket, Elmwood	779-6407
M Café	779-5788
MacDougall's Restaurant & Bar	779-6400
Motor Supply	256-6687
Mr. Friendly's	254-7828
Nonnah's	779-9599
Ristorante Divino	799-4550
Saluda's	799-9500
Tony's Pizza	779-3000
Villa Tronco	256-7677
Yesterday's Restaurant & Tavern	799-0196

# Shop talk

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## Will 'Love!' conquer all?

Workshop Theatre proudly presents *Love! Valour! Compassion!*

Workshop Theatre is very proud to bring another masterwork by award-winning playwright Terrance McNally to the stage. In *Love! Valour! Compassion!* we meet eight gay men over a year as they vacation together at the home of one of their longtime friends. Wrapped around these holidays are infidelity, soul-searching, humor, bitterness, newfound love and even death. Oh yeah – and did we mention skinny dipping and a cross-dressing version of Swan Lake tossed in?



multiple Tony Awards, including Best Actor and Best Play, and was then adapted into a wide-release movie. In both versions the central themes of relationships and the little things that divide us – or bind us – are clear. There are fine lines between love and hate, success and failure, and our own capacity to forgive that make for great themes in the show. McNally also asks us to question relationships of all kinds and begin to see how friends can become family and even the ones you hate are the ones you can sometimes always count on.

The story focuses on the host, Gregory (Park Bucker), a very successful choreographer facing getting older and possible loss of creativity, and his lover Bobby (Hunter Bolton), a legal assistant who has been blind since birth. Joining them at their home are Arthur (Clint Clayborn) and Perry (Stann Gwynn), a longtime couple who have faced their own relationship challenges, but never know where the next obstacle might come from. John Jeckyll (Paul Kaufmann), Gregory's very bitter rehearsal pianist, brings a very attractive, very uninhibited dancer, Ramon (Lanny Spires), as his "special" guest for the weekend, which throws a very different, very HOT element into the weekends. Winding up this unusual crew is Buzz Hauser (Clint Poston), a true Broadway Baby if there ever was one, as outspoken and flamboyant as his wardrobe – Buzz is never one to mince words.

*Love! Valour! Compassion!* debuted off-Broadway in 1994 and then moved to Broadway with veteran actors Nathan Lane, Stephen Spinella and John Glover. The play went on to win

### Early start!

Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Workshop director Scott Blanks (*Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, *Amadeus*, and *Ragtime*) weaves together all of these elements to make a dazzling night of theatre sure to delight all audiences. Scenic Designer Randy Strange is constructing the perfect set for all of our many locales, and Barry Sparks will tackle the intricate lighting necessary for this subtle piece.

The show is presented in THREE ACTS with TWO INTERMISSIONS. Due to the length of the show all evening performances, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, will begin at 7:30 PM and SUNDAY at 3:00 PM.

*Love! Valour! Compassion!* is proudly sponsored by Agape Senior, Hubbard Bowers Real Estate, Robert Barnes and Jerry Kelly, and Wil Sligh.

Due to mature themes, adult content and nudity, this show is for mature audiences only and is not suitable for patrons under the age of 18.

Show Dates: March 19-20, 24-28, 31, April 1-3, 2010

Show Times: 7:30 pm nightly except March 28, which is at 3 pm

Prices: \$18 for adults; \$15 for seniors/military; \$12 for students

Box Office Hours: Noon to 5:30 pm beginning Wednesday, March 10 for members; Monday, March 15 for all others.  
803-799-6551

Priority for filling orders:

- 1) 2009-2010 Members who send in orders by mail.
- 2) 2009-2010 Members may reserve online, call or come to the theatre box office beginning March 10, noon to 5:30.
- 3) Non-members who send in orders by mail.
- 4) Non-members may reserve online, call or come to the theatre starting March 15, noon to 5:30.

Tickets are available online at [www.workshoptheatre.com](http://www.workshoptheatre.com)

Online orders occur in real time 24 hours a day after the initial start time.

# White Elephant Sale needs your donations

Once again, the Friends of Workshop Theatre will be holding their Spring White Elephant Sale. As usual, this sale is driven not only by your treasured contributions, but also by you buying other people's treasures.

The sale will include plants contributed by some of our volunteers.

The Friends will be accepting contributions April 5-9, from noon to 5 p.m., in the lobby of Workshop Theatre.

The proceeds earned from the White



**Saturday, April 10**  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
at Workshop Theatre

Elephant Sale help drive many of the projects of the Friends of Workshop Theatre. These projects include thank-you notes for the cast and crew of each show, and some improvement projects around the current theatre while Workshop makes efforts to move to a new location.

Come early to the Workshop Theatre lobby on Saturday, April 10, if you want to get the best deals. The White Elephant Sale will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Sexauer at 790-2823.

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**OUR LOCATION:**  
1136 Bull Street

**OUR PHONE:**  
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**BOX OFFICE HOURS:**  
Noon-5:30 Mon-Fri  
(Saturdays during run of show only)

**BOX OFFICE OPENS:**  
March 10 for members  
March 15 for all others

**PRICES:**  
Adults - \$18  
Seniors/Military - \$15  
Student - \$12

## Love! Valour! Compassion!

Ticket Order Form

**PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES:** March 19-20, 24-28, 31, April 1-3, 2010  
Evenings 7:30 pm; Sunday 3 pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reservation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seating Preference: 1st \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Members @ \$0 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$18 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Seniors/Military @ \$15 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Students @ \$12 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ No children due to mature themes ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Total ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

March						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3

In addition to my ticket order, I would like to enclose an additional gift to Workshop Theatre in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which I understand is 100% tax deductible.

I have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or please charge my  
MC/Visa/AMEX Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ v-code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to Workshop Theatre Box Office, PO Box 11555, Columbia, SC 29211. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want the tickets mailed to you; otherwise, they'll be held at the box office for you.

## 2010-2011 Season lineup

The Workshop Theatre Board of Trustees is excited to announce the 2010-2011 membership season.

*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

*A Few Good Men*

*Sealed for Freshness: A Tupperware Party Gone Awry*

*Victor/Victoria*

*SHOUT! The Mod Musical*

Non-season 2010 summer show  
*Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*

## OPENING NIGHT PARTY KICKS OFF UNDER THE TENT

A warm tent, great food and cold beverages added to the opening night fun after *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* kicked off its run on January 29.

Special thanks to Scott Hall and Corley Mill for their hard work in catering this event and Celebrations for the tent. A good time was had by all under the tent!



## Thumbs Up...

Congratulations to *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* for a wonderful run. The show enjoyed full houses, including a four-day holdover, and even withstood a rare Columbia snow storm! Thanks to the cast, crew and volunteers for helping make this show a success.

## 'Cowboy Frank' lends a hand, and a hat, for Capital Campaign fundraising

Frank Rose generously pitched in during intermission of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* to help raise money for Workshop Theatre's Capital Campaign — Building the Next Stage.

"Cowboy Frank" passed the cowboy hat during the run to raise money toward a \$150,000 matching-funds grant. Donations and pledges are still welcome. Since it is a matching-funds grant, every dollar you give counts as two.

If you would like to make a donation or pledge toward the Capital Campaign, it's not too late! Mail your tax-



deductible contribution to Workshop Theatre, PO Box 11555, Columbia, SC 29211, or call 799-4876 for more information.

## Next Up

*Forbidden Broadway: Greatest Hits Vol. 1*

May 7-22, 2010

Created & Written by: Gerard Alessandrini  
Directed by: Dedra Daniels Mount

Broadway's greatest legends meet Broadway's greatest satirist in a hilarious and loving tribute. Using lightning-fast costume changes and barbed lyrics set to familiar show tunes, *Forbidden Broadway* creates a cabaret world where no production or star is safe from the slings and arrows of outrageous parody! Even if you've never been within 1,000 miles of Broadway, you'll still love *Forbidden Broadway*.

**W** Make reservations, or learn more about our current season, acting classes, membership and volunteer opportunities online at  
[workshoptheatre.com](http://workshoptheatre.com)