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## **Springfield Little Theatre Announces**

**Domann and Gideon are BACK on the Landers Stage for GREATER TUNA**

**Springfield MO - October 13, 2009** - The hilarious duo, Mark Gideon and Beth Domann, are joining forces once more on the Landers stage for the crazy Tuna, Texas extravaganza, **GREATER TUNA!** You never know what to expect from the Gideon/Domann pair and with only **EIGHT** performances, tickets are sure to go fast! Tuna, Texas (the third smallest town in the state) is about as bonkers as a burg can be. An extraordinarily funny spoof about Southern yokels in a one stop-light town the show features two actors creating the entire population Tuna in a "tour de farce" of quick change artistry, changing costumes and characters faster than greased lightning. Two of Springfield's **BEST** comedic actors, twenty crazy characters and a barrel of laughs, ya'll. **GREATER TUNA** is directed by SLT's Jamie Bower and has been made possible through the underwriting of Commerce Trust Company, Kelley Davison, News Talk KSGF, and the Missouri Arts Council.

### **Springfield Little Theatre's cast of GREATER TUNA:**

**Mark Gideon** first appeared on the Landers stage in Springfield Little Theatre's production of the musical *Carnival* with Beth Domann in 1977. Now, thirty years later, Mark continues to work with Springfield Little Theatre as an actor, director, and volunteer. Over the years, Mark has performed onstage at SLT in *Peter Pan*, *Annie*, *Annie Warbucks*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Rumors*, *Caddie Woodlawn*,

Missouri, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, and Gypsy. Mark enjoyed acting in Greater Tuna in 1997, A Tuna Christmas in 2007, and now is thrilled to return to the Landers stage for another Tuna, Texas performance. Mark has served on the LT board of directors and continues to act as the facilitator for the organization's season selection committee. Mark has also directed SLT productions of Shirley Valentine, Once Upon a Mattress, and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, and Grease. Mark is a three time "Franny" award winner having received two awards for his acting contributions and the "big Franny" award for his contributions to SLT over the years.

**Beth Domann** was first seen on the Landers stage in 1978 in a Springfield Little Theatre production of Alice in Wonderland. Since that time, she has delighted thousands as an actress and stand up comic. Voted Springfield's Funniest Person in 1990, Beth has a wit, warmth, and universality that makes her and the characters she portrays easily identifiable, accessible, and riotously hilarious. She has been highly adored as Sister Robert Ann in Nunsense and Nunsense II, Mazeppa in Gypsy, Sheila in The Boys Next Door, Agnes Gooch in Mame, and most recently as Hook's loveable sidekick Smee in Peter Pan (opposite Mark Gideon). Springfield audiences have been wowed by Beth's stand up performances for local organizations, corporations, and numerous charitable events. She performed for the community's First Night Celebration for twelve years; produced and presented her own evening of comedy titled You Asked For It; and opened for Dennis Miller at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

Beth's accomplishments as a director are highly impressive, as well, having directed seven of the top eight grossing shows in SLT history. Some of her mainstage credits include Cinderella, Fiddler on the Roof, Annie, Sound of Music, Peter Pan, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, The Full Monty, and Gypsy. She also directed Neighborhood Watch at the Jim Stafford Theatre in Branson, MO.

As Springfield Little Theatre's Artistic Director, Beth oversees all aspects of production for a Mainstage season of six plays and musicals, and the three-show Family Series. She has been instrumental in designing a season that will attract the largest possible audience to quality shows entirely performed and crewed by community volunteers.

**Tickets** are on sale now and range from \$15.00-\$22.00. The Historic Landers

Theatre is located at 311 E. Walnut Street. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 417.869.1334 or visit our website [www.springfieldlittletheatre.org](http://www.springfieldlittletheatre.org)

**The Landers Theatre** was built in 1909 for \$100,000. The brick and terracotta building has been in continuous use either as a legitimate theatre or a motion picture house since it opened with the musical THE GOLDEN GIRL starring Lillian Russell on September 18, 1909. It is the oldest and largest civic theatre in Missouri, and one of the largest in mid-America. The **Landers Theatre** produces a mainstage season of nine plays that are attended by some 60,000 patrons annually. Among Landers alumni who have gone on to national recognition in theatre and film are Kathleen Turner, Tess Harper, Kim Crosby, and Lucas Grabeel.

For over seventy years, **Springfield Little Theatre** has been the center of cultural life and entertainment in the Ozarks. SLT is dedicated to maintaining that heritage by presenting the best of live theatre in an environment reflecting a rich past and an exciting, fulfilling future.

## **GREATER TUNA FACT SHEET**

**WHO:** Directed by: Jamie Bower

Starring: Beth Domann and Mark Gideon

**WHAT:** The hilarious duo, Mark Gideon and Beth Domann, are joining forces once more on the Landers stage for a crazy Tuna, Texas extravaganza!

**WHERE:** The Historic Landers Theatre  
311 E. Walnut, Downtown Springfield

**WHEN:** **November 13 - November 22**

- Friday 11/13 at 7:30pm

- Saturday 11/24 at 7:30pm
- Sunday 11/15 at 2:30pm
- Wednesday 11/18 at 7:30pm
- Thursday 11/19 at 7:30pm
- Friday 11/20 at 7:30pm
- Saturday 11/21 at 7:30pm
- Sunday 11/22 at 2:30pm

**HOW MUCH: \$15.00-\$22.00**

Adults \$22.00  
Seniors/Teachers/Military \$20.00 (62+)  
Students \$20.00  
Child \$15.00 (14-)

**TIX & INFO:** 417.869.1334 or  
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