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2023

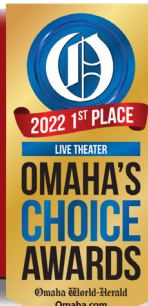
SHOWS & SPECIAL EVENTS



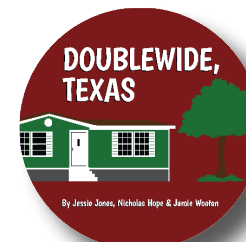
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"The Place to Be in 2023"

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2023 Shows



Doublewide, Texas By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope & Jamie Wooten

The inhabitants of one of the smallest trailer parks in Texas—four doublewides and a shed—are thrown for a loop when they realize the nearby town of Tugaloo is determined to annex them. These friends, enemies, and neighbors will need to work together to overcome the oncoming annexation and preserve their way of life. This hilarious, fast-paced comedy, comes with plenty of “down home” humor to go around!

Show Dates: Mar 24-26; 30, 31; Apr 1, 2 Auditions: February 13 & 14; 7pm



Wit By Margaret Edson

Vivian Bearing, Ph.D., a renowned professor of English who has spent years studying and teaching the brilliant metaphysical sonnets of John Donne, has been diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer. During the course of her illness—and her stint as a prize patient in a major experimental chemotherapy program—Vivian comes to reassess her life and her work with deep insight and humor, transformative for both her and the audience. Winner of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Drama

Show Dates: May 5-7; 11-14

Auditions: February 16 & 17; 7pm



9 to 5 The Musical Music/Lyrics by Dolly Parton, Book by Patricia Resnick

Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to take the power away from the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. Based on the 1980 hit movie, 9 to 5 The Musical is a hilarious, outrageous, and thought-provoking story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. Come see these women take control of their office and discover there is nothing they can't do, even in a man's world.

Show Dates: July 15, 16; 20-23; 27-30

Auditions: May 22 & 23; 7pm

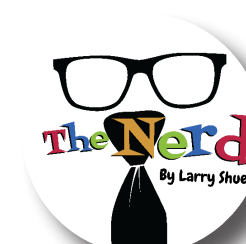


The Mousetrap By Agatha Christie

After a local woman is murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm. It soon becomes clear that the killer is among them, as the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective arrives on skis to interrogate the suspects but when a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate. This murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time. The world's longest-running play comes to the Lofte stage!

Show Dates: September 1-3; 7-10

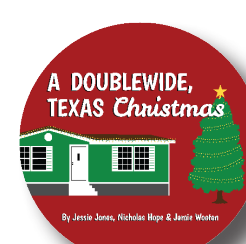
Auditions: July 24 & 25; 7pm



The Nerd By Larry Shue

Aspiring architect Willum Cubbert owes his life to Rick Steadman, a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life when he was wounded in battle. Willum has told Rick that as long as he is alive, “you will have somebody on Earth who will do anything for you.” To Willum's delight, Rick unexpectedly appears on the night of his 34th birthday party. However, delight soon turns to dismay as he discovers that Rick is a hopeless “nerd,” —a bumbling oaf with no social sense, little intelligence and less tact. This outrageous comedy will leave you laughing all the way home!

Show Dates: Oct 14, 15; 20-22; 26-29 Auditions: Aug 13; 2pm; Aug 14; 7pm



A Doublewide, Texas Christmas By Jones, Hope & Wooten

Back in one of the smallest trailer parks in Texas, it's beginning to look a lot like trouble! Not only are the trailer park residents dealing with the stress of the holiday season, but they've just discovered that Doublewide is being double-crossed by the County. New problems come up and familiar problems come back as this band of eccentric Texans must band together once more to keep their lifestyle and their holiday spirit! Oh, there's no place like a good ol' Texas-sized mobile home for the holidays!

Show Dates: December 1-3; 8-10; 14-17 Auditions: October 16 & 17; 7pm

2023 Events

EVENT 1

VALENTINE DINNER THEATRE

FEBR 10th & 11th, 7pm; Febr 12th, 2pm

Join us for a special Valentine's meal as we present *Behind Every Bush*. Written and performed by Born-in-a-Barn Player Virginia Kincaid, this is a delightful look at Barbara Bush, the lady behind the presidents. Virginia's parents were friends of George and Barbara Bush and she brings a unique insight to Barbara's childhood, marriage and children.

Cash/credit card bar available
Tickets and pricing available by calling the box office

EVENT 2

2022 SEASON REVIEW & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

FEBRUARY 26th

Please join us for our chili cook-off and awards show as we honor our amazing volunteers and look back over the 2022 season, voting for our very own 'Loftescars' winners. Our 2024 line up of shows will also be revealed! Watch for time and details on social media and lofte.org

AWARDS

We ♥ volunteers!

EVENT 3

MOVIE NIGHTS!

MAR 11th, APR 15th, MAY 27th,
JUNE 24th, AUG 5th,
SEPT 16th & NOV 18th

Come on out for a great meal, then stay for a movie on the Lofte's big screen. Times and details will be released throughout the year so keep an eye on our website and social media, or be sure to subscribe to our newsletter to stay in the know.

Watch Lofte.org & social media for information on all shows & special events!

EVENT 4

Calling all kids!

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

JUNE 5TH - 9TH, 10am (Tenative)

Internationally known for their work with young artists, the Lofte is proud to host the Missoula Children's Theatre free workshop again for the 2023 season. Open auditions for all kids from 1st thru 12th grade will be held on June 5th at 10am.

Live performances June 10th at 3:00pm & 6:00pm
Performance tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for children

EVENT 5

VARIETY SHOW

JUNE 2nd & 3rd, 7pm
JUNE 4th, 2pm

An evening of fun with songs, skits, and jokes by the Lofte's renowned Born-in-a-Barn Players!

OPEN AUDITIONS MAY 8th & 9th, 7PM

Tickets and pricing available by calling the box office

EVENT 6

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

NOVEMBER 3rd & 4th, 7pm; 5th, 1pm

Bring your spy glass, wear your trench coat and prepare to help solve a gruesome murder! You might even be a suspect! But before the ghastly event occurs, enjoy a delicious catered dinner onstage and a cash/credit card bar.

Tickets and pricing available by calling the box office

EVENT 7

VETERANS DAY SALUTE

NOVEMBER 12th, 2pm

The annual tradition of honoring our country's heroes continues at the Lofte. Bring your family and friends to this patriotic performance by the Southeast Nebraska Community Band as we thank all who have served.

FREE ADMISSION ~ FREE POPCORN

New! Spring of 2023 Outdoor Pavilion For Special Events & Rentals

In recognition of our brand new outdoor pavilion, we will be hosting events throughout the 2023 season as a part of our "Lofte Celebration" series! Exact event dates and times will be released throughout the year so keep an eye on our website and social media or be sure to subscribe to our newsletter to stay in the know. Potential events include outdoor concerts, art exhibits, karaoke, food truck visits, wine tastings, "Sip and Paint", pottery classes, catered meals before shows, and more! We can't wait to open the new space and celebrate with you!



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The Lofte Theatre Order Form

Mail to: Lofte Community Theatre, PO Box 62, Manley, NE 68403

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Ticket Delivery:

- ☐ Email my tickets/Print at home (FREE)
☐ Pick-up my tickets at Will Call (FREE)
☐ MAIL my tickets (+\$4.50)

FREE PARKING!

Show times

Thursday - Saturday at 7pm
Sundays at 2pm

Get your tickets
starting Dec 1st at
www.lofte.org

Please select show dates below:

Doublewide, Texas #1	Wit #2	9 to 5 The Musical #3	The Mousetrap #4	The Nerd #5	A Doublwide, TX Christmas #6
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All Tickets are General Admission Seating

Ticket Option	Quantity	Cost	Total
Season Show Package (All six shows)		\$108	
Single Ticket - Show (#1)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#2)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#3)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#4)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#5)		\$24	
Single Ticket - Show (#6)		\$24	
Tax-Deductible Voluntary Donation (add desired amount)		\$	
"Mail my Tickets" option above - add Postage and Handling		\$	4.50
Order Total		\$	

Payment Information: Check, Money Order, or Credit Card

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