

## New Season Checklist for LLT ( Things to change )

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YOU RE EXPECTED TO HAVE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF HTML IF YOU ARE CHANGING FILES ON THIS SITE. A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF PHP IS HELPFUL AS WELL. THESE INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT COVER ANY CSS CHANGES.

### SUMMARY OF WORK TO BE DONE

1. Edit the /functions/set\_session\_vars.php file.
2. Match show name in /data/dates/dates.data file and some file names elsewhere in the system
3. Further set up of the /data/dates/dates.data file.
4. Create/Edit new season's /data/shows/nn directory ( show blurbs ).
5. Set up new season's /data/shows/nn/images directory ( show poster images ).
6. Set up the data/auditions directory.
7. Edit the data/past/past.data file
8. Add an [xxxx](#)seasons.php to the data/seasons directory.
9. Listing of functions directory
10. Edit .php files in /homepage/ files as needed.
11. images Directory

## 1. functions/set\_session\_vars.php

Change value for `$_SESSION['default_season']` to 2020 ( for the 2020-2021 Season ).  
I have placed a marker in the file to help locate the line to change easily. Search for: `#!#!`

```
#####  
# set $_SESSION['default_season'] #  
#####  
if (! isset($_SESSION['default_season'])) {  
    $_SESSION['default_season']="2020";      #!#!  
}
```

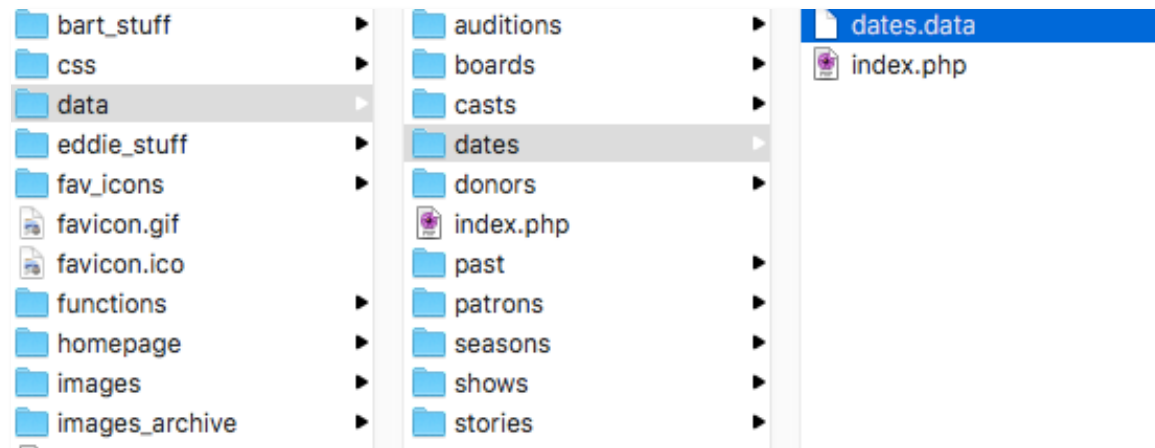
## 2. Data Directory Items:

This is a little tedious but not complicated. There are a three (3) things that MJST match.

- The ***'Show' column inside*** the data/dates/dates.data file
- The ***NAME of the .php file*** in the data/shows/nn directory
- The ***NAME of the image file*** in the data/shows/nn/images directory ( the extension [ .png, .jpg does not matter ]
- The ***NAME of the .php file*** in the data/auditions directory

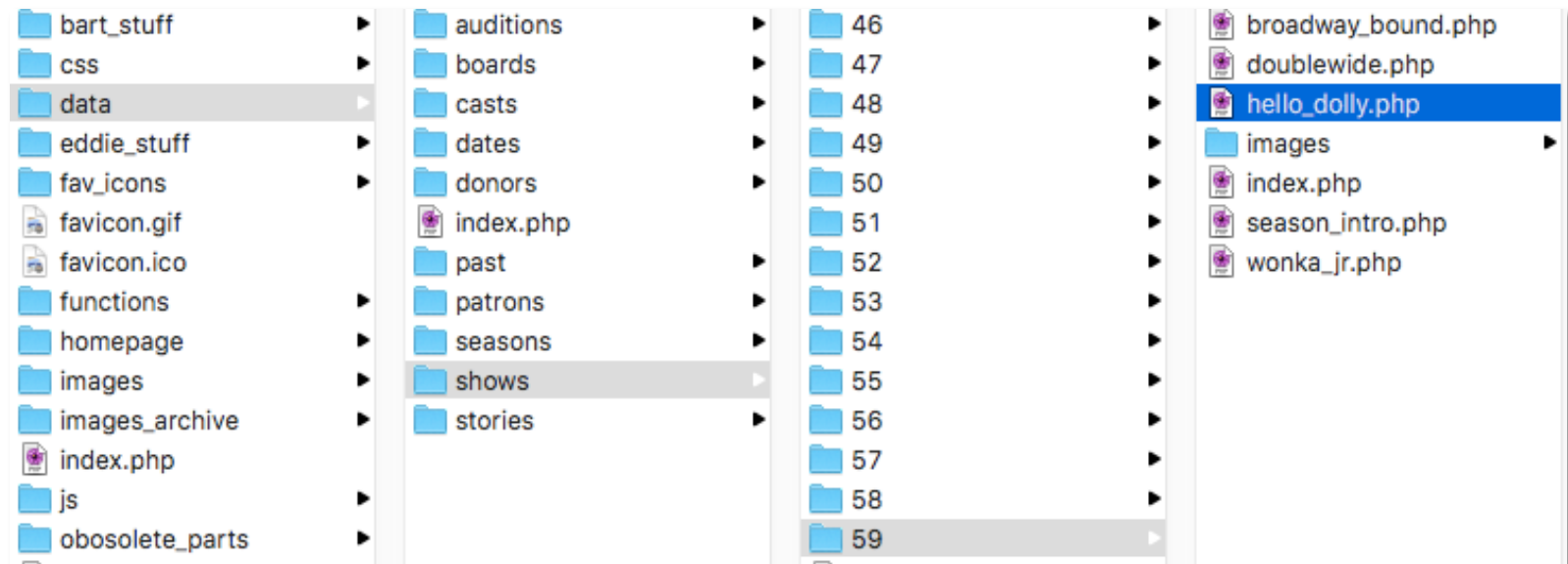
See the next page

a) The **'Show' column inside** the data/dates/dates.data file

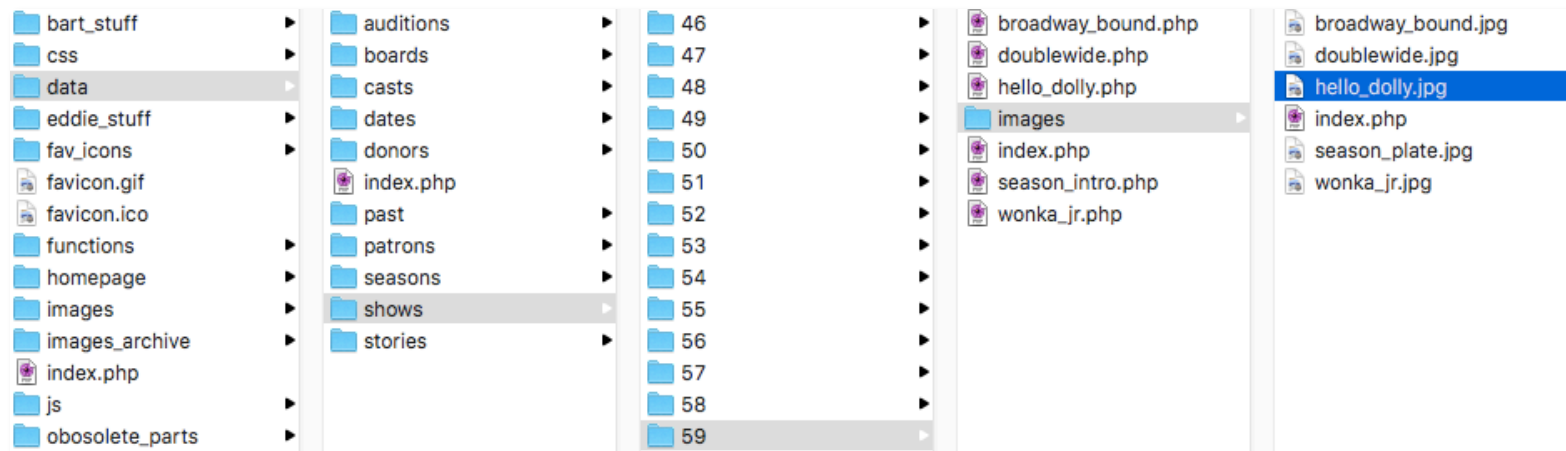


#Season	Show	Last Audition	First Show	Last Show
#-----+-----+-----+-----+-----				
2019	hello_dolly	2019/05/12 19:00	2019/08/02 19:30	2019/08/11 14:00
2019	broadway_bound	2019/08/20 19:00	2019/11/01 19:30	2019/11/10 14:00
2019	doublewide	2020/01/14 19:00	2020/03/27 19:30	2020/04/05 14:00
2019	wonka_jr	2020/03/10 19:00	2020/05/28 19:30	2020/05/31 14:00
2019	annie_jr	2019/04/21 19:00	2019/05/30 19:30	2019/06/02 14:00

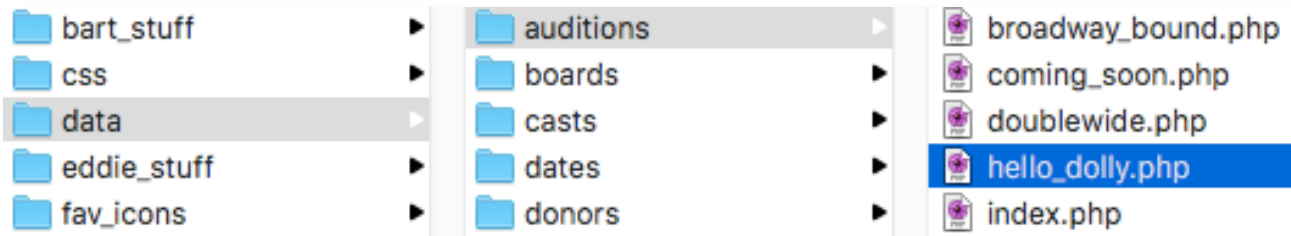
b) The ***NAME of the .php file*** in the data/shows/nn directory



c) The ***NAME of the image file*** in the data/shows/nn/images directory ( the extension [ .png, .jpg does not matter ]



d) The ***NAME of the .php file*** in the data/auditions directory



3. Now, a discussion of the 'date file' ( data/dates/data.data)

#Season	Show	Last Audition	First Show	Last Show
#-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----
2019	hello_dolly	2019/05/12 19:00	2019/08/02 19:30	2019/08/11 14:00
2019	broadway_bound	2019/08/20 19:00	2019/11/01 19:30	2019/11/10 14:00
2019	doublewide	2020/01/14 19:00	2020/03/27 19:30	2020/04/05 14:00
2019	wonka_jr	2020/03/10 19:00	2020/05/28 19:30	2020/05/31 14:00
2019	annie_jr	2019/04/21 19:00	2019/05/30 19:30	2019/06/02 14:00

- Change Season column to the year the season BEGINS. For the 2020-2021 season, you would set this to 2020.
- Change Show column as appropriate ( trailing spaces are allowed for legibility )
- Change the Dates and Times as appropriate ( follow the `yyyy/mm/dd HH:mm` format )
- You might have to carry the kids' camp info for the season that is not finished forward into the new season. It's not a big deal. Just change column 1 to be accurate AND make it the LAST line in the file. Let's discuss why it needs to go last.

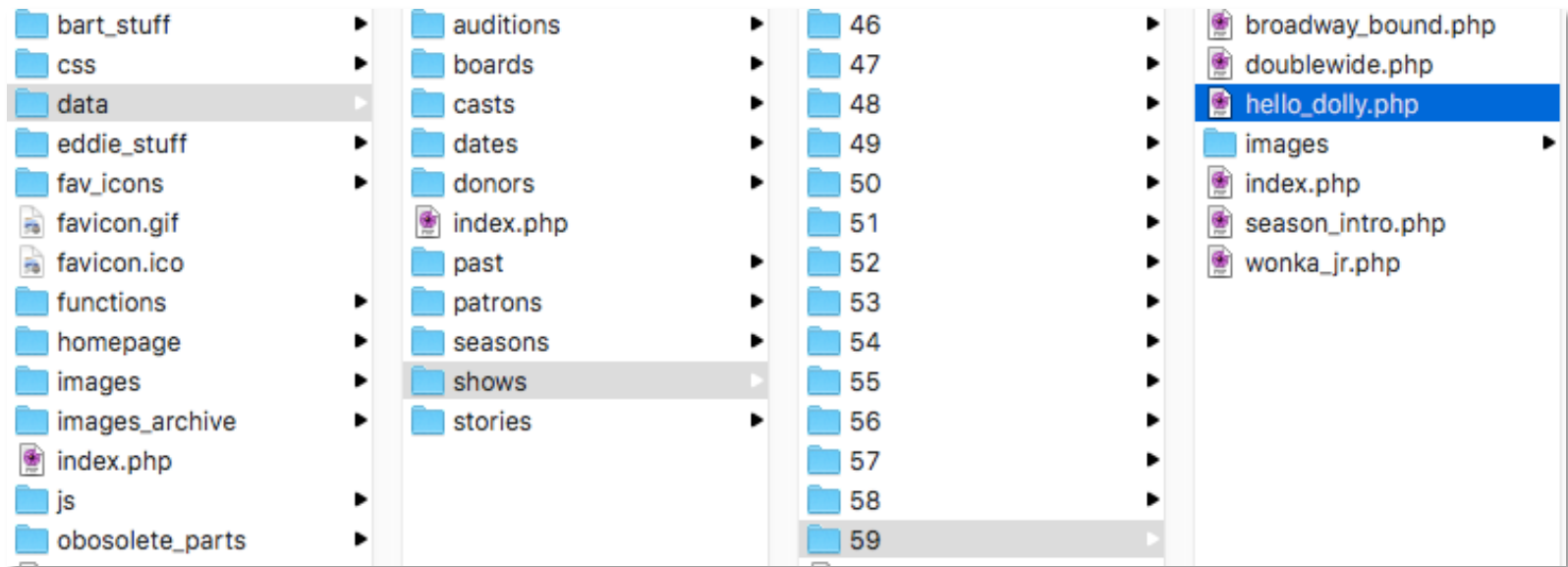
## The Carousel!!

The first four (4) lines will be shows that will show up in the carousel on the home page. Line 1 is the first show of the season. Line 2 is the second show. Etc. So line order is important.

### All line after Line 4:

The Kids' Camp info ( Annie Jr, for example ) from the **season about to end** ( in this case: 2018-2019 season ) needs to be included in the data for some date/time logic but DOES NOT/SHOULD NOT be shown in the carousel. Items like this have to be later than line 4. This holds true for ANY presentations that will be configured during the new season. One-off shows from guest artists, or movie presentations that are added to the schedule during the season. You would want to set up date/time information but keep them out of the carousel. Simply place them at line 5 or later in the file. Additionally, these items can be in any order as long as they come after line 4.

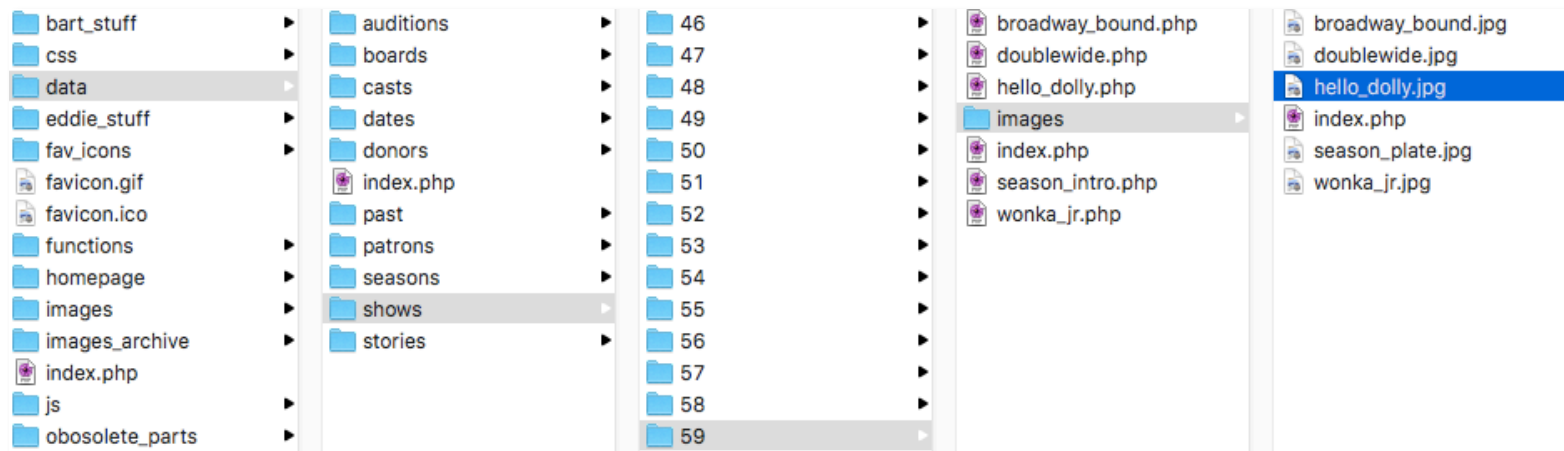
3. The 'Shows' directory ( data/shows/nn )



You need to set up a new directory which will hold all the blurbs ( and poster images) for the new season. The easiest way to do. That is:

- Duplicate a previous season's directory and rename it as appropriate  
( Duplicate data/shows/59 and create data/shows/60 )
- Do NOT delete the index.php file ( if you do, you can grab a copy from an existing shows/nn directory ).**
- In the new directory, rename files as appropriate ( remember the rules set up in step 1 ). Keep the .php extension.
- Edit the content of each file to be appropriate for each show in the new season.

5. Go into the NEW 'Shows Images' directory ( data/shows/nn/images ) it was created in Step 4.  
( you are working the new New Season's directory ( data/shows/60/images in this example )



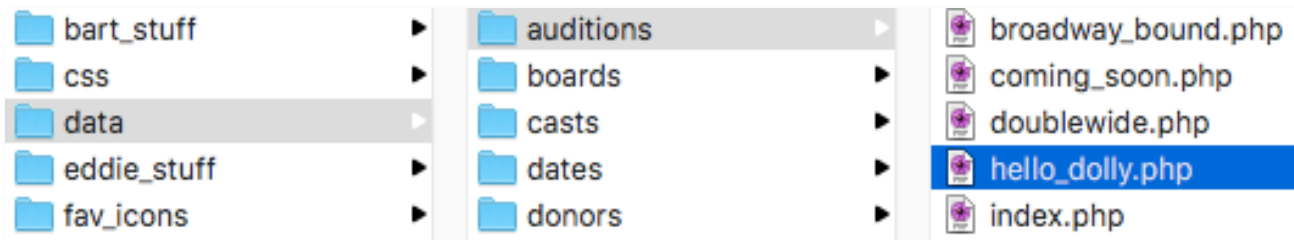
- a) Do NOT delete the index.php file ( if you do, you can grab a copy from an existing shows/nn directory ).
- b) Delete all the image files
- c) Put all the NEW poster images for the new season in this directory ( remember the rules set up in step 1 ).
- d) There will be one generic image for the whole season which shows up in the carousel.  
In the shows/59/images folder it is called season\_plate.jpg. For the new season, when you create the new generic image, use the same name in the shows/60/images folder. It will save you some editing later when you set up the the /data/auditions/coming\_soon.php file. Both of these files utilize this generic season image.



6. data/auditions directory:

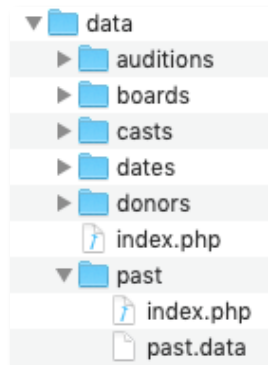
Change all the file names and contents for the audition blurbs based the names on the [SHOW NAME](#) Column values from the dates.data file from Step 2a. above

2019-2020 /data/auditions directory is shown



NOTE: The coming\_soon.php will use the data/shows/nn/images/season\_plate image file that was set up in step 5d above.

7. data/past/past.data file:



Add the new show information to the past.data file. There are 5 different information types in this file ( see Next Page ) :

Here is a portion of the Past Shows Page. I have added some numbers on the left to help with the discussion.

1	FIRST YEARS OF PERFORMANCES AT WISNER BUILDING, MASON & WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL				
2	Year	Show	Director	Board President	Special Notes
3	1961	Born Yesterday	Elton Bateman	Marda Burton	
4	-TV ACTOR / LAUREL NATIVE TOM LESTER (EB IN 'GREEN ACRES') IN CAST				
	1962	*Dial M For Murder	Bob Martins	Marda Burton	
	1962	*The Curious Savage	Ruth Tomlinson	Marda Burton	
5	1962	*The Man Who Came To Dinner	Lowell Tew	Marda Burton	

Type 1: **Heading Line**. It contains a flag (H) and then the text that should appear. These items will be separated by a vertical bar (|). The text will be one table cell that spans the 5 cells in a typical info line.

H|FIRST YEARS OF PERFORMANCES AT WISNER BUILDING, MASON & WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL

Type 2: **Title Line**. It contains a flag (T) and then a comment character and info that is not printed, separated by a vertical bar (|). The titling is predefined in the past.php script.

T|# Titles will be printed

Type 3: **Typical Info Line**. As this information is the NORMAL info that we want to display for a show, there is no flag. Flags are for special things to happen. So a typical info line is just raw data that will be displayed in up to 5 columns. The Information is separated by a vertical bar (|)

Col 1: Year of the show

Col 2: Title of the show

Col 3: Director of the show

Col 4: Board President when the show was performed

Col 5: A special note for that show ( optional )

1961|Born Yesterday|Elton Bateman|Marda Burton

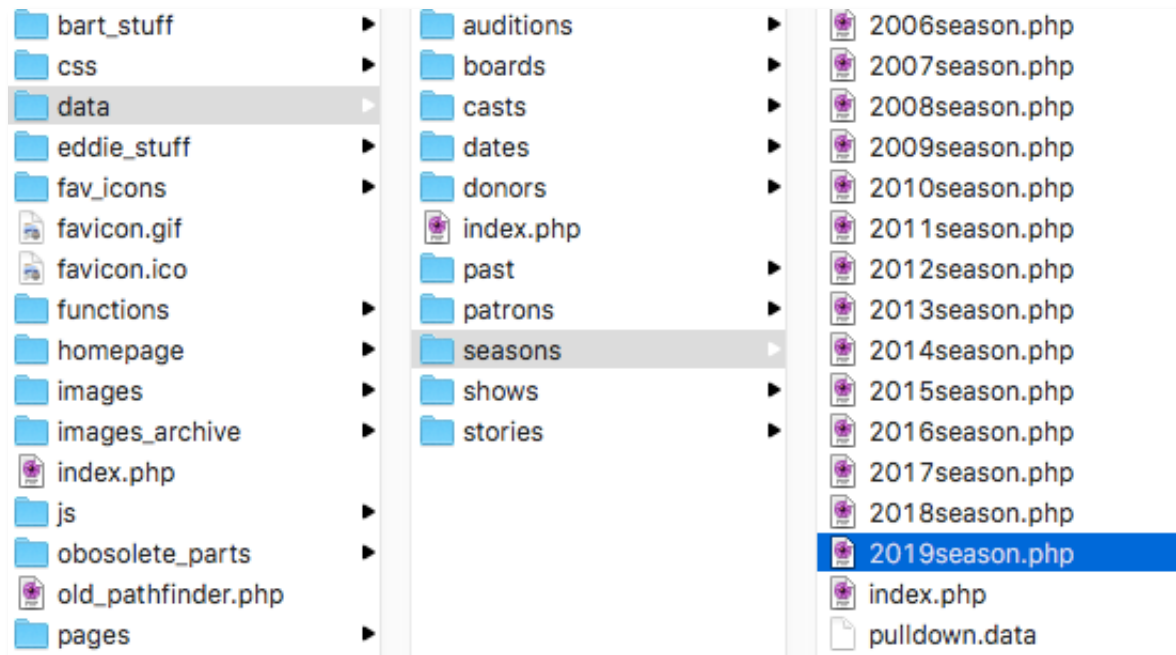
Type 4: **Indented Note Line**. It contains a flag (I) and then the text that should appear. These two items are separated by a vertical bar (|). This line type is similar to the heading line in that the text will be one cell that spans the 5 columns of a typical info line. The difference here is that the textual info will be indented.

I|-TV ACTOR / LAUREL NATIVE TOM LESTER (EB IN 'GREEN ACRES') IN CAST

Type 5: **Table Break Line**. It contains a flag (B) and then a comment character and info that is not printed explaining The function of a (B) flag. These items are separated by a vertical bar (|). The table break line ends a table and starts a new table. Visually giving you a separation. How wide that separation is, can be adjusted in css.

B|# Table Break - Put a horizontal line inside the table

8. data/seasons directory



a) Edit the pulldown.data file. At the top of the file create a new line. Match the format of other lines in the file:

```
20202021|'20-'21...Comma separated show names as will show on screen
```

- b) Make a copy of the 20192020season.php file and change the name of the file and inside the file, change the names used for the .php includes. The file names must also match the names of the **SHOW NAME column** in the dates.data file set up in (2a) above and were used in setting up the show blurbs in the data/shows/nn directory.

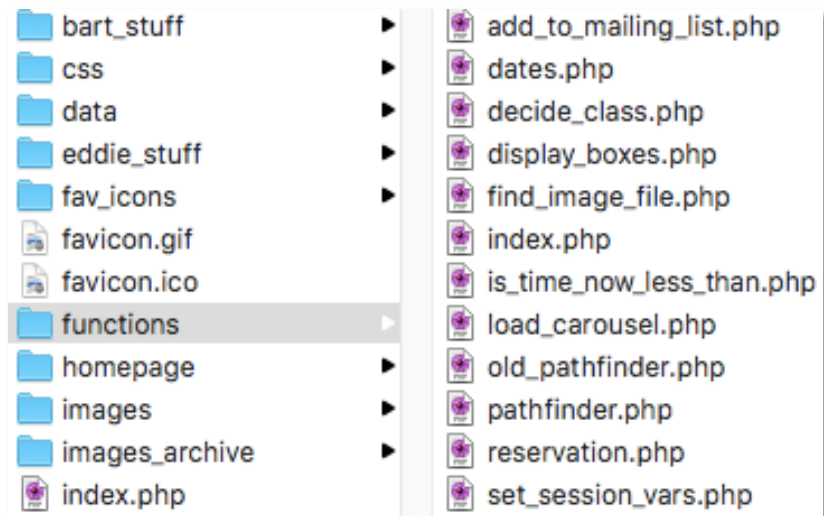
2018-2019 shown here

```
$season_year=substr(basename(__FILE__),0,4) - 1960;  
  
include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . "/shows/$season_year/hello_dolly.php";  
include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . "/shows/$season_year/broadway_bound.php";  
include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . "/shows/$season_year/doublewide.php";  
include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . "/shows/$season_year/wonka_jr.php";
```

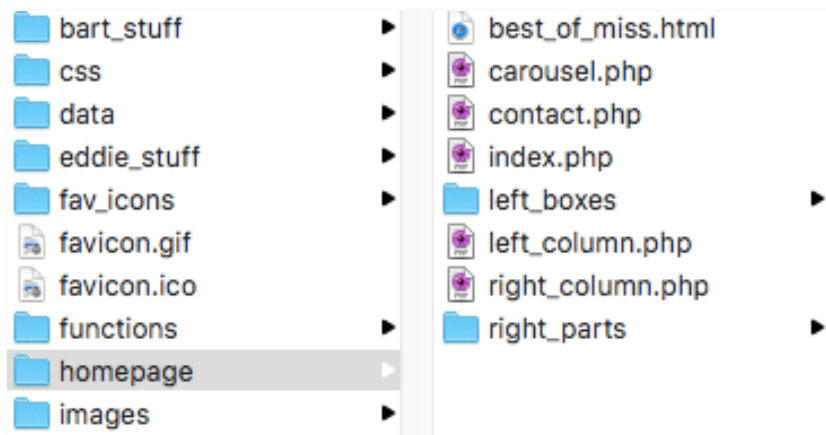
- c) data/boards directory
- d) data/casts directory
- e) data/donors directory
- f) data/patrons directory
- g) data/stories directory

Leave these alone for now. Eddie will populate them as new information becomes available. Updated info for these files is not needed for starting a new season. Documentation on each one will be coming soon.

9. /functions Directory Items:



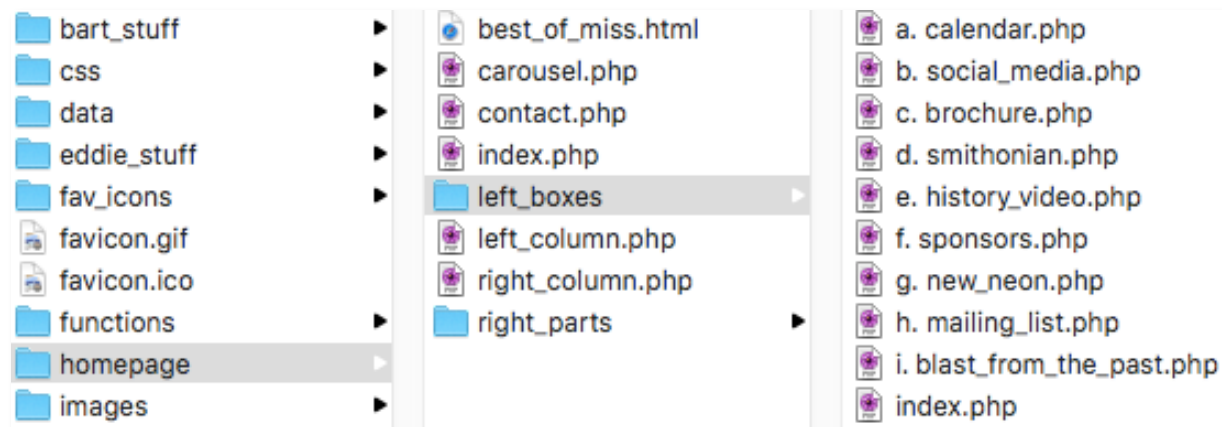
10. homepage directories



a) homepage/left\_column.php

This file does not generally require changes as the changes are made to the components in the left\_boxes directory. The left\_column.php just assembles the material from the left\_boxes directory/ make edits to each one of the left\_boxes files as needed. To Chnge the order of how these boxes are displayed, change the alpha letter at the front of the filename.

homepage/left\_boxes Directory



The left column on the home page ( calendar, blast from the past, social media links ... etc. ) has been divided up into multiple boxes. Each component is in a separate file. The file name is in the format of 'x. name.php' where x. is an alphabetic character used for sorting of file names to produce a display order. If you want to juggle the display order, make changes to the leading alphabetic letter. Each box is presented on screen thru logic in homepage/left\_column.php. There should be no reason to change code in here. Just add new left\_boxes files and they will be handled automatically. Conversely, if you wish to remove a box you can change the extension to anything except .html or .php and the file will be skipped when the webpage is constructed. Maybe use .txt if you want the file to stay on disc but not be displayed.

b) homepage/right\_column.php

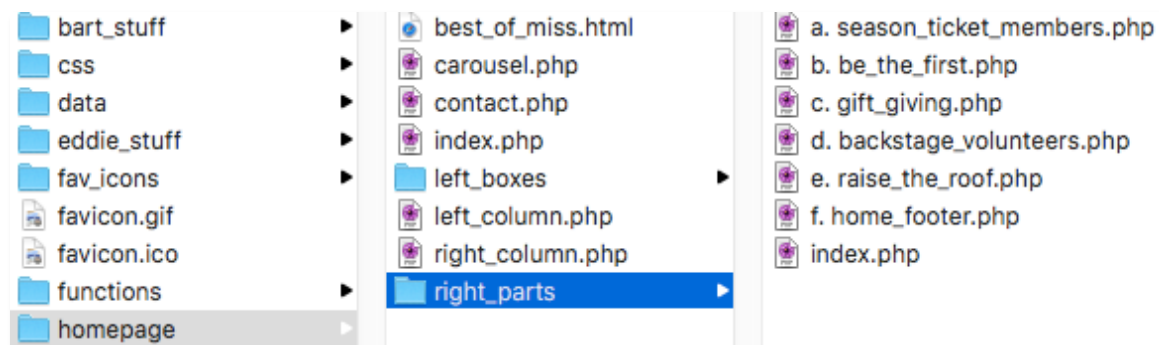
During 2019-2020 season I was able to remove MOST of the hard coding in this file.

Don't worry about changing the the kids\_camp\_announce.php. While you need to have a copy of the file in the new directory, the content will be managed by the date and time logic and will be altered by Eddie, late in the new season when the kid's camp comes around again.

For the upper portion of the right side of the home page ( the active shows ), the homepage/right\_column.php file uses the array holding the current shows for the season \$show\_for\_carousel populated by the functions/dates.php function. This will make the initial set up painless. Some changes will happen during the season when there are unforeseen additions like one-off movies or guest artist shows added that must be displayed for a short time in-between our already scheduled shows. This can be accomplished by altering a copy of the \$show\_for\_carousel array called \$shows\_for\_home\_page using the php command `array_splice`.

For the lower portion of the right side of the home page (info boxes), the homepage/right\_column.php file uses the same `display_boxes` function used by left\_column.php to sort a directory of files and include the files, one after the other. Just like the left side. This means to move a box, you go to the home\_page/right\_parts directory and change the alpha letters to give you the sort arrangement you want. The change will be picked up automatically.

homepage/right\_parts Directory





I have included a portion of the homepage/right\_column.php and highlighted in **RED** parts of the code that MIGHT need adjustment or commenting out for a new season. Please take a look on the next 2 pages.

```
#####
# The Current Season #
#####

# ( Shows will drop off page automatically half hour after final performance begins )

#####
# Season Opener Message #
#####

if (is_time_now_less_than("2020/05/31_14:30")){
    include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . '/shows/'. $_SESSION['how_many_years'] . '/season_intro.php';
}

// include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . '/shows/'. $_SESSION['how_many_years'] . '/kids_camp_announce.php';

#####
# Note - Here is the start of the new 59th season's shows #
#####

// echo "<div class='tempDiv'>This is where the show listings will appear.</div>";

// Use 2018 blurb for kids' camp as we only want ONE copy of the content and
// at the time the 2019 season is 'go-live' the Kids' camp hasn't finished.

if (is_time_now_less_than($date_array['annie_jr']['last_show']->format('Y-m-d_H:i'))){
    include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . '/shows/' . ($_SESSION['how_many_years'] - 1) . '/annie_jr.php';
}

#####
# here is an example of how $show_for_carousel array is populated from functions/dates.php #
#-----#
# $show_for_carousel=array("season_plate","hello_dolly","broadway_bound","doublewide","wonka_jr"); #
#####

$shows_for_home_page=$show_for_carousel;

# make a duplicate and insert one-off's and movies as needed on home page

# array_splice($shows_for_home_page,$insert_at_pos,$remove_how_many,$what_to_insert);
```

```

#####
# Display each show on the right side #
#####

foreach ($shows_for_home_page as $one_show){
    if ($one_show=="season_plate"){
        continue;
    }

    if (is_time_now_less_than($date_array[$one_show]['last_show']->format('Y-m-d_H:i'))){
        include_once $_SESSION['data_dir'] . "/shows/" . $_SESSION['how_many_years'] . "/" . $one_show . ".php";
    }
}

#####
# Display each Info Box on the bottom of the right side #
#####

# The Boxes below will rotate color highlight as programmed in decide_class.php file.
# The function is in memory as the index.php loads it and it can be used by left_column.php
# and this file (right_column.php)

# while the left column is set to rotate 2 colors, the php files below rotate 3 colors.

$box_number=0;

# go to llt/home_page/right_parts. Sort the list of files in the directory and
# one by one, include each one into the right column
# The files for the right column are located in llt/homepage/right_parts

display_boxes(dirname(__FILE__) . "/right_parts/", $date_array, 0);
?>
</div> <!-- close of 'content' div -->
</div> <!-- close of 'main' div -->

```

c) laurelittletheatre/images Directory Items

This directory is full of images. Many of the images are historic for older seasons and will be displayed when old season information is requested. Granted some clean up and reorganization is needed but I will get to that.

There are directories in the images directory that are of interest:

images/blast\_from\_the\_past

images/brochures

images/Save these things

Generally Speaking for Setting up a new Season, if you properly set up the data/shows/[nn](#) directory for your new season, you will have all the images and blubs you need to start out. Ed will be mounting an effort to continue cleaning up/organizing the /images directory as time permits.