

Amkeny Community Theatre

presents



by Jaston Williams

Joe Sears

Ed Howard



Samuel French, Inc.

Director's notes

When Steve first proposed the idea of doing *Greater Tuna*, I thought no way (but you couldn't say no to Steve). After *Our Town* and *The Silver Whistle*, my brain couldn't hold that many lines again. After hearing about the show another three or four hundred times, I finally agreed to take a look at it. I saw a collection of characters that were pathetic, innocent and lovable. Their lives have hopes, disappointments, and strange twists. Just like our own lives. How could I turn down a chance to do a show that had all that.

I'd like to thank Steve and the entire crew for all the hard work it's taken to get *Greater Tuna* on the stage. So welcome to Tuna, where the Lions' are too liberal and the Jaguars will probably never win a football game.

AI

Producers note

Steve asked me to give my thoughts of this show. When AI and Steve asked me to produce for them I jumped at the chance (unlike AI) to work with two of the finest co-medic actors in our theater group. After sitting in on a few rehearsals, I could really appreciate how challenging this show is and how easy they make it look. From learning all the lines to the timing to the characterization of each person they portray. Thanks guys for allowing me to be a part of this show. It's been a pleasure. Now sit back and enjoy the show.

Kevin

Cast of Characters

Steve Stone as: Thurston Wheelis
Elmer Watkins
Bertha Bumiller
Yippy
Leonard Childers
Pearl Burras
R.R. Snavely
Rev. Spikes
Sheriff Givens
Hank Bumiller

Al Price as: Arles Struvie
Didi Snavely
Harold Dean Latimer
Petey Fisk
Jody Bumiller
Stanley Bumiller
Charlene Bumiller
Chad Hartford
Phinas Blye
Vera Carp

Cast Bios

Steve Stone first became involved in A.C.T. in the early eighties with a role in *Harvey*. Since then he has done almost all jobs on stage, backstage, and on the Board. Performance highlights include Felix in *The Odd Couple* and the title role in *The Nerd*. Steve has directed several plays for A.C.T. and is most proud of *Our Town*, the first production in our present theatre location. Steve is a self-employed Pension and Investment Consultant. He is married to Beverly and has two daughters and two step daughters; so being surrounded by females, he says it helps him hone both his acting and directing skills. It's great to have you back Steve!

Kevin Sprague (Producer) has been a member of the ACT since 1992 when appeared in *I Remember Mama*. Since that time Kevin has acted, and directed several ACT shows and Summer-fest melodramas. Some of the most memorable have been *Mousetrap*, *Comedy Murders of 1940*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Harvey*, *The Silver Whistle*, *Bedful of Foreigners*, and last spring's production of *Cash on Delivery*. This spring he will be directing the classic comedy *You Can't Take it with You*. Kevin has served on the Board as President in the past and has currently been re-elected to the Board as President-elect.

Al Price has been a part of ACT since 1984 when he was the caretaker in *George Washington Slept Here*. Since then, he's appeared in and directed several musicals and plays. He feels all of the productions were great, but some of his favorites are *Oklahoma*, *Gays and Dolls*, *Play On*, *Our Town*, *Nonsense*, *The Sunshine Boys*, and *Cash on Delivery*. Another "memorable role" was when he served on the ACT Board when the current theater was developed and he was in the first show. He's also performed with ACT II, appeared in Summerfest melodramas and ACT murder mysteries.

Al, and his wife Jan, have three wonderful children and two beautiful grandchildren. Al, Jan and the kids, have appeared together in ACT productions. It will be a few years before the little ones get to work with Grandpa and Grandma.

As an old timer, Al has seen ACT go from a wandering group of gypsies begging for places to perform, and storing props and costumes in a rented garage, to the organization we have today. It's literally involved blood, sweat and tears. But Al feels that, "With the growing support of our audiences and the community, the best is yet to come."

Al would like to dedicate his performance to the "Saints". The people who worked so hard to bring live theater to Ankeny and will never "trod these boards" again. We should never forget them.

Production Crew

Directors

**Al Price
Steve Stone**

Producer

Kevin Sprague

Lights

Al Ites

Sound

Kevin Sprague

Stage Managers

**Jan Price
Beverly Stone**

Set Construction

**Bill Shay
Orville Ballard**

Costumes

Lynn Arterburn

House Manager

Jerry Reid

ACT Board 2000

President... Greg Krause
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Upcoming Events!:

Charlotte's Web

March 2 - 17

You Can't Take It With You

May 4 - 12

Additions: March 4 - 2pm

March 5 - 7pm

ACT requests that cameras or video equipment not be used during the performance. We also ask that all cell phones be turned off. Thank you.

Thank you for your Contributions!!

Angel (over \$500)

Al & Sue Ites

Benefactor (\$200-\$499)

Dwayne & Jeanne Ginger * Deb Garner & John Richards

Patron (\$100-\$199)

Wilma Axmear * Christine Burkett Shields * Greg &

Brenda Krause * Glen & Vi DeStigter

Sponsor (\$50-\$99)

Sharon Hall & Kirk Reeder * Ordean & Elizabeth Johnson

* Gerald & Marie Ballard * Bruce & Bonnie Ersek * Paula &

Greg Lima * Gene & Gail Lucht * Bud & Hazel Pratt *

LaVerne & Janice Quass * Steve & Georgene Raver * Jerry & Jo

Reid * Evelyn Rigby * Jessie Reid * TM Software

Friends (\$25-\$49)

Randy Dunwoody * Lori & Marie Johnson * Ken & Donna Kcl-

ling * Earl & Janet Leonard * Jack & Grace Leverenz * Larry &

Rose Milroy * Jay & Margaret Munson * Jim & Beverly Nelson

* Dwight & Ardith Pearson * A.L. Politsch * Bill & Marilyn

Shay * Daisy Stermole

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