

Key Players prepare for their 100th production!

Dearly Beloved

is the story of a completely dysfunctional but loveable Texas family in the throes of a series of life-changing events.

The Futrelle Sisters are throwing a wedding. Frankie has almost made herself sick with elaborate preparations for her daughter's antebellum-inspired wedding, and the rumor mill in their small town of Fayro, Texas, is working overtime. No surprise there, the Futrelle Sisters have never been strangers to gossip. After all, they survived the scandalous breakup of their almost-famous gospel singing trio, The Sermonettes. But Twink's desperate

Miss Geneva (Charlene Sammis) lets John Curtis (Dewey Engstrom) know that he's not the only one packing heat.



The Sermonettes Reunite! (Nancy Siljander, Marianne Billings, and Fatima DaSilva)



Miss Geneva (Charlene Sammis), wedding coordinator



attempts to get her boyfriend of 15½ years down the aisle, Frankie's ongoing conversations with their dead mother, and Honey Raye's tendency to race to the altar at every opportunity have kept tongues wagging for years.

Frankie hopes that she can pull off one "final Futrelle occasion" with elegance and style with the help of the cantankerous wedding coordinator, Miss Geneva, who runs the local floral shop/bus depot. But on the day of the nuptials, Frankie's hope dims when she discovers Twink's alternative solution to an expensive catered wedding dinner is a potluck supper sponsored by Clovis Sanford's House of Meat.



A potluck usually involves some Mystery Food.

When the prodigal Honey Raye arrives at the church in skintight gold lamé, consumed by hot flashes and a steely determination to right old family wrongs, Frankie's hope is shaken. Then word reaches the church that the couple has eloped.

The sisters pull together to find ways to keep the unsuspecting guests in the pews while a highway patrolman races off to track down the runaway bride and groom.

BELOW: Madam Nelda (Carolyn Barnett), the local psychic, reveals Twink's motivation for seeing that this wedding happens.



RIGHT: Wiley (Ron McMahon) exhibits signs of over medication.

Entertainer of the Month Michael DiMaggio

By Jenna Steele



In the keys we have our fair share of music. You can go to any bar or usually any restaurant and hear awesome music. But if you have not heard Michael DiMaggio yet then you are truly missing out on one of the best musical experiences in the Keys. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Michael has been in many bands but has recently decided to experience the solo route.

mother's basement with his brother David, and childhood friends. Getting their first gig at sixteen, they performed at a horseshoe tournament. After years of playing there and band lineup changes, Michael moved to Key Largo. Michael got his start here in the keys when he first started playing gigs with his band "Stereo Underground", which consist of his brother David DiMaggio, and his friend Mark Mullen. Hitting local late night spots like "Coconuts", they started to gain a following.

"My uncle always said, 'If you can write it, you can sing it,' he always encouraged me to be a singer." With regular gigs at Outback Steakhouse, Snook's Bayside, and Coconuts, he has been making a big splash in a little pool. Back in Philly Michael started his music career at a young age; at twelve he started taking guitar lessons. He took guitar lessons for six months before his teacher told him, "You're good enough, go start a band." And he did, forming a band in his

After a few years of playing as a band Michael decided to try his best at being a solo artist, while still playing with the band. Why did he decide to take this route, and why not sooner? "The economy, and then I got a job to fill in for Bobby Brown at Coconuts and I loved it, plus I didn't want to do tiling anymore. I stayed in the band because I enjoy

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