



ED FLETCHER'S EARLY BIRD DINNER THEATRE

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Run for Your Wife is a Laugh a Minute



Toby Manion, as John Smith, and Michael Crockett, as Stanley Gardener in Early Bird's production of *Run for Your Wife*.

Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre has now opened Ray Cooney's *Run for Your Wife*. According to patrons who attended the opening weekend, this is the best show yet!

This hilarious farce is a fast paced, slapstick; laugh a minute romp that leaves you in stitches and begging for more.

John Smith is an ordinary London taxi driver who just happens to have a very tight schedule to keep . . . and two wives! All is well until an accident interrupts his busy schedule and the forces of law and order become involved.

John has successfully kept his two marriages separate

and secret from each other, by spending mornings with Barbara and evenings with Mary.

One night John stops an old woman from getting mugged and gets knocked unconscious. In a dazed state, he gives one address to the police and the other to the hospital.

John's life gets complicated when the police officer returns John to the wrong home at the wrong time.

Enlisting the help of his upstairs slacker neighbor, Stanley Gardener, John heaps one lie upon another to, get back to the right home and the right wife . . . at the right time.

As the lies pile up and craziness ensues, Stanley and John try valiantly to keep the nosy detectives busy, John's suspicious wives from running into each other; their sex lives straight and all of their stories together.

The cast members who hysterically portray this delightful farce are: Toby Manion, Barbara Anthony, Gail Scott, Michael Crockett, Bill Henricks, Jennifer Sloane and Joe Johnson. Co-directed by Robin New and Toby Manion.

Call 727-446-5898 and reserve your seats now



Gail Scott, as Barbara Smith, and Barbara Anthony, as Mary Smith in Early Bird's production of *Run for Your Wife*.

Ed Fletcher, the Founder and Producer of Early Bird Dinner Theatre, retired at the age of forty. But a born entrepreneur, like Ed, does not go quietly into the world of retirement.

In the mid 1980's, after selling a successful Art Gallery business, Ed decided to write and produce his own screenplay. It was during this process that he began to discover how many talented

actors there were in the Clearwater area.

After the film was produced, it occurred to Ed that these actors needed a theatre. He began his search, and found a man who owned three restaurants. Ed jumped in and opened dinner theatres in Seminole, Dunedin and New Port Richey.

Now, local actors had three venues in which to work!

When the restaurant owner retired in 1990, Ed found a new venue at a banquet hall on Fort Harrison in downtown Clearwater that was owned by Bill Irle. Ed built a stage and opened that same year.

The first show was the ever-successful *Social Security*.

The Origins of Early Bird Dinner Theatre



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- ✓Upcoming Show News
- ✓Your Favorite Shows

The concept behind Early Bird Dinner Theatre is a simple one that meets a need for the patrons.

Ed knew that there were many folks who loved dining out and seeing a show, but still wanted to get home at an early hour. Early Bird Dinner Theatre was born.

The formula behind Early Bird Dinner Theatre was a smash hit and the theatre remained in the Fort Harrison location for sixteen

successful years.

When Bill Irle retired, the theatre moved to its current location on McMullen Booth Road at the Italian American Club and is now completing its second season at this new location.

"There's no doubt about it," says Ed Fletcher, "If you're looking for excellent dining and exciting professional

entertainment, the Early Bird Dinner Theatre is the best in the area."

After twenty successful years of producing dinner theatre that brings pleasure to both patrons and local actors, Ed Fletcher should know!

Early Bird's Upcoming Season

Our upcoming season is now available for viewing on our web site. Many thanks to Rick Jagers for maintaining this site.

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We have some terrific shows lined up, including some old favorites like *Social Security* and *Over the River and Through the Woods* and many more!

So, have a look and, as always, make your reservations early!

See you at the theatre!

All of us at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre would like to offer a generous thank you to each of our patrons. Whether you've been visiting us for years or you are a newcomer to our theatre, your presence keeps dinner theatre alive and well in Clearwater, Florida.

Thank you!

Vote for your favorite show!

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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