

## 2011 THEATRICAL SEASON

*\*Denotes season ticket production.*

February 11-20

### **Later Life by A.R. Gurney\***

Austin has spent his entire life convinced that something terrible is bound to happen to him. One night, at a party, overlooking Boston harbor, he has the pleasure of rekindling a romance begun almost thirty years ago with Ruth. Comically, and sometimes painfully, these two people rediscover each other and themselves while a bevy of free-spirited other guests rally behind them and remind them of the infinite possibilities that life holds, should one only choose to pursue them.

Directed by Harry Landreth.

Sponsored by SouthEast Bank.

April 29 & 30 (TWO PUBLIC SHOWSONLY)

### **Disney's Aladdin, Jr.**

Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment! All your favorite characters are here in this stage adaptation of the Disney hit, including Aladdin, Jasmine, and of course, the Genie. Filled with magic, mayhem and flying carpet rides. Audiences' spirits will soar with excitement! Most of all, the tuneful, Academy award-winning score is filled with songs, including "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me".

Directed by Heather Roberts

(April 26-29 School Matinees @ TVT)

May 13-22

### **Dearly Departed\***

In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious! Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion. Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral. Directed by Tony McCuiston

Sponsored by Community National Bank

## 2011 THEATRICAL SEASON (CONT.)

June 17-26

### **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum\***

"Tragedy tomorrow, comedy tonight!" Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written-the perfect escape from life's troubles. "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested, 2000 year old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. The result is a non-stop laugh-fest. Directed by Bernie Belisle.

September 24 - October 2

### **Duck Hunter Shoots Angel\***

Hailed by audiences as a comedy with a heartfelt message, the play follows the intersecting paths of the two guilt-ridden duck hunters, a depressed tabloid journalist, his reluctant photographer, their crazed boss, a shop girl at a local Gas mart, a half-man/half-alligator, and a ghost. The themes of redemption, race, media and North vs, South are all explored in hilarious fashion. The play features a surprise ending that few playgoers see coming. Directed by Chris Beam.

December 2-11

### **Happy Days\***

Goodbye gray skies, hello blue! Happy days are here again with Richie, Potsie, Ralph Malph and the unforgettable "king of cool" Arthur "The Fonz" Fonzairelli. Based on the hit Paramount Pictures' television series, HAPPY DAYS – A New Musical reintroduces one of America's best loved families, the Cunninghams, and the days of 1959 Milwaukee complete with varsity sweaters, hula hoops, and jukebox sock-hoppin'. The famed drive-in malt shop and number one hang-out, Arnold's, is in danger of demolition, so the gang teams up to save it with a dance contest and tv-worthy wrestling match. This perfectly family-friendly musical will have you rockin' and rollin' all week long!

Sponsored by First Bank

## 2011 SPECIAL EVENTS SEASON

March 12

### **Appalachian Tales with Bill Landry**

Bill Landry had been the voice, host, narrator, and co-producer of *The Heartland Series* since it was conceived on WBIR TV in 1984 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Since it began, over 1,400 short features have been produced, including over 150 half-hour specials. The program is the winner of five Emmy Awards and three Iris Awards. Bill has written and directed many of the episodes.

As a graduate of the Dallas Theater Center with a Master of Fine Arts and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a BA in Literature, English and Arts, he considers himself a theater artist with an educational purpose. Bill was last seen in 2008 at TVT in his one-man show, *Einstein the Man*.

[www.billlandryproductions.com](http://www.billlandryproductions.com)

March 18

### **Josh Miller with NewFound Road**

One of the most exciting new bands to emerge on the national bluegrass scene in the new millennium, New-Found Road specializes in a powerfully streamlined sound, delivered with heartfelt honesty and passion. The band consisting of Joe Booher (mandolin & vocals), Jamey Booher (bass & vocals), Tim Shelton (guitar & vocals) and Josh Miller (banjo, guitar, vocals) are contemporary bluegrass at its most soulful and sincere. [www.newfoundroad.com](http://www.newfoundroad.com)

March 26 & April 23

### **Loose Change Band**

The Loose Change Band features top 40 and beach music. They frequently open for Eddie Raven and have one of the best steel guitar players in the south.

## 2011 SPECIAL EVENTS SEASON (CONT.)

April 2

### **William Stiles as Elvis**

William Stiles is a World Champion holding two international titles in Elvis competitions in Memphis. He's been filmed in Elvis documentaries, talk shows, commercials, major magazines, and performed his tribute to Elvis all over the world.

Stiles' parents had friends that lived on the street running parallel to Graceland. While visiting they would see Elvis strolling the grounds and on a few occasions they even talked with him about common interests in the music field. During one of those times, as fate would have it, a ten month old William was lucky enough to have gotten the King's attention. "While walking around signing autographs Elvis came to where my folks were and I reached out. My mom was alright with it so Elvis carried me around while he signed autographs for about twenty minutes or so. Thank God for cheap Kodak cameras, otherwise we might not have any pictures of that day.

[www.williamstiles.com](http://www.williamstiles.com)

April 9

### **Our Three Tenors**

Mike Simmons, Rusty Patterson, and Tim Frazier are **OUR THREE TENORS**. Three of McMinn County's finest male voices are joining together to bring a fantastic evening of entertainment to the public.



## 2011 SPECIAL EVENTS SEASON (CONT.)

Spring & Summer

### **Child/Youth/Adult Drama & Tech Workshops**

Each year TVT hosts hundreds of children, youth & adults for plays and events. Many of these return for our free theatre workshops. *New this year* Adult Acting Workshops. Technical workshops are individual & small group sessions. *It's a fun and easy way for tech types to get involved. Call Roger Hinsdale @ (423)452-0428 or email: hinsdale@bellsouth.net*

Look for scheduled sessions in coming newsletters and email.

May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend)

### **Loose Change Band with William Stiles as Elvis**

The Loose Change Band returns, this time with William Stiles as Elvis. This dynamic grouping of musicians will be one unforgettable evening of entertainment to kick off summer!

August 13

### **The Man in Black Tribute**

Jason Thomas' and the Mean-Eyed Cats tribute to Johnny Cash covers Johnny's entire career from the Sun Record days in the 50's, through his most recent recordings on American Recordings. Everyone knows a Johnny Cash song or two and Jason has an arsenal of over 200 Cash tunes in his repertoire, so you're sure to hear your favorites at any show. It's like going back in time to "The Johnny Cash Show" of the 60's.

[www.myspace.com/cashtribute1](http://www.myspace.com/cashtribute1)

October 28-29

### **Murder Mystery**

New to TVT this year - *Murder Mystery Theatre*. These shows will captivate and excite the mind. An audience participation event whose plot changes as the audience reacts to different situations posed by the actors involved. Interactive fun for people of all ages. Sure to become a new crowd favorite!

## 2011 SPECIAL EVENTS SEASON (CONT.)

November 12

### **Evervigilant**

An energetic group of Rhea County natives are back performing a mix of original pop and rock-n-roll music! No show from this group is ever "average". Each and every concert experience is drastically different than the last and surely far from any other musical presentation on the circuit. Evervigilant's unique angle on American rock music makes this show a must see.

[www.facebook.com/evervigilant](http://www.facebook.com/evervigilant)  
email: [evervigilantmusic@gmail.com](mailto:evervigilantmusic@gmail.com)

## COMING IN 2011

### **TVT's Southeast Talent Show**

Back by popular demand! Anything goes with the Tennessee Valley Theatre's Talent Show...comedy, drama, singing, dancing, jugglers and the like will join us for an open call screening for all the talented! Solo's and groups get your favorite routine together and get involved. Great Prizes will be awarded!

### **THE COMEDY OF KAREN MILLS**

She's been compared to such greats as Bill Cosby, Ellen Degeneres, and Jerry Seinfeld. Her comedy is clean, clever, and relatable. She finds the funny in everyday life. A native Tennessean, she stands at 5'2" and was an All-American basketball player at UT-Chattanooga. In 1981, she led the nation in assists and was the first female inducted into UTC's Hall of Fame. Karen spent 15 years on the comedy circuit honing her skills. She's worked with Jon Stewart, was a contributing writer for the Rosie O'Donnell Show and is currently on tour with the Southern Fried Chicks.  
[www.karenmills.com](http://www.karenmills.com)

***We're just getting started! Watch your mailbox in 2011 for TVT's Newsletter for added shows and events!***



184 West Jackson Ave./PO Box 81

Spring City, Tennessee 37381

423-365-PLAY (7529)

[www.tennesseevalleytheatre.com](http://www.tennesseevalleytheatre.com)

LIKE us on facebook for updates:

TENNESSEE VALLEY THEATRE (all caps)

Join our email list. Send an email with ADD ME in the subject line to: [tennesseevalleytheatre@gmail.com](mailto:tennesseevalleytheatre@gmail.com)

**Performance dates are subject to change due to availability.**

**For Reservations call:  
423-365-PLAY (7529)**

PRICE	PLAY	PLAY & BUFFET	LUNCH	MATINEE
Musical	\$10	\$20		\$18
Non-musical	\$8	\$18		\$15
Student Discount			\$2 off	
Children 12 & under			1/2 price	
Group Discount (15+)			\$1 off	

### **SEASON TICKETS**

Order your season tickets early and give the gift of entertainment to yourself, a friend or family member.

**\$40 PER SEASON TICKET**

(includes all 5 theatrical productions)  
This ticket is for show only.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES ALSO AVAILABLE**

# TENNESSEE VALLEY THEATRE

# 2011 SEASON

## 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

184 West Jackson Avenue

Spring City, TN 37381

[www.tennesseevalleytheatre.com](http://www.tennesseevalleytheatre.com)

### **SPONSORS :**

Community National Bank  
First Bank  
Southeast Bank

### **MEDIA SPONSORS:**

The Herald News  
WDNT -WRHA Rhea County Radio AM 1280-970

Partially funded by:

Member of:

the arts   
changing lives!  
TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION

aact  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY THEATRE  
Improving communities one theatre at a time

 SOUTH ARTS

 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

 TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION