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# THE MORNING CALL

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## 'One Funny Mother' at Bucks

Comedian/writer, former Miss New Jersey and married mother of three Dena Blizzard rants about the trials and tribulations of motherhood and marriage in her solo Off-Broadway show "One Funny Mother," running through Sunday at Bucks County Playhouse as part of its Visiting Artists Series.

In 80 sassy minutes, Blizzard journeys through her day as she prepares for her big "Girls Night Out." Along the way, she laments how her life and marriage have changed since becoming a mother of three, wrestling with the eternal question, "Have I gone crazy since having these kids?" The show is perfect for anyone who is a mom, has a mom, or is married to a mom.

Blizzard is executive producer/host of her Facebook Live shows, "Chardonnay Go" and "Tipsy Tuesday." She hosts corporate conferences and is a keynote speaker. She is also an inventor, with her first board game launching now called Chardonnay Go, for wine lovers, moms and other "shameless people."

• **"One Funny Mother,"** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Bucks County Playhouse, 70 S. Main St., New Hope. Tickets: \$30-\$45 [buckscountyplayhouse.org](http://buckscountyplayhouse.org), 215-862-2121.

## Coming up at Bucks Playhouse

Single tickets go on sale Tuesday for the Bucks County Playhouse summer season. Shows include the comedy "Clue on Stage," May 2-20; "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," May 27-June 17; "The Nerd" by Larry Shue, June 23-July 15; "Guys and Dolls," July 21-Aug. 12, and "Other Desert Cities" by Pulitzer Prize-nominee Jon Robin Baitz, Aug. 18-Sept. 2.

Next on stage at the playhouse is "My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy," March 23-April 9. The one-man show by Brad Zimmerman is an inspiring comedy about the grit and passion it takes to make it as a comedian and the rewards that come from never giving up.

Zimmerman spent 29 years waiting tables in New York while chasing a career in acting and comedy. He had a small part in "The Sopranos," playing Johnny Sack's lawyer, and he was the opening act for many well-known entertainers including George Carlin, Brad Garrett, Dennis Miller, Julio Iglesias and Joan Rivers.

In "My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy," Zimmerman tells of his acting pursuit, along with stories about his childhood, family, love life and life as a waiter faced with persnickety diners. He was convinced his epitaph would read "I'll be right with you."

"My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy" spent two years at Off-Broadway's Stage 72 at the Triad Theatre in New York, and has toured the United States. The show has been compared to [Billy Crystal's](#) "700 Sundays." Tickets are \$45, \$55, \$65.

Theater, television and film icon [Shirley Jones](#) will be inducted into the Bucks County Playhouse Hall of Fame during the playhouse's third Oscar Hammerstein Festival April 22-23. The induction is a highlight of a benefit concert at 8 p.m. April 22, "Hammerstein in Hollywood," which features Broadway talent saluting Hammerstein's achievements in film and television. Jones will chat about her experience working on two Rodgers and Hammerstein classic films — "Oklahoma" and "Carousel" — as well as take questions about her career.

At age 25, Jones won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Elmer Gantry." She gained fame with a new generation as the star of the classic musical sitcom "The Partridge Family." In 2004, Jones returned to Broadway opposite her son, Patrick Cassidy, in the revival of "42nd Street."

Tickets for the benefit concert are \$45-\$150. All-event passes for the Hammerstein Festival are \$350-\$1,000. Info: [buckscountyplyhouse.org](http://buckscountyplyhouse.org), 215-862-2121.