



Rising Action Theatre Presents **GREY GARDENS** Through April 3rd



Rising Action Theatre presents the South Florida Premiere of the Tony Award-winning Grey Gardens, the Musical. Based on the highly acclaimed 1975 Maysles Brothers film documentary, it is the story of Jackie Kennedy's relatives "Big Edie" [Bouvier Beale](#) and her adult daughter "Little Edie" and the overgrown, crumbling East Hampton mansion they shared for decades. Set at the Grey Gardens mansion, the musical follows the progression of the lives of the two Edies from their original social status as wealthy and polished aristocrats in the 1940's to their eventual existence as penniless eccentrics in a crumbling home. But, the real focus is clearly on the unending psychological struggle between a mother and a daughter. The story is joyous, heartwarming, sad, and funny.





Under the direction of [Kevin Coughlin](#) ("Reefer Madness", "Flora the Red Menace") with choreography by Dave Campbell ("Andrews Brothers", "Reefer Madness", Canadian Idol), Grey Gardens, the Musical features an outstanding cast of South Florida actors. Dee Deringer-Piquette and Erin Pittleman make their Rising Action debuts as Big Edie and Little Edie. They are supported by Rising Action veterans Larry Buzzeo, [Joseph Long](#) and [Christopher Michaels](#), and newcomers Lisa Kerstin Braun, Katie Harmon, Skylar Voelker and Jerry Weinberg.

Grey Gardens, the Musical has a book by [Doug Wright](#), Lyrics by [Michael Korie](#) and Music by [Scott Frankel](#). It played over 300 performances on Broadway in 2006-2007, was nominated for ten Tony Awards (including Best Musical) and won three. Grey Gardens was also recently adapted into an award-winning HBO non-musical drama featuring [Jessica Lange](#) and [Drew Barrymore](#).

"An experience no passionate theatergoer should miss! A Tour de Force!" -- New York Times
"Grey Gardens is more than a unique and unmissable musical: IT'S A GIFT!" -- Rolling Stone