

# ED FLETCHER'S EARLY BIRD DINNER THEATRE

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Ed Fletcher is proud to present *Funny Money*, another classic British farce, by Ray Cooney.

If you remember our past productions by this playwright, *Out of Order* and *Run for Your Wife*, then you'll have a sense of the fast-paced style of this uproarious comedy.

Jean Perkins was expecting a peaceful night at home, celebrating her husband Henry's birthday with their friends Vic and Betty Johnson. But this night is anything but peaceful!

On his way home from work, mild mannered CPA, Henry Perkins, accidentally picks up the wrong briefcase. Instead of his usual paperwork and personal effects, Henry is stunned to find that this briefcase contains cash. . . a lot of cash. Henry sees this as the chance of a lifetime and immediately makes arrangements to book one-way tickets out of the country for himself and his wife.

Jean responds with hysterical bewilderment, downing one drink after another in a frantic attempt to calm herself, while pleading with Henry



Cast: (Seated) Michael DuMouchel, Jonelle Meyer, Rick Kistner, Barbara Anthony; (Standing) Tracy Borgatti, Joe Johnson, Jennifer Sloane, Brent Ballard.

to turn in the briefcase.

The doorbell rings as they wait for their taxi. The police detective at the door thinks Henry was soliciting in the men's room of the local pub. Actually, he was sitting in the loo counting the cash. The bell rings again. Another detective arrives thinking Henry is dead. A man with bullet holes in his head and Henry's briefcase were found in the Thames. Henry's inept attempts to extricate himself from this impossible situation lead to increasingly hysterical situations.

It doesn't take long before Jean, Vic and Betty are all accomplices. Add in a frustrated taxi driver and

the mysterious Mr. Big, and the antics raise this comedy of errors to new heights.

Artistic Director, Robin New has put together a quality cast whose characters will take you on a very wild and funny ride.

*Funny Money* runs until June 20, 2010. Call soon for reservations, as we've been booking full houses every weekend!

See you at the show!

**For Reservations  
Call  
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## SPOTLIGHT: The Red Hat Ladies



*The Striking Red Hatters of Valrico*

Where would Early Bird Dinner Theatre be without the frequent visits of the Red Hat Ladies?

We'd be a lot less colorful and a lot less fun. That much is certain!

This vibrant society of women always delights us when they arrive with their wonderful purple attire, amazingly creative red hats and their genuine desire to have fun.

The Red Hat Society is a global organization with many chapters, each one with their own Queen.

The mission statement says that The Red Hat Society is a "global society that connects, supports and encourages women in their pursuit of fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment and fitness." Their website confirms that "by maintaining a thriving social

networking community, and offering a variety of services and group experiences, the Red Hat Society supports our members to get the most out of life."

Those of us at Early bird can attest to the enthusiasm with which the Red Hat groups enjoy their visits to the theatre.

We wish we could list all the Red Hat chapters that come to see shows, but there are too many to list!

We did manage to get a photo of the Striking Red Hatters of Valrico on their very first visit with us in early April. Thank you, ladies!

The actors have a great time on the receiving line after the show, meeting so many friendly ladies and enjoying their enthusiasm.

With so many things going on in

the world and in our individual lives, it's comforting to know that there are women who gather together regularly to celebrate life and develop meaningful friendships.

We love the positive outlook of the Red Hat Society's members and welcome their visits to the Early Bird Dinner Theatre.

All of us at the theatre want to thank the lovely Red Hat ladies for their patronage and for all the joy they bring to the theatre!



### Early Bird Has Something to Crow About:



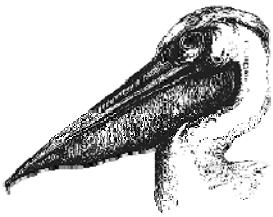
*Early Bird Dinner Theatre is proud to announce that on April 24, 2010, we celebrated our 500<sup>th</sup> show at our new location at 200 South McMullen-Booth Road in Clearwater. The 500<sup>th</sup> show was one of the final performances of "Death by Chocolate."*

*It doesn't seem possible that we've done that many shows since the move, but we have!*

*Thank you to our patrons for their loyalty to Early Bird Dinner Theatre! You've made every single one of those 500 shows a special experience for all of us.*

*Join us as we move forward towards the next 500 shows!!!*

*Many thanks to all our loyal patrons for helping to make our new location such a wonderful success for all!!!*



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**Artistic Director**  
**Robin New**

## **AFTER A SHORT BREAK: KITCHEN WITCHES**

After a brief summer intermission from June 21 to July 14, 2010, Early Bird will be presenting *The Kitchen Witches* by Caroline Smith.

Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two mature cable-access cooking show hostesses, who have hated each other for thirty years, ever since Stephen Biddle dated one and married the other.

When circumstances put them together on a TV show called *The Kitchen Witches*, the insults are flung harder than the food!

Dolly's long-suffering TV-producer son Stephen tries to keep them on track, but as long as Dolly's dressing room is one inch closer to the set than Isobel's, it's a losing battle, and the show becomes a ratings smash as Dolly and Isobel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer combined.

This funny show was the winner of the 2005 Samuel French Canadian Play Contest.

Artistic Director, Robin New, has put together a fabulous cast that includes: Midge Mamatas, Jennifer Sloane and Ian McCallum.

***Kitchen Witches* opens July 15 and runs until September 5, 2010.**

## ***Get Your Ducks in a Row for Our 2010 Season***

***Funny Money*** from April 29 to June 10, 2010.

***Kitchen Witches*** from July 15 to September 5, 2010.

***Lovers and Other Strangers*** from September 9 to October 31, 2010.

***How the Other Half Loves*** from November 4 to December 26, 2010.

***For more information and details of upcoming shows, please visit our website:***

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### ***Patron Corner:***

If you'd like to tell us about some special memories you've had at the theatre or want to tell us about one of your favorite shows, just send us an email at

[newsletter@earlybirddinnertheatre.com](mailto:newsletter@earlybirddinnertheatre.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!!!

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