

**EAST LYNNE THEATER COMPANY  
2012 MAINSTAGE SEASON**

**The 2012 Season: “Spinning Tales”** is the theme played out on the mainstage: Ruth Draper raised the bar on storytelling with her monologues; Edgar Allan Poe wrote the first detective stories before the word “detective” was even created; Roi Cooper Mergue and Walter Hackett’s farce about advertising a product that may – or may not – exist.

March 16-17: Fri.-Sat. at 8:00: **Sherlock Holmes Adventure of the Norwood Builder**, the return of ELTC’s popular 1930’s radio-style productions with live sound effects and commercials, adapted by Gayle Stahlhuth, based on the story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. All of the evidence points to a young lawyer as a murderer. But is he being set up, or is he the murderer after all. It’s an exciting puzzle for Holmes and Watson.

June 13-July 21: Wed.-Sat. at 8:30 (except no show on Wed. July 4; added show on Sun. July 8): **Ruth Draper’s Company of Characters** Before the solo shows of Lily Tomlin and Whoopi Goldberg, there was the originator of the “character monologue,” Ruth Draper. For forty years, throughout the world, she performed humorous and touching scenes with great precision. ELTC is only the second production company - ever - to be allowed to produce this incredible material since Draper’s death. Performers are Karen Case Cook and Suzanne Dawson under the direction of Gayle Stahlhuth.

Monday, July 2 at 8:00: **Storybook Theater: An Evening of Fables**, the Student Workshop Production. Twelve students, ages 11-17 meet for 9 sessions from June 19-July 2. The performance is free and open to the public – and it’s standing room only!

July 25-Sept. 1: Wed.-Sat. at 8:30: **The Poe Mysteries**, a World Premiere, adapted by James Rana, based on “Murders of the Rue Morgue,” “The Mystery of Marie Roget,” and “The Purloined Letter.” Follow the adventures of Auguste Dupin as he solves macabre mysteries in Paris of the 1840s, as created by Edgar Allan Poe. A cast of 6 portray 50 characters in these haunting tales. (*From Oct. 24-28, the show goes to Ocean Professional Theatre in Barnegat for 7 performances.*)

Sept. 19-Oct. 13: Wed.-Sat. at 8:00 (except no show on Wed. Oct. 3; added show on Sun. Oct. 7 at 7:30): **It Pays to Advertise** by Roi Cooper Mergue and Walter C. Hackett was a hit when it opened on Broadway in September of 1914, and the Metropolitan Playhouse in NYC had a great success with its 2009 production. This screwball comedy was twice made into a movie: a silent in 1919, and in 1931 with Carole Lombard. The premise – and promise – that anything can be sold in America is at its core, but it also examines the very nature and romance of advertising and its influence. All it takes is one adventurous young man to announce, “Advertising is responsible for everything!” and he and his two friends are off and running in this delightfully sly farce, with a cast of 10.

Nov. 2 and 3: Fri.-Sat. at 8:00: **Sherlock Holmes Adventure of the Norwood Builder**

Nov. 23, 24, Dec. 2, 7, 8, 9, and 14 at 8:00; 2:00 matinee on Sat. Dec. 8: **Louisa May Alcott’s Christmas**. Three of Alcott’s tales, including the opening of *Little Women* are beautifully brought to life in storytelling fashion by Gayle Stahlhuth. A holiday treat for the whole family.

**Tales of Victorians** continues on porches of B&Bs and in tearooms on Thursdays during the summer and Saturdays in the fall, and **The Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides** continue in November and December, in partnership with Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities.

**Classic Silent Films with live organ accompaniment performed by Wayne Zimmerman**

Presented with The Cape May Film Festival

Stay tuned for other possible dates!

Sun. Aug. 5 at 8:30 – film tbd; Sat. Sept.8 at 8:00 – film tbd; Sun. Oct. 14 at 8:00 – “Nosferatu”

## UPCOMING EVENTS in 2012

### JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN!

**Sunday, January 29 at 3:00pm  
31st Street and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan**



**Liz & Stu Hodes**

Scenes from  
***LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT***  
by Eugene O'Neill  
Performed by Liz Hodes, Stu Hodes,  
Stephen Sherwood, Matthew Vitticore,  
Jenny D. Green, and Keagan McDonald  
***MEET THE LOCALS***, a work-in-progress  
Written and performed by Susan Tischler  
and  
Highlights of ELTC'S 2012 Season  
presented by Gayle Stahlhuth

Supper with wine served immediately  
after the performance.

**\$10 donation to benefit  
The Nonprofit East Lynne Theater Company  
Reservations made by calling  
The Hodes at 212-532-8977**

At Our Performance Venue: First Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St., Cape May, unless noted otherwise. Phone: 609-884-5898. [www.eastlynnetheater.org](http://www.eastlynnetheater.org)

March 2-3: **Playwriting Get-Away** hosted by The Henry Sawyer Inn. Using exercises to trigger the imagination, participants will be encouraged to create ten-minute plays. ELTC's Artistic Director Gayle Stahlhuth is heading up the workshop. Cost: \$399 for 2/\$299 for one (plus tax) includes accommodations, breakfast, afternoon tea and treats for two nights, and the workshop fee. Contact The Henry Sawyer Inn for reservations: 722 Columbia Ave., Cape May; 609-884-5667; [henrysawyerinn@verizon.net](mailto:henrysawyerinn@verizon.net).

March 11 at 5:00: **Cuentos Del Arbol** (Tree Tales) a fun-filled bilingual show for grades K-10th and the whole family, from Pushcart Players. ELTC is proud to bring this show, admission-free, to The First Presbyterian Church of Cape May with funding provided by New Jersey Theatre Alliance's "The Stages Festival." Contact ELTC for reservations.

March 13 at 1:00: **100 Years of Wildwood** at Glenwood Avenue Elementary School, 2900 New York Ave., corner of Glenwood and New York Avenues in Wildwood. The performance is open to the community and admission-free. In 1912, Wildwood became a city. To help celebrate this, ELTC teaching artists Gayle Stahlhuth and Grace Wright will spend eight days, with three fifth-grade classes, helping students to research, write, and rehearse scenes about Wildwood. This performance is the outcome of this in-school residency. (Marketing is funded through NJTA's "Family Week," but the residency itself is directly funded through a grant from Target, an organization that since 1946, has given 5% of its income to the communities they serve.)

Sat., March 17 at 2:00: **Victorian Magic** at the Long Beach Island Branch, 217 S. Central Ave., Surf City, NJ. Admission-Free. For reservations and details call the library at 609-494-2480. (Funding thru NJTA "Stages Festival.")

Sun., Mar 18 at 3:00: **Sherlock Holmes Adventure of the Norwood Builder** at Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River, NJ. Admission-Free. For reservations and details call the library at 732-295-1555. (Funding thru library and NJTA.)

Tues., March 20 at 7:00: **Sherlock Holmes Adventure of the Norwood Builder** at Ocean County Library, 112 Burr St., Barnegat, NJ. Admission-Free. For reservations and details, call the library at 609-698-3331. (Funding thru NJTA "Stages Festival.")

Fri., March 23 from 6:30-9:30: **Free Acting Class** for Ages 18 on Up taught by Tom Byrn, who was in ELTC's recent production of He and She, receiving an excellent review in "The Wall Street Journal." He has worked with many Philadelphia area theater companies, and was a member of the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble for eleven years. His focus for the class will be improvisation and the basics of scene work. Reservations recommended. Contact ELTC at 609-884-5898. Funding provided by NJTA's "The Stages Festival."

March 23-25: **Murder Mystery Weekend**, hosted by The Henry Sawyer Inn. Participants can try their hand at solving a murder mystery with an experienced detective. Set in another era, guests could be Charlie Chan, Elliott Ness, the murderer - or the victim! Frank Smith, ELTC's Board President, and a retired Philadelphia police detective, will be on hand to provide just enough information to get everyone's sleuthing skills going. Contact The Henry Sawyer Inn for reservations: 722 Columbia Ave., Cape May; 609-884-5667, [henrysawyerinn@verizon.net](mailto:henrysawyerinn@verizon.net).

Sun., March 24 at 1:30: **Victorian Magic** at Ocean County Library, Point Pleasant Borough Branch, 843 Beaver Dam Rd., Pt. Pleasant, NJ. Admission-Free. Contact the library at 732-295-1555 for reservations and details. (Funding thru NJTA "Stages Festival.")

Sun., March 24 at 2:00: **Sherlock Holmes Adventure of the Norwood Builder** at The Mahwah Public Library, 100 Ridge Rd., Mahwah, NJ. Admission-Free. Call the library at 201-529-9027 for reservations and details. (Funding thru NJTA "Stages Festival.")

Tues., March 27 at 7:00: **Victorian Magic** at Upper Shores Branch of the Ocean County Library, 112 Jersey Ave., Lavallette, NJ. Admission-Free. Call the library at 732-793-3996 for reservations and information. (Funding thru NJTA "Stages Festival.")

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00: **The Wizard of Oz** performed by students at West Cape May Elementary School, 301 Moore St., in West Cape May. After six sessions with ELTC teaching artists, fourth through sixth grade students will perform an adaptation of L. Frank Baum's classic tale. The performance is admission-free and open to the public. (Funding thru NJTA's "Stages Festival.")