

The Little Theatre of Alexandria and The Art League Announce Collaborative Exhibit

In Celebration of LTA's Production "Is He Dead?" by Mark Twain

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The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) and The Art League announced the opening of their collaborative art exhibit inspired by Mark Twain's witty comedy about the art world, *Is He Dead?*, running at The Little Theatre May 18-June 8, 2024. Twain's satire about the actual 19th Century French artist Jean-Francois Millet serves as the backdrop for this exhibit, allowing artists to explore the intersection of art, humor and deception. The exhibit features a juried show of artwork by Alexandria artists, and can be seen in LTA's "Green Room" and lobby throughout the run of *Is He Dead?*. The art will be available for sale.

There will be a special reception in the Green Room at LTA open to the public featuring the artists and the actors on Sunday, June 2nd immediately following the matinee performance of the play. *Is He Dead?*, a comedy by Mark Twain adapted by David Ives, is produced by Eleanore Tapscott and directed by Joey Pierce. Tickets for *Is He Dead?* can be purchased either by calling LTA's Box Office at 703-683-0496 or through LTA's website (www.thelittletheatre.com).

The Play

The play *Is He Dead?* tells the tale of Jean-Francois Millet, a young painter of genius who is in love with Marie Leroux but in debt to a villainous art dealer, Bastien Andre. Millet is foreclosed on by Andre who threatens debtor's prison unless Marie marries him! The artist realizes the only way he can pay his debt and keep Marie to himself is to die, as only dead artists achieve fame and fortune. Millet fakes his death and prospers, all while passing himself off as his own sister, the widow Tillou. Now a rich widow, Millet must find a way to get out of a dress, return to life, and marry Marie! Mon Dieu!

The Art League

Founded in 1954, The Art League is a multifaceted visual arts organization that meets its mission through its gallery at Alexandria's Torpedo Factory, fine art school, art supply store, and arts-outreach programs. The Art League develops the artist through education, exhibition, and a stimulating supportive environment, while sharing the experience of the visual arts with the community." <https://www.theartleague.org/>

The Little Theatre of Alexandria

Founded in 1934, The Little Theatre of Alexandria seeks to create a vibrant, thriving artistic space where our members and the greater community can engage in rewarding theatrical experiences that entertain, educate, and build community. Since 1934, The Theatre has mounted over 450 productions and delivers a robust schedule of theater classes for all ages. Contact www.thelittletheatre.com for more details.