



**MARILYN MONROE WINE COLLECTION TO BE FEATURED AT
EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY FUNDRAISER**

***Marvelous Manhattan Comedy Club Promises a
Sexy Evening of Comedy, Wine, Food & Fun, Friday, June 15***

MIRAMAR BEACH, FLA (May 29, 2018) – “If you can make a girl laugh, you can make her do anything,” so said America’s legendary blonde bombshell sex symbol Marilyn Monroe.

When you take Marilyn Monroe, sexy wine, exciting auction items, lots of laughs and a swanky 1950s vibe and put it altogether ... you have The Marvelous Manhattan Comedy Club.

Emerald Coast Theater Company’s not-to-be-missed fundraising event set for Friday, June 15 at 560 Grand Boulevard at Sandestin in Miramar Beach. Cocktails and silent auction **begin at 6:30 p.m.** followed by a comedy show at 8 p.m. The one-night-only event promises a creative evening of comedy, great food, fun and ... wine!

The evening showcases the comedic talents and acerbic wit of Atlanta’s Lace Larrabee, an Atlanta-based actor host and nationally touring stand-up comedian who can be seen in clubs from coast to coast, who will headline the event.

But the one-night only affair promises more, including the opportunity to purchase all or part of a collection of Maneater Winery “Marilyn” wines. Local Beau Esprit Framing business owners, Stacey and Bill Barrett, have generously donated the recently appraised 77 bottle \$12,000 collection of Merlots, Cabernets and sparkling Cuvee Carneros featuring the 1950’s star on the label, to help raise money for Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC).

“Stacy and I are big fans of ECTC, so it only made sense for us to donate to the theater,” Bill Barrett said.

The story behind the brand's success includes a bit of Hollywood serendipity. Bob and Donna Holder, principal owners of the “Marilyn” Merlots, Cabernets, and Cuvee

Carneros, moved from Berkeley to Napa California in 1978. At that time both Bob, a CPA, and high school teacher Donna had a consuming passion for wine. In 1980, the Holders and a few friends toyed with a formula and produced a unique barrel of Cabernet at the couple's home. Though not for sale, their formula became known as "Cannibal Sauvignon." New to enology or wine making, the Holders soon perfected the balance, bouquet and complexity of their creation and their Maneater Winery brand was born. By 1983 the Holder's began producing a nice quality Merlot on their ever-growing vineyard property. Looking for an appropriate name and a fit with their Maneater image, the first "Marilyn Merlot" debuted.

Soon, each new vintage of "Marilyn Merlot" was selling quickly. Collectors and wine enthusiasts with a playful spirit were helping make "Marilyn Merlot" one of the fastest appreciating wines on the market. While the concept and engaging label was giving these bottles a degree of fame, it was the wine itself that was winning praise from both critics and wine lovers alike.

"We are grateful for this opportunity," says ECTC artistic producer director, Nathanael Fisher. "We invite wine enthusiasts, theater lovers, and all those looking to have an entertaining evening out on the town join us."

Auction items include donations from: Amavida Coffee, Brooks Brothers, Blue Mountain Catering, Cantina Laredo, Emeril's Coastal Italian, Evercrisp, Glow Med Spa, Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation, Monat Hair Care by Marlyse, Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club, Rosemary Martinek Cruise Planners, Santa Rosa Golf & Beach Club, Sinfonia Gulf Coast, Taylor By the Sea Salon, Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar and Vintij Wine Boutique & Bistro.

Preferred tickets to Marvelous Manhattan Comedy Club are \$65; general admission is \$50 per person.

Proceeds benefit Emerald Coast Theatre Company. ECTC is a non-profit professional theater company founded by Anna and Nathanael Fisher, MFA, in 2012 with a mission to enrich and entertain the Emerald Coast community through professional and educational theater.

Cocktails provided by Timber Creek. Bites provided by Trebeaché. Accommodations provided by ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals. ECTC season sponsors are Grand Boulevard, Isidro Dunbar Modern Interiors and Howard Hospitality.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, visit www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org.

ABOUT EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY

Emerald Coast Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) founded in 2012 by Nathanael Fisher, MFA, and his wife, Anna Fisher. Based in Miramar Beach, Florida, ECTC's mission is to enrich and entertain the Emerald Coast community through professional and educational theater. ECTC operates year-round with a two-fold mission to provide both educational and professional offerings to the Northwest Florida community.

Educational outreach includes after school and home-school programs, touring and staged productions, summer camps, workshops and classes. The professional theater efforts are focused on thought provoking productions, festivals and collaborations as well as acting and improv workshops and classes for adults.

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