



# **Benefit Performance Program**

**2022-2023 Season**



Elmwood Playhouse  
10 Park Street  
Nyack, NY 10960

(845) 353-1313

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

Dear Fundraising Coordinator,

Thank you for your interest in the Elmwood Playhouse Benefit Performance Program!

Elmwood Playhouse is about to enter its **75<sup>th</sup> season!** We have acquired a well-deserved reputation for presenting professional quality productions, and we are very proud of our long history of presenting critically acclaimed and award-winning plays and musicals.

Benefit performances at Elmwood are **a proven means to generate funds for your organization in a meaningful and entertaining way!**

**How it works:** We normally mount 6 productions throughout the season. Most performances are open to the public, but with a benefit, *we perform for only your group* on that evening. We provide the theater to you at a deep discount (see next page for pricing); you choose the show and date that works best for your organization. The show descriptions and available dates are enclosed.

**The result is a memorable theatrical and social event that will raise money for your not-for-profit!**

**Recent additions:**

- Expanded lobby (with accessible restrooms on the main floor)
- Expanded leg room (still 99-seat capacity)
- T-Coil Loop System for the hearing impaired
- Welcoming porch and patio area
- Outreach: An Elmwood member involved with the show will come to your organization to get them excited about the event

To reserve a performance date, contact **Kathy McCarthy Simpson** at 914-527-5582 or email Kathy at [benefits@elmwoodplayhouse.com](mailto:benefits@elmwoodplayhouse.com)

Thank you for considering Elmwood for your fundraiser. We look forward to seeing you at the Playhouse!

**Kathy McCarthy Simpson**  
**Elmwood Benefit Performance Chairperson**



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## 2022-2023 BENEFIT PRICING

Pay a flat fee and you keep the revenue above and beyond the cost.

- Musicals: \$1,400
- Non-musicals: \$950
- Half-benefit (50 seats), non-musical production: \$600 \*  
Available Saturday night of opening weekend only

\* Note: The seats for the Saturday night shows will be dispersed throughout the theater. They will not be in a block due to reserved seating for the general public.

### Deposit

We require a \$250 deposit which is applied to the balance due.

If the benefit is cancelled by you, we will keep the deposit.

If the benefit is cancelled by us, we will return the deposit (inclement weather included).

### Sharing a Benefit

We encourage you to find a partner organization if you are not sure that you will sell out the theater. Each organization will need to sign the contract and give us ½ of the deposit (\$125). Each organization will be responsible for ½ the cost. There are 99 seats, so decide which group will get the extra seat.

### Tips for a successful fundraiser...

1. Make sure you choose a show that is appropriate for your audience.
2. Tell the members of your organization about the fundraiser well in advance so they can put it on their calendars and tell other people as well.
3. Have a member of the Elmwood production team (director, producer, etc.) speak at one of your membership meetings. This person will share his or her vision for the show and get everybody excited.



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4. Use the artwork that we will provide (in a .pdf file that you can use to advertise your specific performance date and time) to hang posters at your organization about the event, or hand them out to members of your organization to spread throughout the community.
5. You may charge as much as you like above the minimum. The minimum is the ticket price that we charge the public (\$27 for non-musicals, \$30 for musicals). However, if you know that your audience would be willing to pay more (it is a fundraiser, after all!), there is no limit to what you can charge.
6. Tie the Benefit Performance event to a specific cause; in other words, don't just make it a general fundraiser. Let people know why you are looking to raise money (renovations to your building, new equipment, scholarship fund, etc.) If they know the goal of the fundraiser, they will be more willing and excited to buy a ticket.
7. Add value to your event by either:
  - a. bringing in food and/or wine (on our front patio)
  - b. doing a raffle
  - c. combining the event with dinner beforehand at a local restaurant ("dinner and a show")



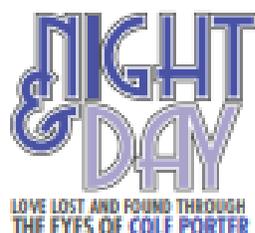
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**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF LIVE THEATRE!**

**SEPT 16 – OCT 8, 2022**



conceived and written by  
Robert Cacioppo and  
Artie D'Alessio

musical arrangements by  
Victoria Casella

directed by Alan Demovsky

**NOV 11 – DEC 3, 2022**



written by  
Bekah Brunstetter

directed by  
Melinda Pinto

**JAN 13 – FEB 4, 2023**

The Lifespan  
of a Fake



written by  
Jeremy Karekan, David  
Murrell and Gordon Farrell

based on the book by  
John D'Agata and  
Jim Fingal

directed by Claudia Stefany

**MAR 10 – APR 1, 2023**

**PRIDE +  
PREJUDICE**

written by Jane Austen, adapted by Kate Hamill

directed by Alison Costello

**MAY 12 - JUN 3, 2023**

The  
**SHAPE** of  
**THINGS**

written by  
Neil LaBute

directed by  
Omar Kozarsky

**JULY 14 – AUG 5, 2023**



two one-act plays  
adapted by  
Tal Aviezer

from the classic  
stories by Sir Arthur  
Conan Doyle

directed by  
Margaret Young



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## Elmwood Playhouse's 2022-23 Season

### ***Night and Day: Love Lost and Found Through the Eyes of Cole Porter***

Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter

Based on an idea by Robert Cacioppo, conceived and written by Robert Cacioppo with Arthur D'Alessio, musical arrangements by Victoria Casella

Directed by Alan Demovsky

Dates: **September 16, 2022 - October 8, 2022**

Tucked away in a Berkshires mansion circa 1930, two couples discover hidden intimacies beneath the veneer of art deco sophistication. Stylish and surprising, this elegant, melodic homage is sure to delight existing Porter fans and create many new ones.

Thursday	Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 PM	\$1400.
Thursday	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	\$1400.

Minimum Ticket Price \$30

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### ***The Cake***

Written by Bekah Brunstetter

Directed by Melinda Pinto

Dates: **November 11, 2022 - December 3, 2022**

Frosting will fly in this topical, multilayered, sweet comedy. Della, a Christian conservative, faces a crisis of conscience when asked to make a wedding cake for the same sex wedding of her late friend's daughter. This charming and heartfelt play calls to mind the playwright's Emmy nominated work on TV's award-winning show "This Is Us".

Saturday	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	\$600.
Wednesday	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	\$950.
Thursday	Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	\$950.
Wednesday	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	\$950.

Minimum Ticket Price \$27



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## ***The Lifespan of a Fact***

Written by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell, and Gordon Farrell, based on the book by John D'Agata and Jim Fingal

Directed by Claudia Stefany

Dates: **January 13, 2023 - February 4, 2023**

This comedy of deliberate errors asks an age-old question: Why let the truth get in the way of a good story? Based on actual events, the screwball antics and quick-witted dialogue provide a thought-provoking examination of the relationship between "truth" and "accuracy."

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$600.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>

**Minimum Ticket Price \$27**

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## ***Pride and Prejudice***

Written by Jane Austen, adapted by Kate Hamill

Directed by Alison Costello

Dates: **March 10, 2023 - April 1, 2023**

The classic story, adapted with edge and energy for a new era, explores the absurdities and thrills of finding your perfect (or imperfect) match in life. Literature's greatest tale of latent love has never felt so theatrical, or so full of life.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$600.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
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## ***The Shape of Things***

Written by Neil LaBute  
Directed by Omar Kozarsky  
Dates: **May 12, 2023 - June 3, 2023**

Is the relationship between an unassuming college student and his new artistic girlfriend all that it seems? This modern love story follows the intensifying relationship between Adam and Evelyn and raises unsettling questions about the boundaries between creation and destruction.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950</b>

**Minimum Ticket Price \$30**

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## ***A Sherlock Holmes Showcase***

Written by Tal Aviezer, adapted from the classic stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Directed by Margaret Young  
Dates: **July 14, 2023 - August 5, 2023**

The iconic Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr. Watson are back in these two intriguing one-act adaptations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's mysteries. They crack codes, survive a rare disease, and decipher perplexing clues to keep you guessing throughout "The Adventure of the Dancing Men" and "The Dying Detective."

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$600.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>\$950.</b>

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## BENEFIT CONTRACT

YES! We want to book a benefit performance on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Play title or Musical title)

For musicals, we agree to pay **\$1,400**

For weeknights, non-musicals, we agree to pay **\$950**

For Saturday night half-houses, *opening weekend only*, non-musicals, we agree to pay **\$600**

We agree to pay **ELMWOOD PLAYHOUSE** the deposit sum of **\$250** to reserve the above show date, and to pay **the remaining balance IN FULL** by two weeks before the performance.

*We agree to charge no less than the Elmwood Playhouse price of **\$27.00** per ticket for a drama or comedy, and **\$30.00** per ticket for musicals.*

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Your refreshments may be served in our front patio before a performance and/or during intermission. No other facilities are available, including refrigeration.

***Please leave the theatre, lobby and patio clean after your show.***

Please mail deposit and signed contract to:

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Kathy: 914-527-5582

Elmwood box office: 845-353-1313

