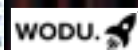
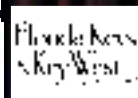
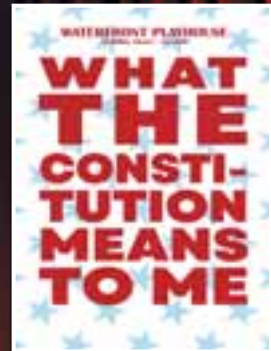
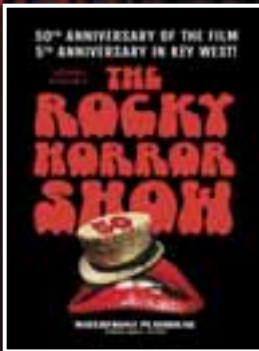




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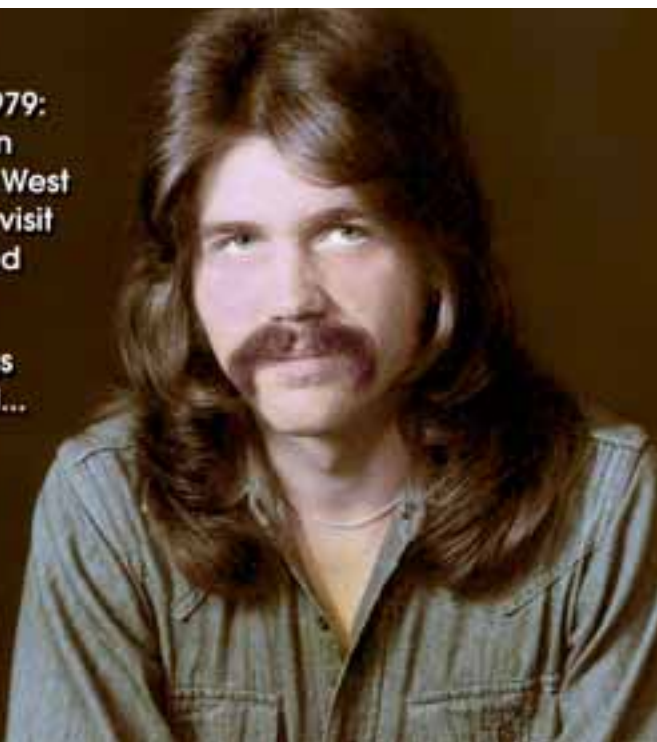
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There were some tense moments for us when it was uncertain if the city would renew our lease, but you will be happy to know that a new 10-year lease has been signed, and we can be grateful that it will take us to at least 97 years of live theatre in Key West at the Waterfront.

We were further challenged when our beloved president, leader, and friend, Christopher Elwell passed suddenly. As the new president, it was with a lot of apprehension that I accepted the role as President of the Waterfront. I can't possibly fill Christopher's shoes (sandals), but with the help of our amazing Producing Artistic Director, Patrick New, and a dedicated and strong Board of Directors, we will succeed. We are dedicating this season to you, CHRISTOPHER!

To our very talented Technical Director, and Set Designer Michael Boyer, thank you! Every time the curtains rise on one of his sets, the audience gasps in awe! We couldn't do it without you, which translates to: YOU MAY NEVER RETIRE!!

Wendy Allen is on board with us again this year as Volunteer Coordinator, thank you Wendy and thanks to all the volunteers who take the time to support us throughout the season.

Lastly, thank you to our Actors, both local and from out of town who bring live theatre to our stage. You are the best in the business! It is always a joy to watch you perform. I want to personally thank all of YOU for your support of the Waterfront over the years. We could not do this without our members, season ticket holders, donors, and business partners.

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Once again, our season is shaped into two dynamic series. The Spotlight Series offers intimate storytelling with *Fooling Buddha*, *What the Constitution Means to Me*, and *Tuesdays With Morrie* — productions that invite us into meaningful personal journeys and remind us of the shared humanity in every story. Our Main Stage Series includes larger-scale productions — *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Almost, Maine*, *Once*, and *Accomplice* filled with humor, romance, mystery, music, and heart. From beloved classics to modern favorites, there is truly something for everyone.

This work is only possible because of a remarkable team. Last spring, we faced the heartbreaking loss of our dear friend and Board President, Chris Elwell. His legacy continues to guide and inspire us. We are grateful to now be under the leadership of our new Board President, Kate Miano, a true champion of community spirit whose passion for the Waterfront is already helping shape a bright future for the theatre. My sincere thanks go to Kate and our entire Board of Directors for their unwavering support.

A special thank-you to our amazing build crew, run crew, staff, and volunteers, who ensure that every production, from rehearsal to final bow, is filled with care and professionalism. We are so fortunate to have Michael Boyer as our resident designer and technical director; his artistry turns imagination into reality night after night and remains a vital part of the Waterfront Playhouse.

My profound thanks to the Key West community: thank you for your belief in us. Your enthusiasm is what makes the Waterfront Playhouse such a treasured cultural home. We can't wait to welcome you and to share the journey ahead.

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WELCOME FROM OUR TECHNICAL DIRECTOR **MICHAEL BOYER**

This is my 25th year as Designer/Technical Director at Waterfront Playhouse. As we begin our 87th season, I feel I must take a moment and reflect back on that time. The Waterfront Playhouse was not in a particularly good place twenty-five years ago. It had to save every cent to stay afloat. The building needed repairs, the lighting and sound equipment needed modernizing, and it needed some TLC. Henry Woods, as president for three years, started a significant jump forward. He redesigned the board and their duties, began the modernization of the facilities, and he had the good sense to hire Danny Weathers as the Artistic Director and, with all modesty, myself as Designer/Technical Director.

Christopher Elwell's approximate 20 years as president continued the growth of the theatre and the shows got ever better. Unfortunately, Christopher died last spring, and we all miss him immensely. Queen of Fantasy Fest, Kate Miano, has succeeded Christopher as the president of the board, and has already had a major impact on the appearance of the playhouse.

Of course, the Artistic Directors have made a great contribution to the theatre, starting with Danny Weathers, who was here for 20 years. Tom Thayer was next and left last year. Patrick New became the new Artistic Director and promises to continue to build the theatre into an even bigger and better facility.

It is with the help of the directors, backstage crews, the actors, all the past board members, and the audience that we have reached the level of performance we have achieved. The audience is an essential part of a theatre. Without the audience you cannot do theatre. Therefore, I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make the Waterfront Playhouse a success, including YOU a member of the audience.

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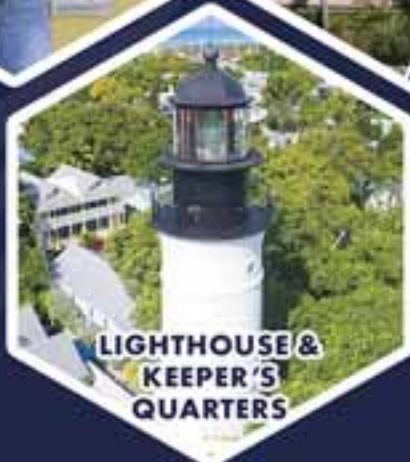
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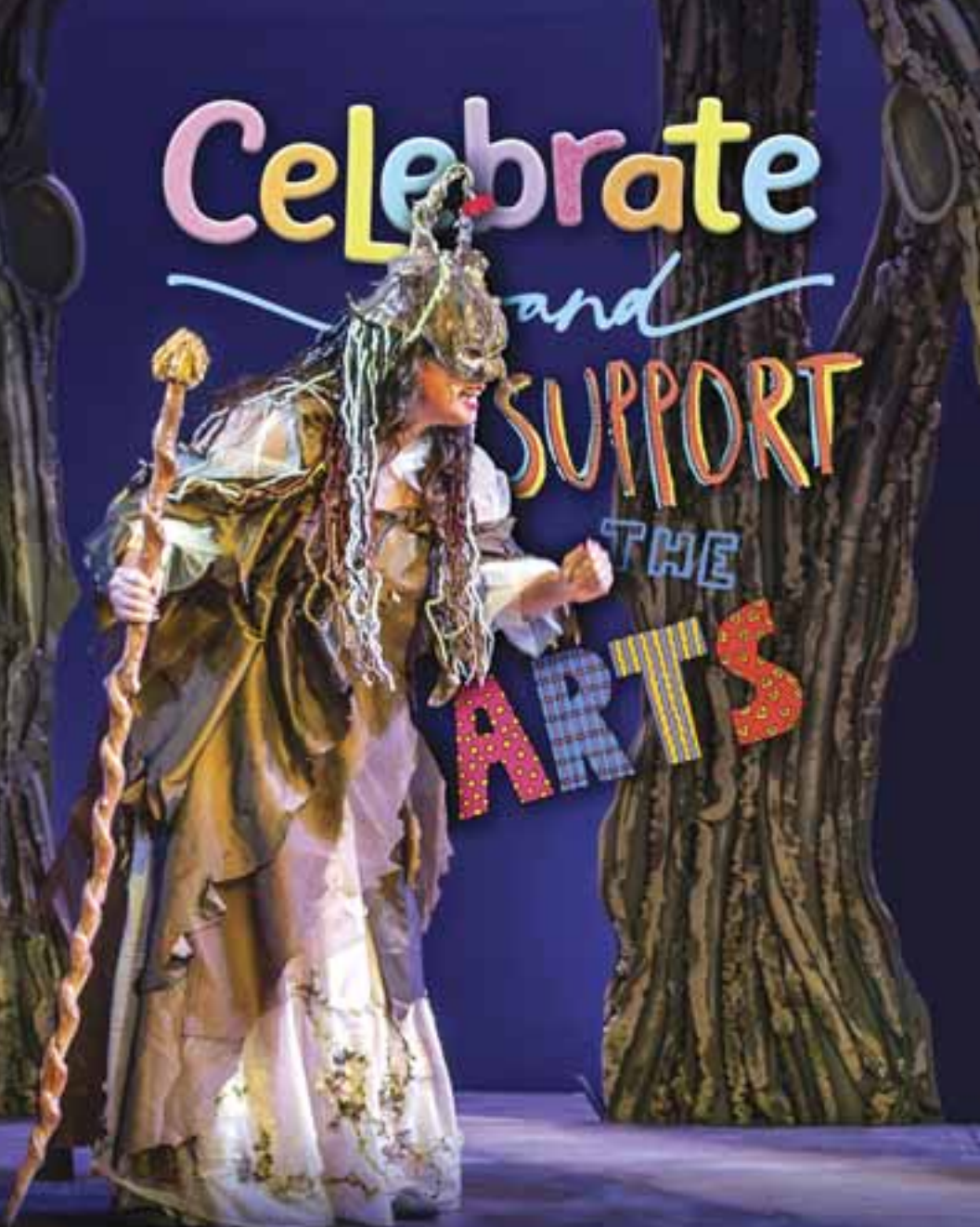
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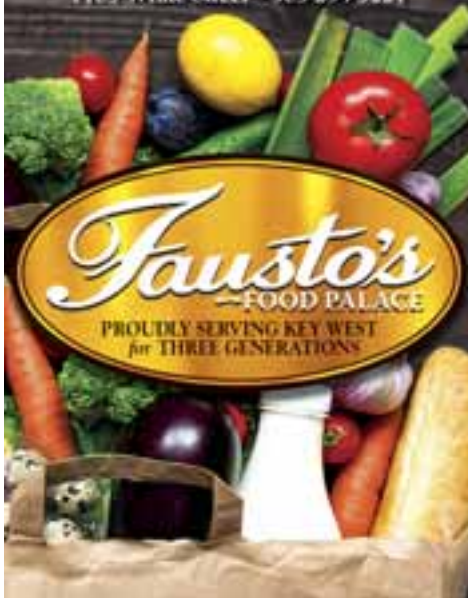
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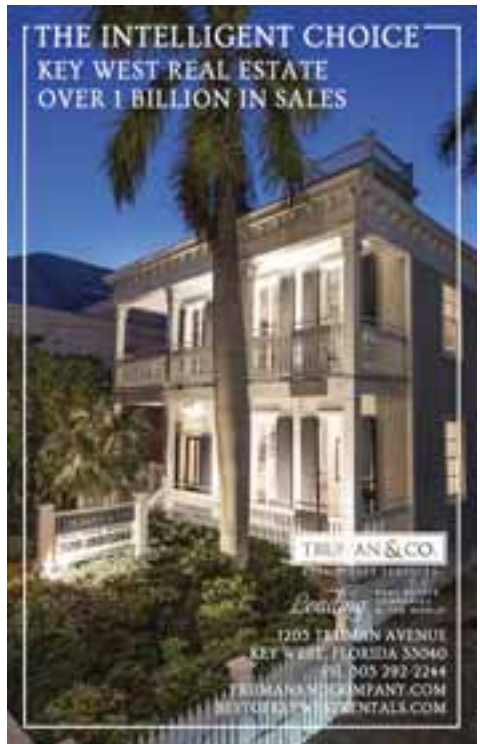


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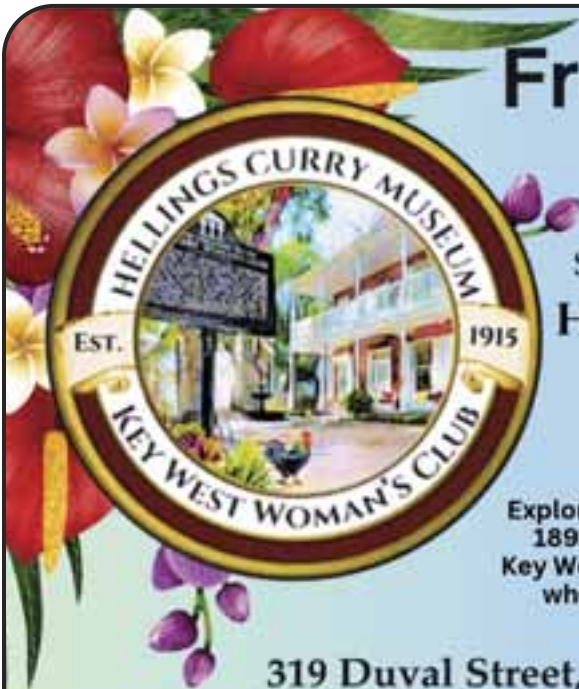
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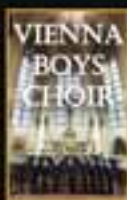
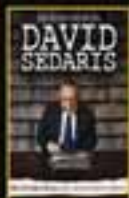
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