



"You don't have to be British to lose your composure and howl with laughter at *The Explorers Club* a witty spoof of all those bold Victorian adventurers who ravaged foreign lands and annihilated indigenous cultures in the name of science." — Variety.

Theatre Jacksonville travels back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century with Nell Benjamin's comedic lampoon of an eccentric men's society dedicated to the scientific pursuits of the day. It's London, 1879 and the prestigious Explorers Club is in crisis. Their acting president wants to admit a woman, and their bartender is terrible. True, this female candidate is brilliant, beautiful, and has discovered a legendary Lost City, but the decision to let in a woman could shake the very foundation of the British Empire, and how do you make such a decision without a decent drink? Grab your safety goggles for some very mad

science involving deadly cobras, irate Irishmen and the occasional airship.

Our talented cast includes **Paul Jason Baker, David Gile, Amber Grayson, Jeff Grove, Michael Porter, Michael Ray, Neal Thorburn, Matt Tompkins and Christopher Watson.** The creative team is led by director **Tracy Anne Olin.** Costume design is by **Curtis Williams** and **David Lynn Dawson** rounds out the team as lighting and set designer.

***The Explorers Club* opens April 22 and runs through May 7. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm; Thursdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2pm. Admission is \$25 for general public. Senior, Military and Student discounts are available at select performances. Tickets available by calling 904-396-4425 or online at [www.theatrejax.com](http://www.theatrejax.com).**



## THE DOUBLE THREATS: *A Celebration of Composer/Lyricists*

Vocalist and longtime Theatre Jacksonville executive director **Sarah Boone** successfully premiered her newest solo cabaret act, *The Double Threats: A Celebration of Composer/Lyricists* at New York City's legendary music club Don't Tell Mama in fall 2015. On February 27, in an exclusive local engagement, she played to a sold out audience at **WJCT Studios** to raise money for Theatre Jacksonville's general operating fund. It was a festive and joyous evening of song and history in tribute to gifted songwriters who have written both the music and lyrics to classic standards

as well as little known treasures. The show was directed by **Jean Tait** with musical direction by **Eugene Gwozdz.** Theatre Jacksonville is extremely grateful to the following sponsors and event partners that made the evening possible: **Live Oak Contracting, Linda and David Stein, Norm and Ann Anderson, the Price Family Advised Fund, Rod and Ellen Sullivan, Minuteman Press Downtown, Dr. Henry F. Thomas, Jr. and Kit Thomas, the Theatre Jacksonville Board of Directors, Anthony's Gourmet Catering, AVL Productions, Riverside Liquors, Ronan School of Music, The Friday Musicale, WJCT and Omni Jacksonville Hotel,** the official event hotel sponsor. Many, many thanks to all involved who made *The Double Threats* a huge success!



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# CAMP THEATRE JACKSONVILLE REVIVAL

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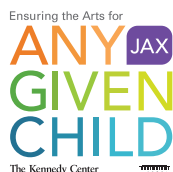


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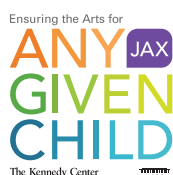


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# LAST SCENES ON OUR STAGE...

## THE MELVILLE BOYS

by Norm Foster

Directed by Michelle  
Svenson Simkulet



## THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA

Music and Lyrics by Adam  
Guettel | Book by Craig  
Lucas | Based on  
the novella by  
Elizabeth Spencer

Directed by  
Michael Lipp

Musical Direction by  
Kimberly Beasley



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