

Play On!



Written by Rick Abbot

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CAST

In Order of Appearance

Aggie Manville	Ann Allen
Geraldine "Gerry" Dunbar	Karen Swift
Louise Peary	Susan Casber
Violet Imbry (Diana Lassiter)	Rebecca Shell
Polly Benish (Lady Margaret)	Karen Burkett-Pederson
Henry Benish (Lord Dudley)	Troy DeStigter
Billy Carewe (Stephen Sellers)	Greg Myers
Saul Watson (Doctor Rex Forbes)	Kent Hartwig
Marla "Smitty" Smith (Doris, the maid)	Megan Hartwig
Phyllis Montague	Debi Garner

Time: Present

Setting: The Stage of a Community Theatre

ACT I

A Community Theatre's Rehearsal for "Murder Most Foul"
ONLY Four Days Before Opening Night

15 minute intermission

ACT II

Same Community Theatre Group's FINAL Dress Rehearsal

5 minute intermission

ACT III

Opening Night of "Murder Most Foul" Presented
by the Same Community Theatre Group

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Production Team

Director	Barb Merrill Wagner
Assistant Director/Producer	Becky Plager
Light/Sound Design	Harold Mosier
Lights/Sound	Jolene Gentzler, Joe Gentzler
Set Crew	Mark Tuttle, Tim Klingensmith, Kent Whitmore
Set Decoration	Susan Casber, Kent Hartwig, Becky Plager, Debi Garner, Rebecca Shell, Barb Wagner
Stage Manager	Kent Whitmore
Costumes	Megan Hartwig, Susan Casber, Barb Wagner
Props	Barb Wagner, Debi Garner, Cassie Thunhorst, Susan Casber, Keith Pederson,
Special Research Expert	Debi Garner
House Manager	Kent Whitmore
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Lynn Arterburn, Doug Arterburn, Sharon Anderson, Becky Plager, Kathy Polson

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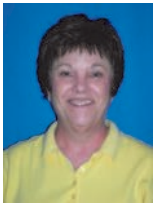
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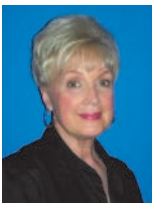
Ann Allen (Aggie Manville) is making her first appearance at ACT. It has been 10 years since her last stage appearance which was at the Nicolet Community Theatre in northern Wisconsin. There she took on the roles of Emily Arden in the musical *State Fair* and as Fleur Stein in *And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little*. She has an amazing husband - David and 2 children - Kendra and Jonathon. She would like to thank David and Kendra for being so supportive and encouraging her to audition at ACT. Ann works for Dr. Chad Wagener at Ankeny Aesthetic Dentistry.



Susan Casber (Louise Peary) was last seen on the ACT stage as the Detective in *Clue the Musical*. She has performed over the years in productions at Pella, ACT, Class Act Productions, and the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. Susan is the school nurse at Merrill Middle School in Des Moines and teaches a nutrition class for Viterbo University. She has been very busy this summer assisting with the ACT Children's Drama Camps. Susan and her husband, Scott, reside in Beaverdale. They have 2 children - both recent UNI graduates. Go Panthers!! In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and attending theater shows. Susan would like to thank her sister, Barb Wagner, for casting her as Louise and the entire cast/crew and her family for their support.



Troy DeStigter (Henry Benish/Lord Dudley) has had many roles on our stage here at ACT. You may recognize him from one of the following shows: Ernie Cusack - *Rumors*, Mr. DePinna - *You Can't Take It With You*, The Wizard - *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Non-musical* or Deputy File - *The Rainmaker*. If you are into vinyl records, Troy is the one to talk to since his hobby is collecting vinyl music records. Troy is employed at Meredith Corporation.



Debi Garner (Phyllis Montague) returns to ACT for a second time this year. Most recently, she played the role of Margaret Lord in *High Society*. Her favorite ACT role is (still) Veta Louise Simmons in *Harvey*. Debi recently performed in The Des Moines Playhouse shows - *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *The Thunderbolt Kid*. She thanks her husband, John Richards, and Mom, Marian Garner, for their love and support.



Kent Hartwig (Saul Watson/Doctor Rex Forbes) is making his debut at ACT. He has appeared as Harold Hill in *The Music Man* at Iowa State's Stars Over VEISHEA, Kenickie in *Grease*, the Major General in *Pirates of Penzance*, Renefield in *Dracula*, and had roles in *Greater Tuna* and *School House Rock, LIVE!* Kent works as a government affairs and media specialist and enjoys hunting and fishing. He is married to Megan (Smitty) and they live in Des Moines.



Megan Hartwig (Marla "Smitty" Smith/Doris the maid) is not a stranger to the stage. She has performed in several shows: *Pirates of Penzance & Grease* (Hillcrest Community Theatre, St. Paul, MN); *Fiddler on the Roof* (IHM St Luke's Theatre, St. Paul, MN), *Two Gentlemen Lebowski* (Des Moines Social Club), and *Clue the Musical* (Ankeny Community Theatre) to name a few. She not only likes to act but has co-directed and did choreography for St. John's Lutheran Church Children's productions in Des Moines. Her husband, Kent, is playing the role of Saul in this show. Megan works for Iowa Department of Public Health--Brain Injury Program Manager.



Greg Myers (Billy Carewe/Stephen Sellers) made his debut at ACT playing Bill Starbuck in *The Rainmaker* two years ago after a long hiatus from acting. Since then he has appeared in *Every Little Crook and Nanny* and *Wait Until Dark*. His previous theatrical experience includes Steben's Children's Theatre and high school drama in Mason City and theater classes at Northern Iowa Area Community College. Last summer he performed in a melodrama at Living History Farms. Greg's hobbies include tennis, music, concerts, movies and watching the Minnesota Vikings. He is employed with YRC, Inc.



Karen Burkett-Pederson (Polly Benish/Lady Margaret) is a regular not only on stage but as a director for ACT. She has been involved in other area theaters such as StageWest, Theatre for a Change, and Unexpected Company. Karen loves acting and directing along with her other hobbies of camping, dog owner--Doberman and Dachshund, and reading. Karen is married to Keith and has a son Eric. She works as the Library Director at Bondurant Community Library.



DEAD GIVEAWAY AUDITIONS

Sunday, August 14 and Monday, August 15
7:00 -9:00 PM at the theater

Cast

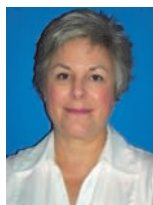
1 male (age 40+)

5 females (1 - age 20+ and 5 - age 50+)

Biographies Continued



Rebecca Shell (Violet Imbry/Diana Lassiter) is not a rookie to the stage. Her past experience includes *The Goodbye Girl* and *Oliver* at Ottumwa Community Theatre, angel choir in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and the Goose in *Charlotte's Web* at ACT, *Donovan's Daughters* in high school, and show choir at Ankeny. This is her first show in ten years. Rebecca has a three and half year old son, Owyn, who has aspirations of being on stage just like Mommy. She would like to thank Barb for this opportunity, her family and friends for their support, and her coworkers for running lines with her.



Karen Swift (Geraldine "Gerry" Dunbar) is a seasoned actress with many hours of shows in her past. She has directed ACT's *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *New Clothes for the Empress* and various shows at Ankeny Christian Academy and First Federated Church. She has acted in ACT's *Steel Magnolias*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *Bad Seed*, *Nunsense*, *Oklahoma* and *Gyps and Dolls*, performed with ACT II, and helped backstage with numerous productions. Karen has a husband, Phil, and 3 grown children, Tegan, Jim, and Danae. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist for Heartland AEA.



Barb Wagner (Director) has directed five shows for ACT – *Clue the Musical*, *A Christmas Carol*, *And Then There Were None*, *Our Town*, and *Don't Drink the Water*. She appeared on our stage in *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Death and Taxes*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Barb has performed in and/or directed approximately 150 shows in the Des Moines area. The majority of her directing and acting was at the Ingersoll Dinner Theater but she has also appeared at Stage West, Class Act Productions, and The Des Moines Playhouse. Married to Don Wagner for almost 15 years – whew, that's a record – she loves to spend time with her family and take road trips. "Thank you to my family and friends for their ongoing support of my 35-year theatre addiction!!! I love you all so much!"



Becky Plager (Assistant Director) has done several shows with ACT, on stage and off. Her last performance was as Hacker in *The Long Red Herring* where she had a great time playing the raving beauty tough guy. Assistant Director is a new role for her. It has been a great education working with Barb and to be part of a great team pulling this show together. ACT is one of her main pastimes. She is truly grateful for the chance to be a part of such a great family at ACT. Other activities include yard work and volunteering for events with the Spinal Cord Injury Assoc. of Iowa. She recently discovered the fun of taking a road trip on a motorcycle which could be addicting.

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MURDER MOST FOUL

Written by Phyllis Montague

Production Team

Director: Gerry Dunbar

Stage Manager: Aggie Manville

Lights/Sound/Set: Louise Peary

Cast (in order of appearance)

Doris, the maid..... Smitty Smith

Lord Dudley Henry Benish

Diana Lassiter Violet Imbry

Dr. Rex Forbes..... Saul Watson

Lady Margaret Polly Benish

Stephen Sellers..... Billy Carewe

Time/Setting

Late 1930's at Lord Dudley
and Lady Margaret's estate