



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 2, 2009

Contact: Elizabeth Scholl

407.221.3412

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

By Robert Bolt

April 10 through May 3, 2009

(Eustis, FL)... Bay Street Players continues its award-winning 2008-2009 season with Robert Bolt's historical drama, **A Man For All Seasons**, opening Friday, April 10. Continuing through May 3, 2009 at the historic State Theatre in downtown Eustis, this production is sponsored in part by **Gregory and Barbara Phillips** and **United Arts of Central Florida**.

A Man For All Seasons is based on the gripping true story of Sir Thomas More and his principled stand against the tempestuous monarch Henry VIII. More's tenacity in the face of ever growing threats to his beliefs and family, and his epic resolve make him one of modern drama's greatest tragic heroes. Intrigue, diplomacy, and tests of faith abound in this award winning masterpiece. **A Man For All Seasons** has enjoyed numerous awards and accolades including a 1962 Tony Award for Best Play and an Academy Award for Best Picture in 1966.

Artistic Director **David Clevinger**, who also directed and designed the show, assembled a stellar cast and production team including **William Dumas** as Lighting Designer. **A Man For All Seasons** stars **John DiDonna** in the title role.

DiDonna received his BA from SU and his MFA from UNCG. With hundreds of credits in directing, acting, and playwrighting, his work has been seen throughout the country. John has had leading roles in such productions as *Extremities*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *The Crucible*, *True West*, *Virginia Woolf*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Three Penny Opera*, and *Oleanna*. Directing credits include: *The Tempest*, *HAIR*, *Jesus Hopped the A Train*, *My Illustrious Wasteland*, *Bathory*, *Bent*, *The Beckett Plays Festival*, and *The Red Chair Affair 06, 07, and 08*. John is an instructor at Seminole and Valencia CC, Rollins College, Atlanta Workshop Players, and he is Co-Artistic Director of The Empty Spaces Theatre Co.

He is joined by a powerhouse cast which includes: **Bill Welter** (The Common Man), **Mark Edward Smith** (Thomas Cromwell), **Glen Howard** (Richard Rich), **Thomas Young** (Duke of Norfolk), **Barbara Blake** (Lady Alice More), **Jennifer Bonner** (Margaret More), **Adrian LePeltier** (Cardinal Wolsey) **Rick Breese** (William Roper), **Brendon Rogers** (King Henry), **Vince Ratto** and **Heather Good**.

Performances: 8:00 PM April 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, May 1, 2
 2:30 PM April 12, 19, 26, May 2, 3

A Man For All Seasons runs April 10-May 3, 2009. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinee performances begin at 2:30 p.m. Also, there is one Wednesday performance on April 29 at 8:00p.m., and one Saturday matinee performance on May 2 at 2:30 p.m. Patrons attending the opening night production on April 10 are invited to a reception immediately following the performance with the cast and crew. The reception will be hosted by **United Southern Bank** and will take place at **Olivia's Coffee House**, adjacent to the theatre.

Tickets are \$18.00 except on Wednesday or Thursday when they are \$15.00. Call the Box Office at 352.357.7777 or visit www.baystreetplayers.org to purchase tickets online. Group discounts, season Tickets and gift certificates are available. The Box Office is located at the historic State Theatre, 109 N. Bay Street, Eustis and it is open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bay Street Players is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit community theatre celebrating 34 seasons of live theatre in the historic 1922 State Theatre in downtown Eustis.

###