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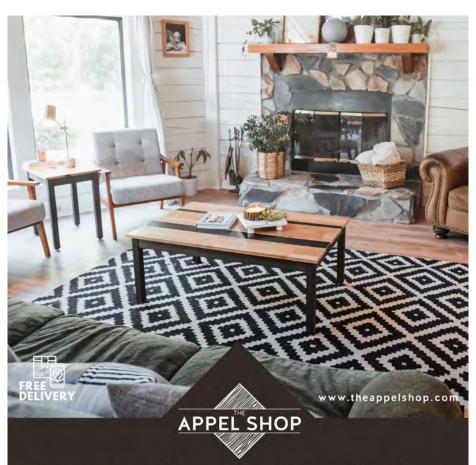
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The rest of the season will provide something for everyone with at least one new production each month: comedies, concerts, mystery plays and special events. See the show listings of this booklet for the schedule.

Keep in mind that the Opera House isn't just an arts venue. It is also the "civic center" of Monticello and a great place for parties, weddings, family reunions and meetings of all sorts. If you're interested in having an event at the Opera House, just call our Executive Director, Mike Herrin, at (850) 997-4242.

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- MOH was built in 1890 by entrepreneur John H. Perkins and designed by renowned architect W.R. Gunn, who designed many civic buildings including the Grand Opera House in Macon, GA.
- It featured retail stores on the ground floor and a 300+ seat theater upstairs.
- The theater held live performances until the early 1900's when a change in the rail system reduced travel to Monticello and theater attendance declined.
- Retail continued downstairs into the late 20th century but the theater remained closed and fell into disrepair. The building was finally slated for demolition in 1972.
- Concerned citizens started a movement to save the building.
   Initial restoration efforts enabled live performances to return in the early 1980's.
- The theater is noted for its curved wall design which creates near
  perfect acoustics. The chandeliers are original and were converted
  to electricity from gas. The balcony seating is also original. The
  balcony railing is too low to allow for usage by the general public.

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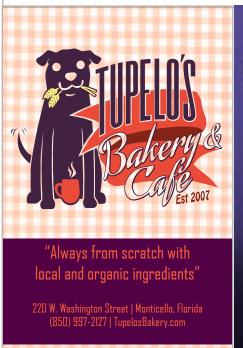








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### Book and Lyrics by David Landau Music by Killer Tracks Directed by Melanie Mays

Our favorite Mafia family from last year's hugely popular *The Altos: Like the Sopranos, Only Lower* is back to open our 2022-23 Season! In this hilarious Murder Mystery Dinner Theater sequel, Tony and Toffee Alto are at it again....Toffee wants to be a Broadway star and Tony needs to "clean" some money. So he hires two producers to mount a hit musical – *The Mafia Queen.* What could possibly go wrong?



Sept. 2-24, 2022

### By Robert Harling Directed by Jessica Brawner Webb

Welcome to Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Aided by her eager new assistant, Annelle, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and advice to the town's rich curmudgeon Ouiser; an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee; the local social leader, M'Lynn; and her daughter, Shelby, the "prettiest girl in town." Filled with hilarious repartee and revealing verbal collisions, this play speaks to the underlying strength—and love—of true friendship.



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Nov. 4-20, 2022

### Written by Noel Coward Directed by Melanie Mays

To gather background for his new book, novelist Charles Condomine and his second wife, Ruth, invite the extremely eccentric medium, Madame Arcati, to perform a séance. But Charles' spiritual skepticism vanishes when the ghost of his deceased first wife, Elvira, accidentally materializes-but only to him. Elvira's still in love and wants Charles back, and is not about to let a little thing like death stand in her way! From the delightfully wicked mind of Noël Coward comes Blithe Spirit, where love and marriage devolve into laughter and mayhem - and 'Till Death Do Us Part' no longer applies.



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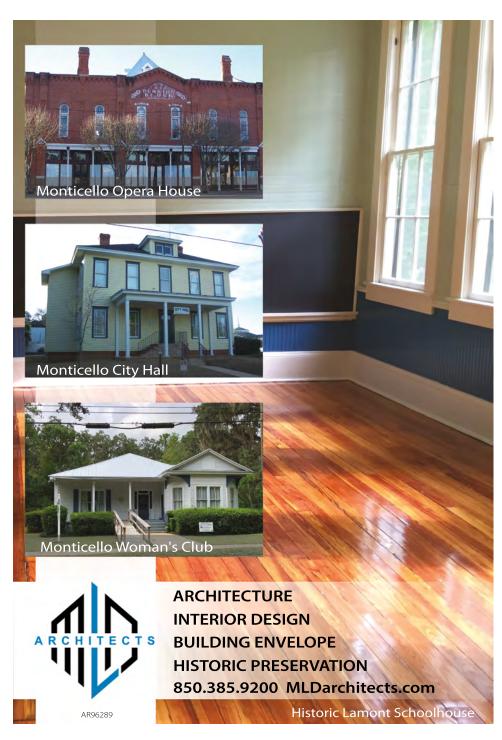
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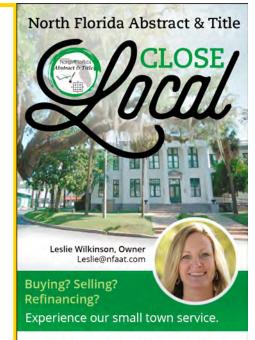
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