

EbzB PRODUCTIONS

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" War Bonds: The Songs and Letters of World War II will leave your audience with smiles and tears. It's a well crafted work by two of the best artists in the business. Our audiences left the show smiling and asking when would EbzB return!" –Jane Lonon, Presenter, Ashe Arts Council, NC

"I've told all of our friends just how enjoyable 'Songs & Letters of World War II is. You must let me know when you'll be performing it again. I will bring everyone I know. I was deeply moved. Those were the days, the good old days. Thank you." –Dorothy Muller, USO Performer in World War II

WAR BONDS:

The Songs and Letters of World War II

(Musical Cabaret)

EbzB Productions presents: WAR BONDS: The Songs and Letters of World War II -- a musical journey through a war that redefined the world. This living history cabaret is interspersed with personal letters from the Front and headline news of the period. The production is a warm reminiscence and a harrowing reminder of a time that is not unlike the present.

David zum Brunnen and Serena Ebhardt fill the stage with wartime memories and tunes. Actual veteran's stories create a sentimental journey back through the days when blackouts and rationing were a small sacrifice in order to obtain freedom. A time when Rosie the riveter discovered she could take care of herself; a time when African-Americans, who were held down at home by Jim Crow, became war heroes overseas; and when a man's only wish was to be home for Christmas. WAR BONDS: Songs and Letters of World War II explores the dark side of war and the strange juxtaposition of the light hearted, popular tunes of the time.

Musical Director, Julie Florin recreates a nostalgic score of familiar tunes. Twenty-two songs of the period lift the mood -- even as the atrocities of war are described. Old-timers will sing along and shed a few tears as time goes by. Younger audience members will enjoy a lesson in history that just might keep them from repeating the mistakes of the past-- or at least handle them with diplomacy and grace in the future.

Regular Running Time: 1 hour and 40 minutes
Student Matinee Running Time: 50 minutes
Study Guides are available for this production.

"Dear David and Serena- Thank you so much for such a wonderful performance. In carpool line I heard many of the kids talking about the performance and about World War II. I think you really got many of them thinking. I personally, really loved the music. It was wonderful. I was also very moved by many of the stories. The letters really make it so personal...Again, thank you so much for bringing a new appreciation of that time to our students and staff. If you ever need a reference I would be glad to talk to anyone about how professional, educational and entertaining you were."

-Elizabeth Iaquinta, St Raphael's School, Raleigh, NC.

Dear David, Serena and Julie,

Thank you so much for the two fabulous shows. The high school students have been raving about it--even some students who were forced to leave a carpentry project to come. The Coordinator of Community Schools asked me what kind of program we had because those boys who moaned and groaned about having to come to the assembly yesterday went back to class all excited and talking about the show. They must have been very enthusiastic.

The music, the songs, the scripting, the acting all fit together so beautifully and all was so exceptionally well done. Very memorable! We're already looking forward to the shows next December. My assistant, Steve Clobridge, sends his regards, too. In addition to the complements on your shows that he delivered in person, he commented to me what nice people you are. I agree wholeheartedly. Thanks again.

-Jenny Johnson, Swain County Center for the Arts, Bryson City, NC

Serena Ehardt's rendition of Marlene Dietrich singing Lili Marlene brought the house down... this husband and wife team re-created those times with consummate skill.... the program moved at a rapid clip, keep the audience well-entertained. Thank you for a wonderful, inspiring, and timely performance. -John Carroll Gambrell, for the Anderson (SC) Independent-Mail

In a word, the show was spectacular! War Bonds was the perfect blend of music, headline news, and nostalgic World War II stories. Sitting in front of us was a WWII veteran and his wife. Both were very moved by your performance that clearly brought back to them many WWII memories. Thanks again for such a memorable and enjoyable evening.

-John and Cindy Micavich, Westford, Mass. - after attending a performance at the Deertrees Theatre, Harrison, Maine.

Still getting feedback from your show, 'spectacular!' being the latest. It's a pleasure just to watch you both, and your material's top rate, too. Do you ever tire of compliments? It was such a fun evening.

Susan Opasik, Blake Library Performance Series, Martin Co. Libraries, Stuart, FL