

## Feature Performing Arts Events

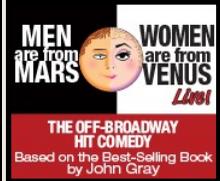
**The Camille Playhouse Production of *Wit*  
By Margaret Edson  
September 15, 2016  
SPI Convention Center**



El Paseo Arts Foundation is proud to host the Camille Playhouse production of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize winner for Drama, *Wit*. Vivian Bearing, a renowned professor of English who has spent her life studying and teaching the brilliant and difficult metaphysical sonnets of John Donne, has been diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer. Her approach to the study of Donne has been aggressively probing, intensely rational. But during the course of her illness—and her stint as a prize patient in an experimental chemotherapy program at a major teaching hospital—Vivian comes to reassess her life and her work with a profundity and humor that are transformative both for her and the audience. Join us for a powerful theatre experience, amazing storytelling, and unprecedented *Wit*!

***Men are from Mars. Women are from Venus. Live!***

Based on the #1 best-selling book by John Gray  
**October 18 and 19, 2016  
SPI Convention Center**



The Off-Broadway hit comedy *Men are from Mars – Women are from Venus LIVE!*, is a one-man fusion of theatre and stand-up, and is a light-hearted theatrical comedy based on the *New York Times* #1 best-selling book by John Gray. This is a story of a man who has resisted the advice of John Gray, but a chance meeting with the man himself changed everything. Now he tells his experience with the book and his relationship in this uproarious show that, moving swiftly through a series of vignettes, covers everything from dating to marriage to the bedroom!

***EPAF Showstoppers!*  
A Musical and Comedy Revue  
December 17, 18 and 19, 2016  
SPI Convention Center**



Try to remember some of the best loved shows that El Paseo's local players have presented. EPAF Showstoppers! is a musical and comedy journey back through past seasons with musical selections and scenes from *The Fantasticks!*, *Side by Side with Sondheim*, *Billy Bishop Goes to War*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, and *The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical*. Comedy selections include scenes from *Sylvia*, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* and a special performance by Ray Stewart and JoAnn Evans in the short one-act comedy *I'm Herbert*.

**The Almost Patsy Cline Band  
January 5, 2017  
Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom**



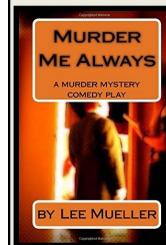
Back by popular demand, the Almost Patsy Cline Band returns for an encore performance. Since 2001, Banda's award-winning Official Goodwill Ambassadors have toured Texas performing a wide selection of classic country and variety dance music: everything from Frank Sinatra to Patsy Cline, with an emphasis on two-step, waltz, polka, cha-cha, and classic rock. These seasoned entertainers also tour three original well-received, interactive, and fun stage shows: "From Sea to Shining Sea: Proud Songs of America" honors patriotism and timeless songs from the Library of Congress. "Timeless Tunes: The Stories and the Songs" explores country music history through the songs of legends like Bob Wills. "Merry Texas Christmas" highlights songs that became a Texas Christmas tradition. All three are a perfect blend of history, narration, voice, and instrumentation.

***Don't Dress for Dinner*  
By Marc Camoletti,  
Adapted by Robin Hawdon  
January 13, 14, and 15, 2017  
SPI Convention Center**



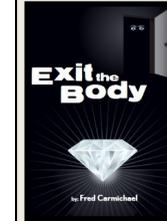
"Don't Dress for Dinner" is a French farce by Marc Camoletti, the author of the popular comedy "*Boeing! Boeing!*". The play begins as Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic Parisian mistress while his wife, Jacqueline, is away. He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights and invited his best friend, Robert, along to provide the alibi. It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong? Well.... suppose Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, and consequently determined that Jacqueline will NOT leave for the weekend. Suppose the cook has to pretend to be the mistress and the mistress has to pretend to be the cook. Suppose everyone's alibi gets confused with everyone else's. An evening of hilarious confusion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at break-neck speed.

***Murder Me Always*  
By Lee Mueller  
February 21 and 22, 2017  
Isla Grand Beach Resort Ballroom**



*Murder Me Always* is a comedy about a group of actors who are giving a bad performance in a murder mystery when the director is murdered off stage. The "fake" play comes to a screeching halt and a "real" murder mystery begins. The "Murder Mystery Murderer" is on the loose and has struck again. Luckily, Detective Joe Mamet, a Raymond Chandler type gumshoe, has staked out the audience and rises to the occasion to begin an investigation. Could it be that one of these very bad actors is really a very bad person? Will this "real" murder mystery be any better than the fake one? Join us for this interactive murder mystery and you'll have an entertaining night along the way. It's always fun, and there are great prizes for the top five guests who solve the mystery.

***Exit the Body*  
By Fred Carmichael  
March 30,31, April 1, 2017  
SPI Convention Center**



*Exit the Body* is a farce that plays out in a small town in New England where a famous mystery writer rents a vacation house—a house that was to be the rendezvous point for some jewel thieves. The previous renter was the boss of the thieves, but he was killed in an accident before the "rendezvous" could take place. Everyone in town believes the jewels are still somewhere in the house. A body found in the closet promptly disappears only to be succeeded by another. Then a hunt for the jewels reaches a climax at two A.M. when four couples unknown to each other turn up to search. Not since the days of Mack Sennett has there been such a hilarious series of entrances and exits.

***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*  
Book by Rachael Sheinkin  
Lyrics by William Finn  
April 11 and 12, 2017  
SPI Convention Center**



Winner of the Tony Award, this musical has charmed audiences across the country with its effortless wit and humor. This bee is an unforgettable experience. An eclectic group of six pubescents (played by adults) vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home life, the contestants spell their way through a series of words hoping to never hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life unaffirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box. It's a riotous ride complete with audience participation. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a delightful den of comedic genius. It's a fast-paced crowd pleaser with fun music, audience participation and loads of laughs.