



WHAT IS LAFFING MATTERZ?

Laffing Matterz is a live, original, musical comedy revue spoofing current events – including politics, sports, celebrities and pop culture. The multi-award-winning show was previously housed in the venue of the same name in the historic McCrory building in downtown Ft. Lauderdale for over 3 1/2 years. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BECOME THE RESIDENT DINNER THEATRE OF THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS!

Voted "Best Dinner Theatre" by the Broward/Palm Beach New Times - twice, "Best Dining with a Sense of Humor" by the Palm Beacher, "The Official Best Dinner Theatre of Florida" by The Official Best.com and having received a 5 star rating by Trip Advisor, Laffing Matterz proved to be a favorite destination for locals and travelers alike. Don't just take our word for it . . .

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

By the time the lights go up, you'll be bursting at the seams and clutching your stomach in agony, not because of something you ate ... but because you probably haven't laughed so hard in ages.

-JOANNE GREEN (Miami New Times)

90 minutes of raucous, topical song and dance that is politically acute and naughty enough to make the elder half of the audience blush.

-Best of Broward/Palm Beach New Times

We laughed so hard at the skits as they were edgy and current with everything from political issues to menopause ... just hilarious!

-Trip Advisor Review

The saying goes, "this is a diamond in the rough." Well Laffing Matterz is anything but rough. It is truly a smooth, polished diamond of a show.

-Trip Advisor Review



THE SHOW

If you haven't already been to *Laffing Matterz*, imagine a "Saturday Night Live" with 80% musical spoofs or "Capitol Steps" with original songs instead of parodies and you will begin to understand how Laffing Matterz garnered a 5 Star Rating by Trip Advisor and numerous other awards by local publications.

Our show is based on current events, politics, social situations, relationships and pop culture. We stay very current, so the show changes with the times.

To quote our opening number . . .

Just one more request, before we commence, whatever we may say or do please don't take offense. Laughter is what we idealize, so we're asking you now to realize . . .

If you are black or white, Shia or Shiite, we love you all, we're glad you're here, but mock you we might.

If you're a hooker or virgin, or a menopausal mess, or a military man who sometimes likes to wear a dress.

If you're a Catholic or Jew or Hindu, gay or straight or can't decide please don't misconstrue.

If you're a geek, a nerd, a braniac, or an 87 year old nymphomaniac –

Republicans and Democrats come in for it, both.

We don't take sides, we just make fun, we've taken an oath . . .

Laffing Matterz! On with the show!"



WHO'S WHO



Mark & Rita Wells (*Producers*) have "knocked around the entertainment business" for a combined 40 years. Between the two of them, they have performed from "Cruise Ships to Shakespeare - and everything in between." Mark and Rita proudly opened **Laffing Matterz** in August of 2005, on Andrews Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale. In October of 2009, they

relocated and launched their partnership with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, becoming the Center's first theatre in residence. Mark trained many moons ago . . . at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. Rita graduated Magna Cum Laude from SUNY Fredonia with a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre. They met in the late 1980's when they were both performing at the Crystal Palace in Aspen, Colorado. The Crystal Palace was the launching pad for **Laffing Matterz**. They are extremely thankful to work with their incredibly talented cast and crew. Spread the laughter!



Kevin Black (*Director/Choreographer 2010-2011 Production*) began performing at theme parks and soon after on cruise ships, dancing in musical reviews. He continued to master his craft in New York, studying with many of the best choreographers including Michelle Asaff, Frank Hatchet and Thommie Walsh.

His first foray into choreography and production came while working as General Manager at Norwegian Cruise Lines under Jean Ann Ryan. To follow this path, Kevin relocated to South Florida, where he began Kevin Black Productions, a global company providing entertainment to cruise lines, corporate events, resorts, musical theater productions, and tours.



Kevin Black (*continued*)

Kevin's extensive cruise line work includes costume design, choreography, production, and direction on Norwegian, Saga, Royal Caribbean and Asuka Cruise Lines. He has produced shows for HP, Motorola, Muvico & Giorgio Armani; tours include original works – Cirque style shows, as well as musical theater productions including *La Cage Aux Folles*, *The Jazz Singer*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, *Funny Girl*, *Victor/Victoria* and *Dreamgirls*. Kevin appeared in the 2003 film *Stuck on You* with Meryl Streep, Cher and Greg Kinear, and was nominated twice in 2004 for the prestigious Carbonell Award which honors the best theater of South Florida for his choreography and costume design for *The Life*.