

SigPro to Present New Lobby Lounge Cabaret Show

“Significant Talent” takes place at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

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The crew of Significant Productions is stepping out from behind the curtain and into the limelight in “Significant Talent,” a Lobby Lounge Cabaret show at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. Significant Productions, the 501(c)(3) organization that oversees The Sharon and The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol, hosts nearly 100 shows on The Sharon’s main stage each year. In addition to The Sharon and The Studio’s regular seasons, the not-for-profit theater production company also hosts its Lobby Lounge Cabaret Series in The Sharon’s historic lobby. This latest production is a musical showcase starring SigPro’s significantly talented cast and crew. “Significant Talent’ is going to look a lot like our cabaret-style lobby shows, like The Sharon’s ninth year anniversary event, our ‘Don’t Tell Nonnie’ shows or other cabaret lobby shows like ‘The Great American Songbook’ or ‘Tenor In Love,’” said Alec Speers, house manager for both The Sharon and The Studio. Speers has put his talents

on display in The Sharon’s lobby before. Patrons who attended the theater’s anniversary luncheon are likely to remember his rendition of “In Summer” from the 2013 Disney movie “Frozen.” He and his fellow cast and crew commemorated the milestone with an event filled with musical performances, giveaways, prizes and theater tours.

During the anniversary luncheon, local celebrities such as Whitney Morse, artistic director for Significant Productions and granddaughter of The Sharon’s namesake, and production manager Mark Kirshenbaum sang covers of songs that related to the theater’s history and to their own personal stories. Many other members of the SigPro crew followed suit, allowing patrons to appreciate their talent and get to know them better. The anniversary luncheon was a huge success, if the packed house and thunderous applause were any indication, but Speers said the idea for a talent show featuring members of SigPro has been floating around for a long time. “We are very fortunate at Significant Productions to have some incredible singing talent that doesn’t always get showcased,” Speers said. “A few staff members have done their own lobby cabaret shows, but we wanted the space to



Madi Carr, of Significant Productions, entertains the crowd during a Lobby Lunch concert at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. She will take the lobby stage again in “Significant Talent.”
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\$25. To purchase, go to the villagesentertainment.com. “Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so get there right as the doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the best seating available,” Speers said. “We can’t wait to see you, and we hope you have a fantastic time getting to know our team a little better.”
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highlight several individuals at once.” Patrons often ask if it is a requirement to sing well to be able to work at SigPro. The answer is no, Speers said, but creative jobs in theater do tend to attract a diverse array of talented people.

The talented people who are scheduled to take the lobby stage in “Significant Talent” are music director Gary Powell, associate lighting supervisor Dio Raquel Jr., marketing assistant Jessica “Birdie” Nix, production coordinator Madi Carr, lighting supervisor Ally Southgate, Kirshenbaum and of course, Speers. “They couldn’t keep me away if they tried,” Speers said. “I think a couple of duets with other talented team members are being worked on, and I might just flex my operatic talent for a song as well.” “Significant Talent” is currently planned as a one-time event, Speers said, but if it’s a hit, it’s an act they can always bring back. The show takes place at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. Tickets are

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