Ankeny Community Theatre Proudly Presents:



By Thornton Wilder

September 22 - October 8, 2006



ACT Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, Pastor Fred Lewis and some of his First United Methodist congregation decided to put their acting skills to use. From that group, Ankeny Community Theatre was born. Since then it has been a venue for a long list of local actors, directors, stage crews and volunteers to use their talents to provide entertainment to the Ankeny area. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers have donated countless hours over the past 25 years to keep ACT a part of the community.

For years, the group performed shows in many locations around Ankeny including Ankeny High School, Neveln Center, Lakeside Center and the old movie theater building on West 1st Street. In 1993, with the help of Denny Elwell, ACT moved into a place it could call home. Sweat and many hours converted the empty space into a community theater. ACT has expanded its season from one to two shows a year to five, and sometimes even six. Children's theater and educational opportunities have been a vital part of ACT since 2004.

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2006-2007 Season

Our Town
September 22 - October 8

And Then There Were None (Ten Little Indians) November 3 - 19

> Wizard of Oz January 12 - 28

Godspell March 2 - 18

Arsenic and Old Lace April 27 - May 13

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CAST

(in order of appearance)
* denotes Ankeny Community Theatre Debut

Stage Manager - Al Price

Dr. Gibbs - Keith Pederson

Joe Crowell - Fric Sandoval

Howie Newsome - Jim Robidoux

Mrs. Gibbs - Karen Pederson

Mrs. Webb - Julia Noyce *

George - Dylan Rolfes *

Rebecca - Adelaide Metcalfe *

Wally - Paul Robidoux

Emily - Lauren Kacere

Professor Willard/Joe Stoddard - Ken Reams *

Mr. Webb - Doug Chew *

Townsperson/Cemetery Resident - Dr. Susan Jacobson

Townsperson/Sam Craig - Joshua Sheridan *

Townsperson - Becky Plager

Simon Stimson - Michael Kentopp

Mrs. Soames - Susan Casber

Constable Warren - Troy DeStigter

Townsperson/Cemetery Resident - John Winger *

Townsperson/Cemetery Resident - Kelly Appell *

Townsperson/Cemetery Resident - Kara Jane Curl *

Townsperson - Jan Price

Si Crowell - Josiah Appell *

Townsyouth: Brennan Blank, Charity Appell *, Keturah Baxter *,

Hayley Blok *, Elizabeth Grace Eason, Maya Garnaat *, Kavita Israni-Winger *

Kelsey Knake, Madi McClure *, Maddie Ripperger *

Act 1 1901
15 minute intermission
Act 2 1904
10 minute intermission
Act 3 1913

The entire play takes place in Grovers Corners, N.H.

PRODUCTION CREW

Director: Barbara Merrill Wagner Assistant Director: Steve Hickle Stage Manager: Shelley Blok

Costumes: Joyce Tripses; Assisted by Shelley Blok, Kara Jane Curl & Dawn

Hockemeyer

Set Construction: Dick Wilson; Assisted by Jim Robidoux Lights: Erik Carrier; Special thanks to Kevin Sprague Sound: Monte Engh; Special thanks to Keith Pederson

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

DIRECTOR THANKS THE FOLLOWING

Susan Casber D.J. Horrigan Don Wagner
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And, of course, the entire population (cast/crew) of "Our Town"

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IN MEMORIAM Warren Merrill

DIRECTOR DEDICATION

Barb Wagner dedicates this show to her mother, Doris Merrill. Since losing her husband (of 63 years) last year to cancer, her mom has shown the strength and commitment to life that she raised all three of her children with. She is the backbone and rock of our family and never ceases to amaze everyone. She still works (at age 84), drives her own vehicle, and no one can keep up with her even after her five knee surgeries. Her mom loves to spend time with her family and is the epitome of unconditional love. "Mom, you are my hero and you're MY American Idol. I love you!"



Charity Appell (Townsperson) is in 4th grade at Grandview Park Baptist School. She loves to read and sings in the Iowa Youth Chorus.



Josiah Appell (Si Crowell/Townsperson) sings in the Iowa Youth Chorus and has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He loves to read and is an 8th grader at Grandview Park Baptist

School.



Kelly Appell (Townsperson/Cemetery Resident) is married and has two children who are both sharing the stage with her in this show. She has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and is

a substitute teacher.



Keturah Baxter (Townsperson) enjoys bead making, reading, tennis, spending time with her friends, and shopping, shopping, shopping. She has a cat, fish, and two

guinea pigs.



Brennan Blank (Townsperson) last appeared on our stage in Schoolhouse Rock Live. He likes to read, hang out with his friends, football, and playing video games.



Hayley Blok (Townsperson) has been dancing for 6 years and enjoys drawing and working on her website. This is her stage debut and she is having a blast.



Susan Casber (Mrs. Soames) was last seen on our stage in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. She has also appeared in Guys and Dolls and Winnie the Pooh's Christmas Tail at the Ingersoll Dinner Thea-

ter. Susan has worked for 20 years as a nurse for the Des Moines Public Schools and currently works at Merrill Middle School. She is married to Scott and has two sons (Adam and Chole) who are freshmen at UNI. Susan enjoys traveling, spending time with her family, reading, and going to the theater. She would like to thank her sister, Barb Wagner (the director), for believing in her and the rest of her family for their support and encouragement. "Mom – this one's for you!



Doug Chew (Mr. Webb) has performed with Living History Farms, Thresholds, Des Moines Concert Singers, and Iowa Radio Reading Information Service. He is married and has two

grown sons. He says he is a servant to a tigercat named Iggy. Doug works in customer relations with Yellow Transportation. He grew up in Oklahoma, worked in the Dallas area, and moved to Des Moines 11 years ago.



Kara Jane Curl (Townsperson/Cemetery Resident) has been involved in theater on and off stage through high school and college (UNI). She has coached drama and speech

and even appears in an Iowa-filmed movie, "Miles From Home", with Richard Gere and Helen Hunt. Kara Jane works for Dice.com and enjoys playing the flute and saxophone, singing, traveling, reading, and cooking.



Troy DeStigter (Constable Warren) is appearing in his 20th theatre production spanning high school, college, and community theater. His favorite roles are at ACT – Mr. DePinna in You

Can't Take It With You and Ernie Cusack in Rumors. Troy was in our original production of Our Town portraying Howie Newsome. He works at American Republic Insurance and collects music records and other music memorabilia. Troy reports he is single and available!



Elizabeth Grace Eason (Townsperson) appeared in last season's production of *Schoolhouse Rock Live* and has also performed in shows at the Ankeny Academy of Music. She is a 6th grader

at Parkview Middle School and enjoys acting, writing, and directing neighborhood plays. Elizabeth also plays the flute, dances, sings, takes gymnastics, and is in cheerleading. You may have seen her picture in the newspapers when she made her second donation of a 10" ponytail to Locks of Love this past spring. That's 20" of hair!!!!



Maya Garnaat (Townsperson) attends Parkview Middle School and loves to read, write, act, and sing. She was in the children's chorus at the Civic Center of Greater

Des Moines as part of the touring production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*



Kavita Israni-Winger (Townsperson) was last seen on stage in Urbandale Community Theatre's summer production of *Gypsy*. She is a 5th grader in

Johnston. Kavita enjoys reading, writing, playing the piano, dancing, and swimming. She wrote, produced, and directed a play entitled *Sailors* for the 3rd graders at her school.



Dr. Susan Jacobson (Townsperson/Cemetery Resident) was busy last season for ACT, appearing in Don't Drink the Water and It's a Wonderful Life and running sound for Caught in the

Net. She earned her DVM degree from ISU in 2005 and works as a doctor at the Low Cost Spay Clinic in Des Moines. Susan and her husband, Jeff, live in Ankeny and have two cats and one dog. When she's not "doctoring" or doing theater, she likes to garden, run, read, write, work puzzles, watch movies, and bake. AND she loves her MG Midget!



Lauren Kacere (Emily Webb) was in the ACT production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. This past summer, she appeared in Urbandale Community Theatre's *Gypsy*. Lauren is

a junior at Johnston High School and is involved in mock trial, theatre, and varsity show choir. She plays the piano and LOVES CHOCOLATE!!



Michael Kentopp (Simon Stimson) appeared in his first Des Moines area production as Constable Warren in ACT's original *Our Town*. Since then, he has appeared in many, many,

many more ACT productions as well as the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. Mike is "married with children AND grandchildren".



Kelsey Knake (Townsperson) appeared in ACT's productions of *Schoolhouse Rock Livel* and *The Hobbit.* She also does plays at school and church and attends theater camps.

Kelsey is 13 years old and plays volleyball, sings, reads, and loves to have fun.



Madi McClure (Townsperson) is appearing on stage in theatre for the first time. However, she is no stranger to performing as she has been in competition dance for eight years

and won Nationals for duets in the 13 and under age group. Madi attends Parkview Middle School and has three dogs -- Beau, Zoey, and Laney.



Adelaide Metcalfe (Rebecca Gibbs) has been in *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She has one dog, one cat, and loves, loves, loves to read.



Julia Noyce (Mrs. Webb) most recently played her favorite role to date as Mary in Stage West's production of *Memory of Water*. She has also appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse and the

Drama Workshop. She is a senior underwriter for Amerus Life. Julia is married and has one son in college at St. Paul and three stepchildren — one at Iowa State, one a high school senior, and the other one in 8th grade. She is originally from England, has lived in the U.S. for 23 years, and enjoys theater, cooking, gardening, reading, and traveling.



Karen Pederson (Mrs. Gibbs) is a familiar face to ACT audiences. She has participated in 25+ shows in the Ankeny/Des Moines area in the last six years — acting, volunteering back-

stage, assistant directing, or directing. Karen is thrilled to be sharing the stage with her son, Eric Sandoval (Joe Crowell) and being onstage/offstage wife to her husband, Keith (Doc Gibbs). During the day, Karen serves as the Library Director for the Bondurant Community Library. She is just finishing a term on the ACT Board and will be directing *Wizard of Oz.*



Keith Pederson (Doc Gibbs) is the Building Committee Chairperson on the ACT Board and works at the Grimes Post Office. He has performed in many shows around the Des

Moines area including *Of Mice and Men* at the Des Moines Playhouse and ACT's *Don't Drink the Water, It's a Wonderful Life,* and *Death and Taxes* – where he met his wife, Karen. They are finally getting to play a married couple on stage with this show and love it. Keith and Karen have five children combined – one being Eric Sandoval who plays Joe Crowell in this production.



Becky Plager (Townsperson) last appeared on our stage in *Dearly Departed*. She has performed in many shows around the area. Becky has two children and enjoys

traveling, walking, volleyball, scrapbooking, yard work, two-step dancing, and line dancing. She is a consultant with American Computer Services in West Des Moines and also volunteers for the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Iowa.



Al Price (Stage Manager) is proud to be portraying the same role he played in ACT's original production of Our Town. He has been in approximately 50 shows with many favorites that

include *Don't Drink the Water, The Sunshine Boys, Greater Tuna,* and *Oklahoma.* Al is sharing the stage tonight with his wife, Jan. They have three children and five grand-children. In his "free" time, he works for Wells Fargo.



Jan Price (Townsperson), along with her husband, performed in ACT's original *Our Town* as well as *Guys and Dolls, Play On, Once Upon a Mattress, Carousel,* and *Wizard of Oz.* She works at

Cornell Elementary School, volunteers at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, and sings in the Ankeny Community Chorus.



Ken Reams (Professor Willard/Joe Stoddard) was last seen by Des Moines area audiences in Urbandale Community Theatre's summer production of *Gypsy*. He began performing in

1968 and hasn't stopped since, with the majority of his credits being at the Des Moines Playhouse and the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. He even played this same role of Professor Willard in the 1992 production of *Our Town* at the Des Moines Playhouse. Ken is married, has two children, and four grandchildren. He is a retired audiologist at the VA Medical Center.



Maddie Ripperger (Townsperson) is a 5th grader at Hubbell Elementary in Des Moines. She recently appeared in *Gypsy* at Urbandale Community Theatre. Maddie takes tap,

ballet, and jazz at Currie Dance Studio.



Jim Robidoux (Howie Newsome) has been on stage at ACT in *The Hobbit* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.* He, once again, shares the stage with his son, Paul. Jim teaches

8th/9th grade Spanish in Ankeny and likes to garden and race bikes. He is married, has three children, and has coached 22 teams in school sports over the past 16 years.



Paul Robidoux (Wally Webb) was last seen on our stage in *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* He also appeared in *The Hobbit* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.* He likes to read, play football and

baseball, and watch movies. And he loves being in the same show with his dad, Jim.



Dylan Rolfes (George Gibbs) has a number of shows to his credit including Fiddler on the Roof, South Pacific, Our Town (high school production), and Oklahoma. He is a senior at

Dowling in West Des Moines and involved in speech, drama, and cross country.



Eric Sandoval (Joe Crowell/Townsperson) is an 8th grader in Ankeny. He enjoys video games and has a Doberman named Luther. Eric has performed in *Rumplestiltskin* at the Des

Moines Playhouse and in *Charlotte's Web* at ACT. He is sharing the stage for this show with his mom and stepfather, Karen and Keith Pederson.



Joshua Sheridan (Townsperson/Sam Craig) graduated from Des Moines Hoover High School last spring where he appeared as Scrooge in *A Christmas* Carol and as the Mayor in

Seussical, the Musical. His first community theatre venture was Reynard, the Fox at Drama Workshop. Josh loves to watch movies, especially comedies, and also enjoys cooking.



John Winger (Townsperson/Cemetery Resident) is making his first stage appearance since playing a police officer in his high school production of You Can't Take It With You

over 20 years ago. He is married to Mamta Israni and has a son, Kazek, as well as a daughter, Kavita, who is sharing the stage with him in *Our Town*. John loves community theater and says "There is great talent everywhere – not just New York and Hollywood!"



Barbara Merrill Wagner (Director) is a theatre veteran of the Des Moines area, acting in and/or directing approximately 135 shows primarily at the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. She

most recently directed *The Fantasticks* at

Prairie Creek Playhouse in Prairie City and directed Don't Drink the Water last season here at ACT. She will also be directing the second show of this season. And Then There Were None. Barb last appeared on stage as Tessie Tura in Gypsy at Urbandale Community Theatre and as Ethel Merman in Stage West's Judy's Scary Little Christmas. She serves on ACT's Board of Directors and has also performed on our stage. During the day, Barb can be found at Earth Tech engineering firm as their administrative assistant. Her VCR gets a workout because, in her free time, she is a reality television junkie!! She has been married to Don for almost 10 years and has a stepdaughter, Elizabeth. Her joy is her 141/2 -year-old cat, Waldo.



Steve Hickle (Assistant Director) recently performed at the Iowa Fringe Festival in *Rabid Dog Theatre's Feiffer's People.* His other credits include *The Fantasticks* in Prairie City; *Guys and Dolls,*

Fiddler On The Roof, and Sweeney Todd at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre; and numerous shows at the Des Moines Playhouse. Last season at ACT, he appeared in Don't Drink The Water and in one of his favorite stage credits to date, Schoolhouse Rock Live! "I would like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work and dedication in creating a wonderful 'town'. Also, a special thanks to my friend and mentor, Barb Wagner, for her creative vision and complete trust in me!"

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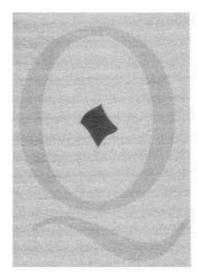




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