

Ankeny Community Theatre
presents

"RUMORS"

a farce
by

Neil Simon



April 26 - May 11, 2002

Notes from the director...

The argument about whether it is your genetic makeup or the environment in which you were raised that makes you funny has been debated for some time in our society. I, for one, am going to take the easy way out and say that it is both.

If it weren't for my parents both being extremely funny, I wouldn't have been fortunate enough to have a good sense of humor. And if I hadn't been raised in such an entertaining environment where my family allowed me to be a screwball, then directing this motley crew of actors wouldn't have been so rewarding and so much fun. I hope you find my vision of Neil Simon's creation as funny as we think it is.

So thanks to my family and friends, to the cast and crew for all of your hard work, and of course to you, the audience, for your laughter. Laughter is the reward that makes the sacrifice of our time and effort truly worth it. Enjoy the show!

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ACT FACTS

Ankeny Community Theatre has been providing quality theatre since 1985. The theatre, founded by a local Methodist minister and his congregation, has continued to grow. With each show, it welcomes more people into its family.

ACT is a non-profit organization created to promote the development of theatre and performing arts in Ankeny and surrounding communities. A board of directors meets monthly to discuss important issues related to the theatre.

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DIRECTOR: Kevin A. Fisher

CAST in order of appearance:

Chris Gorman.....	Debi Garner	Cookie Cusack.....	Karen Burkett-Sandoval
Ken Gorman.....	Al Price	Cassie Cooper.....	Amber Danner
Claire Ganz.....	Kathryn Bisbey	Glenn Cooper.....	Larry Johnson
Lenny Ganz.....	Brandon John	Officer Welch.....	Paul Ruby
Ernie Cusack.....	Troy Destigter	Officer Pudney.....	Carissa DeVos

THE SCENE:

About 8:30 p.m. on a pleasant May evening
Sneden's Landing, New York

Rumors will be performed with a 15 minute intermission
Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

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please turn off all cellular telephones or other audible electronic devices.



Kathryn Bisbey (Claire Ganz) most recently appeared on the ACT stage as *Daisy Mae in Lil' Abner*. Other favorite roles include Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Sister Mary Amnesia in *Nunsense*. Kathryn also played various roles in last summer's production of *Annie* at the Des Moines Playhouse. Kathryn would like to thank her husband Jim for allowing her to be gone all the time doing what she loves to do - act up!



Karen Burkett-Sandoval (Cookie Cusack) has taken on roles for various theatre companies in central Iowa including Unexpected Company, StageWest, and the Des Moines Playhouse, as well as many shows at ACT. Karen "the Barbarian Librarian" is employed at the Kirkendall Public Library, is married to Alexander "the Great" and is mom to Eric "the Magnificent."

Jennifer Dally (light and sound operator) loves the limelight - from backstage! This is her first show at ACT and we look forward to welcoming her back for many more. At other theatres, Jennifer has worked backstage for shows such as *Blithe Spirit*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Stepping Out*. Jennifer is a full-time student at DWACC.



Amber Danner (Cassie Cooper) has graced the stages of the Des Moines Playhouse as Margalo in *Stuart Little* and the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre in *Sorry, Wrong Chimney* and *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*. She has also been the Drama Director for the City of Ames. Amber works for the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care. When not performing, Amber enjoys hanging out with friends, cooking, reading, and shopping.



Troy DeStigter (Ernie Cusack) is familiar to ACT audiences as Dr. Finsdale in *Lil' Abner*, Mr. Depinna in *You Can't Take It With You*, and Inspector Leach in *Towards Zero*. Troy works at American Republic Insurance company, and enjoys collecting records and other rock & roll memorabilia.



Carissa DeVos (Officer Pudney) has played Alice in *You Can't Take It With You* and Brenda in *Cash On Delivery* at ACT. She graduated from Iowa State University with a Fashion Merchandising degree and is currently the Assistant General Merchandise Manager at the Ames Hy-Vee store. Her leisure time is spent playing tennis and golf, shopping, skiing, modeling, and spending time with friends.

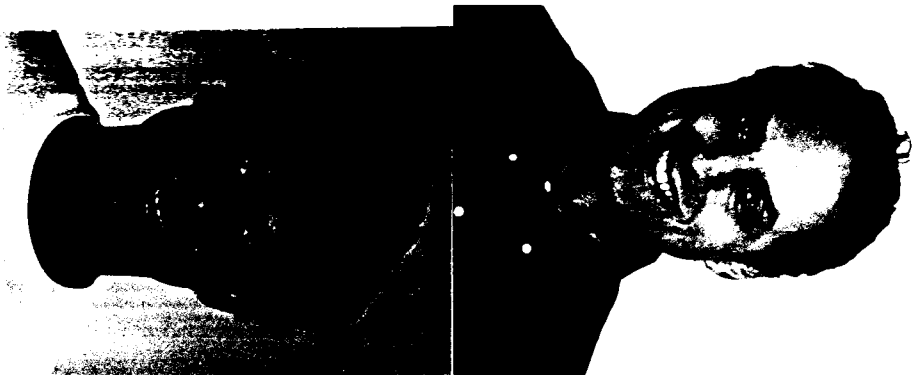


Kevin Fisher (Director) appeared in both of last season's productions of *Annie*, and worked backstage in *Stuart Little*, and worked backstage for *The Who's Tommy* all at the Des Moines Playhouse. He is a taekwon do instructor for Martial Arts America in Ankeny. He'd like to thank a great cast and crew for making his directorial debut a smooth ordeal.

Debi Garner (Chris Gorman) appeared as Snoopy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and Penelope Sycamore in *You Can't Take It With You*. Debi sends thanks to her mom, Marian, for reading lines with her and laughing every time, to her husband John Richards for his love and patience through many nights and weekends of rehearsal, and to her good friends and co-workers for humoring her and supporting her habit!

Brandon John (Lenny Ganz) is returning to the ACT stage, having played Sergius in *Arms & the Man*. At the Des Moines Playhouse he has played Tony in *Tony & Tina's Wedding*, Joseph in *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and Captain Walker in *The Who's Tommy*. Brandon is employed by the Principal Financial Group, and enjoys competing in triathlons and fishing with his dog, Chase. Brandon offers his favorite quote, heard from a director at the Playhouse: "If you make a connection with just one person in the audience, you've done your job."





Larry Johnson (Glenn Cooper) has appeared in *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Lil' Abner* at ACT, and in *The King and I* at the Des Moines Playhouse. Larry moved to Ankeny to attend college, and liked it so much he didn't quit until he completed his Masters in Finance from Drake University. Larry originally thought his dazzling acting skills had won him the role as Glenn, but found out only recently that it was because the director liked the way he looked standing next to Amber.

Ben Kautza (light and sound operator) appeared in the ensemble in *Lil' Abner* but can most often be found backstage as a stage manager or running lights and sound at various ACT shows or school plays. Ben says hi to his mom and dad, his two sisters, and his dog, Sonny. We say thanks to mom and dad for letting Ben spend so much time at ACT and share his abilities with us.



Al Price (Ken Gorman) has appeared in countless roles at ACT (ten in *Greater Tuna* alone!) in such shows as *Oklahoma*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Our Town*, and *The Sunshine Boys*. He has directed several shows and has also served on the board of directors. Al is employed by Wells Fargo.



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Paul Ruby (Officer Welch) enjoys participating in plays with his wife, Kaylene. He has appeared in many ACT productions and recently created the memorable statue of Jubilation T. Cornpone for *Lil' Abner*. Paul teaches at DMACC and collects model Corvette cars and antique books.



Becky Scholtz (Producer) has had a wonderful time making new friends during her first show with ACT. Previous onstage credits include Aunt Josephine in *Anne of Green Gables* and Mrs. Little in *Stuart Little* at the Des Moines Playhouse, and Masha in *The Sea Gull* at Theatre UNI. Backstage, Becky has been the assistant director for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and a dresser for *The Who's Tommy*. When not involved in something theatrical (hardly ever), Becky spends time with her husband Gregg, daughter Emily, and son Aaron. In real life, Becky is a conversion coordinator at SHAZAM.

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