

## **THE HISTORIC COCOA VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE**

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## **THE HISTORIC COCOA VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE TEAMS UP WITH THE LION'S CLUB**

THE HISTORIC COCOA VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE begins the new year with the dramatic Play “THE MIRACLE WORKER” by William Gibson; winner of the 1960 Tony Award for Best Play. This classic tells the story of teacher Annie Sullivan, portrayed by Jennifer Laurel Farmer, and her student, blind and mute Helen Keller, portrayed by Katie Hortsberg. January 6th through the 8th.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. “Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lion, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness?”

Keller’s challenge and her dream live on through the work of Lion’s Clubs International. Celebrating 100 years of service, Lions around the world have been changing lives through humanitarian service. Their mission; To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. Since Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, Lions have worked on projects designed to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide. Indeed, sight is one of Lions defining causes. Through professional training, healthcare system development and wide spread drug treatment distribution, Lions have gained worldwide recognition for their work to improve sight and prevent blindness. Lions around the world are also actively involved in: Recycling eyeglasses at 18 centers worldwide, supporting Lions Eye Banks that provide eye tissue for sight-saving surgeries, screening the vision of hundreds of thousands of people every year, and preventing blindness by providing treatment to those at risk of losing their vision.

The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse is honored to help the Lions celebrate their 100 year anniversary milestone and build awareness about their service efforts. Through the run of “The Miracle Worker”, Lion’s Club representatives from a number of local clubs will be on hand to share information about the Lion’s work. Lion’s Club volunteer members will serve as escorts to visually impaired patrons and the Playhouse will donate a portion of it’s 50/50 cash raffle share to the Lion’s Club programs. The Playhouse will offer complimentary tickets to legally visually impaired patrons arranged through local Lion’s Club’s coordinators. Donation and used eyeglass collection boxes will be placed at the Playhouse for the duration the The Miracle Worker performances.

For more information about Lion’s Clubs International please visit: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

To find your local Lion’s Club: <https://directory.lionsclubs.org>

### **PLAYHOUSE TICKET INFORMATION - Box office: 321-636-505**

Ticket prices range from \$18 for Children 12 and younger to \$24-\$32 for adults.

Individual Tickets: \$27 Adult, \$25 Student/Senior & \$19 Child (12 & younger)

(Note: The above ticket price includes the \$3.00 online service fee per ticket)

There is an additional \$6.00 surcharge for aisle pair seating in the orchestra level auditorium.

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