



Pensacola Little Theatre
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Master Class takes Center Stage at PLT

PENSACOLA, FL – Pensacola Little Theatre (PLT) proudly presents *Master Class*, a collaborative production presented by Pensacola Little Theatre and Pensacola Opera. *Master Class* brings the audience along to a fictional classroom of Maria Callas, one of the most acclaimed (and perhaps infamous) opera singers of all time. Show dates are February 8-10, 15-17.

PLT Artistic Director, Kathy Holsworth, tackles the leading role and brings Maria’s sharp wit and grace to life.

“I am excited and terrified to bring this amazing woman to stage. Maria Callas was truly sensational in her time, both on the opera stage and in the headlines of the day. She changed opera and even the idea of celebrity. Her life story reflected in this play is a life well-lived and art created by a master craftswoman.”

Callas’ intensity and ferocity comes from a place of love for her art and teaches her students, portrayed by Pensacola Opera’s artists-in-residence, the hard truths of the professional world beyond the classroom. Joining Holsworth to direct the production is Pensacola Opera Artistic Director, Jerome Shannon.

“I have no doubt the sound of Callas’ voice and the emotional intensity of her dramatic portrayals of opera’s great heroines seduced me into a life which has been spent in the operatic realm,” says Shannon. “The brilliance of Terrence McNally introduces us to a woman who is more complex than any of the heroines she ever sang on the stage. I am so grateful for the opportunity to bring this masterwork, this masterpiece, and this Master Class to life on the PLT stage.”

Financial support for PLT programs is provided in part by the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs and ACE.

Tickets are available online at PensacolaLittleTheatre.com, through the Box Office at 850-432-2042, or in person weekdays from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Calendar of Events

Show Dates:

Friday, February 8 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 9 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 10 – 3:00 pm

Friday, February 15 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 16 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 17 – 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$25 – general admission

Short Excerpt:

Pensacola Little Theatre (PLT) presents *Master Class*, a collaborative production presented by Pensacola Little Theatre and Pensacola Opera. Follow the story of how famous opera singer, Maria Callas (portrayed by Kathy Holsworth, PLT Artistic Director), came to be as she teaches her students (portrayed by guest artists from Pensacola Opera) the hard truths of the real world through tales from her own life. Directed by Pensacola Opera’s Jerome Shannon, *Master Class* runs February 8-10, 15-17.