

*Theatre Guild Valdosta*

*Stage 2 Presents*

# *Dearly Beloved*



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*February 19-21 2016*

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*A June wedding sets the scene for Anne Morrow Lindbergh's bestselling novel, Dearly Beloved. The ceremony is a great moment during which the "gathered together" survey not just this couple, this occasion, but their own lives, hopes, and fears.*

### *Special Thanks*

*Cheryl Oliver and The Turner Center for the Arts*

*Donald Davis*

*Dean Poling and the Valdosta Daily Times*

*Scott James*

## *The Cast*

*Dennis Dale.....Narrator*

*Edward Van Peenen.....Minister*

*Andrea Thom.....Deborah (Bride's Mother)*

*John McCray.....Don (Deborah's brother-in-law)*

*Amanda Talor.....Sally (Bride)*

*Domenick DeFrank.....Mark (Groom)*

*Kat Hoffman.....Chrissie (Bridesmaid)*

*Ken Kinard....Pierre (friend of the groom and Andrea's Uncle)*

*Harriet Messcher.....Frances (Groom's Mother)*

*Clay Lee.....Albert (the Maestro)*

*Joanne Griner.....Harriet (Deborah's Great Aunt)*

*Mary Ann Green.....Henrietta (Don's wife)*

*Michael Wetherington.....Andre (Best Man)*

*Jody Leonard.....Beatrice (Chrissie's Mother)*

*Jeff Fulp.....Theodore (Sally's grandfather)*

*Rachel Hansford.....Women's Understudy*

### *Set Construction*

*Kat Hoffman, Athena Hoffman, Andrea Thom, Bob Thom & Mary Helen Watson*

## *Directors Notes:*

*The book, "Dearly Beloved" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh has always been a favorite read for me. A couple years ago I decided to try and pull out of this book something based on her words that is appropriate for a staged reading. This evening is a culmination of that effort. I really love the thoughts, happy and not so happy, positive and negative, that come out of this work and I am so pleased to share this work with you. I truly hope you enjoy this evening and give yourselves a moment to add your thoughts on marriage to those expressed on stage. Thank you for coming to share this evening with all of us on stage.*

*-Mary Helen Watson*

## ***Coming Soon***

### ***The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon***

*Presented by TGV and the Airmen of Moody*

*February 27*

### ***The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood***

*A Gingerbread Players of TGV Production*

*April 8-10, 15-17*

### ***Leaving Iowa***

*A road trip dramedy*

*May 26-29, June 2-4*

*Auditions April 11 & 12*