

**Celebrating 30
Years of Live
Theatre!**

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THE BASEBALL SHOW

**An American Tale About
Pine Tar, Bleacher Seats,
and Hometown Heroes**

written by Cynthia Mercati

June 8 - 24, 2012

***Celebrating 30 Years
of Live Theatre***

Dead Giveaway

By Pat Cook

September 30 – October 16

A Nice Family Gathering

By Phil Olson

December 2 - 18

Sing On!

By Rick Abbot

February 3 - 19

Father of the Bride

By Caroline Francke

April 13 - 29

The Baseball Show

By Cynthia Mercati

June 8 - 24

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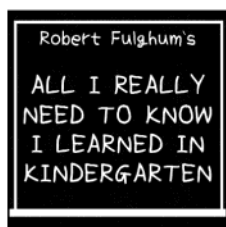
I love that theatre presents the opportunity to study many types of human interaction and that is also why I love to direct. Working with Michael Porche and Doug Moon has prepared me more to direct a show at ACT next season.

Carrie New

Baseball has been a passion of mine since my youth. My first memories of the game dates to Game 6 of the 1975 World Series, staying up way past my bedtime to witness Carlton Fisk's memorable home run to push the Boston Red Sox past the Cincinnati Reds. It's my mission to visit every major league baseball park. 39 ballparks down. Two to go!!

Doug Moon

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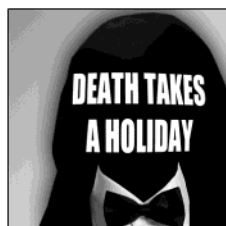
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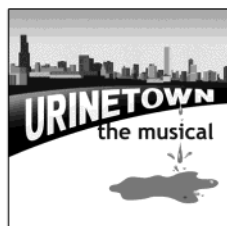
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The Baseball Show Vignettes

Real Baseball

Signs

Little League

The Wolves, Part One

Revenge (directed by Carrie New)

Nadine, Harriet and Doris, Take One

Inspiration (directed by Doug Moon)

The Wolves, Part Duex

Dad's Last Season (directed by Carrie New)

Lenny & Jimmy, Take One

Beating Time

INTERMISSION (15 minutes)

Baseball, A Choral Reading (directed/choreographed by Carrie New)

Nadine, Harriet and Doris, Take Two

The Wolves, With a Vengeance

Inspired Again (directed by Doug Moon)

Lenny & Jimmy, Take Two

Shoeless Joe (directed by Doug Moon)

Lenny & Jimmy, Take Three

T-Ball

Nadine, Harriet and Doris, Take Three

Lenny & Jimmy, Take Four

The Wolves, The Final Chapter

Cast

In Alphabetical Order

G'ma (Real Baseball), Marge, Wife (Beating Time), Mrs. Rankin	Rebekah Boyd
Little Daughter's Father (Beating Time)	Jeff Breeding
Little Daughter (Beating Time)	Maraye Breeding
Girl Two (Real Baseball), J.J. Rankin	Katie Bucklin
Dad (Real Baseball), Boy (Beating Time), Coach One (Inspired Again), Player (Shoeless Joe)	Tom Foster
Umpire	Bob Fry
Woman (Real Baseball), Kelly Pulaski	Jesslyn Gaumer
Fan Two (Real Baseball), Emerson Baxter, Woman One to Joe Sr.	Gabby Jackson
Ziegler, Doris	Natalie Kalvik
Amy Baxter, T-Ball Coach	Abby Leonard
Girl One (Real Baseball), Tracy Cameron, Woman to Joe Sr. (Beating Time)	Brianna Leonard
Kenny Bauman, Guy Two to Joe Sr. (Beating Time)	Chance Lowe
Twink	Carla Rogers Paris
Thorne, Harriet	Ella Paris
Boy One (Real Baseball), Andy Nussbaum, Denton Young, Man (Shoeless Joe)	Justin Peterson
Man to Woman (Real Baseball), Philo Baxter, Lenny, Fan in Stands (Beating Time)	Matt Porche
G'pa (Real Baseball), Arnold, Man (Beating Time), Coach Two (Inspired Again)	Jason Rainwater
Number Bearer	Rachel Reimann
Woman Two to Grandmother, Narrator One (Shoeless Joe), Muffy	Hailey Robinson

Cast Continued

Fan One (Real Baseball), Cordy Baxter, Joe Sr., Jimmy	Darien Rouse
Annie Beckman, Joseph's Grandmother	Lorene Swanson
Daughter (Beating Time), Narrator Two (Shoeless Joe), Mimsy	Julia Tagye
Joseph (Beating Time)	Cade Tomlinson
Mom (Real Baseball), Nadine, Girl (Beating Time), Mrs. Nussbaum	Bekah Tuttle

Production Team

Director	Michael Porche
Assistant Director	Carrie New
Producer	Harold Mosier
Stage Managers	BreeAnn Fredregill & Janice Peterson
Props	Janice Peterson
Light Design	Harold Mosier
Sound Design	Polly Taylor
Lights and Sound	Matt Tuttle, Doug Moon
Set Construction	Harold Mosier, Tim Klingensmith
Set Painting	Mike Porche, Doug Moon, Carrie New
House Manager	Doug Arterburn
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Lynn Arterburn, Doug Arterburn, Doug Moon, Becky Plager, Sharon Anderson

This show has been produced by special arrangement with Baker's Plays.

Cast Biographies



Rebekah Boyd (G'ma/Marge/Wife/Mrs. Rankin) has appeared in *The Phantom Tollbooth* and *Jekyll and Hyde* at ACT. She loves to go to baseball games and movies with her family. She works many jobs for the family businesses - The Crystal Gallery and Des Moines Window.



Jeff Breeding (Little Daughter's Father) is making his first appearance on stage after a long hiatus of thirty years. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends and likes to golf. Jeff is employed at Mindray North America as a Senior Corporate Account Manager.



Maraye Breeding (Little Daughter) is excited about her first experience in a theatrical performance. She has performed and sung in the Northeast Elementary Talent Show. She participates in gymnastics, basketball, softball, singing and dancing. She will be a 3rd grader at Northeast Elementary this fall.



Katie Bucklin (GirlTwo/JJ Rankin) is making her first appearance on the ACT stage. She has appeared in her Christmas programs at church as well as a children's musical. She is active in volleyball, chorus, band, show choir and orchestra. She is an 8th grader at Northview Middle School.

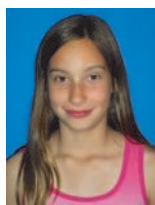


Tom Foster (Dad/Boy/Coach One/Player) made his ACT debut as Buckley Dunstan in April's production of *Father of the Bride*. He had not appeared on stage before then since his 9th grade play when he played a crazy hermit. Tom is a disc golf fanatic and also enjoys playing the guitar. He knew absolutely nothing about baseball before this show!



Bob Fry (Umpire) is making his fifteenth appearance with ACT. His most recent part here was as Stanley Banks in April's production of *Father of the Bride*. His first ACT role was Sam Nash in the 1996 production of *Plaza Suite*, which he reprised in 2008. Other ACT shows have included *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Murder Takes the Stage*, *Funny Money*, and *Caught in the Net*. He recently completed doing the role of Ebenezer Scrooge in

Christmas Carol at Terrace Hill. Bob has performed for the Drama Workshop (*Tale of the Allergist's Wife*), Stage West (*Voices That Care*), Des Moines Playhouse (*The Graduate*), and ACTORS in Ames, where he did one of his favorite roles, the narrator/mysterious man in *Into the Woods*.



Jesslyn Gaumer (Woman/Kelly) is also making her ACT debut. She has been involved in the Ankeny First United Methodist Church musical every May. She also attends the ACT Children's Drama Camps during the summer. Jesslyn's hobbies include soccer, Tae-Kwon-Do, choir, triathlons, flute, swimming, acting, volleyball, and skateboarding. She also enjoys traveling. Jesslyn attends Prairie Ridge Middle School.



Gabby Jackson (Fan Two/Emerson/Guy One to Joe Sr.) is happy to debuting in her first ACT show. She appeared in *30 Reasons Not to be in a Play* (7th grade) and *The Bible in 60 Minutes or Less* (8th grade) at school. She was also involved in the winter play at Dowling Catholic. Gabby has played many sports in the past but is now focusing on her acting career. She also enjoys singing. She attends Dowling Catholic High School.



Natalie Kalvik (Ziegler/Doris) is making her first appearance at ACT. Her hobbies include playing the piano, clarinet and saxophone. She has participated in concert band, jazz band, pep band and three honor bands - Sciba, Drake and Simpson. Natalie also finds time to do cheerleading. She attends Iowa Christian Academy.

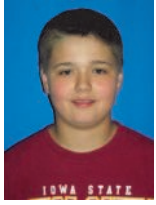


Abby Leonard (Amy/T-Ball Coach) is very excited to be in *The Baseball Show*. It is her first experience with theater. She enjoys reading, dance and going to the lake. She attends Ballard East School



Brianna Leonard (Girl One/Tracy/Woman to Joe Sr.) has appeared in a few school plays including *It's Bigfoot!* in 6th grade and in a reader's theater that she wrote in 8th grade. Brianna enjoys singing, writing, reading, and being outdoors. She also loves hanging out with her crazy friends and making videos. She will be attending Southview Middle School in the fall as a 10th grader.

Biographies Continued



Chance Lowe (Kenny/Guy Two to Joe Sr.) is making his second appearance at ACT. He appeared as Ivan and Buster in *Saturday Night at the Drive-In*. Chance likes to play basketball and baseball and to swim in the summer. He attends Northview School.



Carla Rogers Paris (Twink) is returning to the ACT stage in her fourth show. Other shows include *A Christmas Carol*, *I Remember Mama*, and *Saturday Night at the Drive-In*. Her hobbies include reading, genealogy and going to the lake. Carla works at Renewable Energy Group.



Ella Paris (Thorne/Harriet) is also making her fourth at ACT. She appeared in *A Christmas Carol*, *I Remember Mama*, and *Saturday Night at the Drive-In*. Ella enjoys dancing, singing and reading.



Justin Peterson (Boy One/Andy/Denton Young/Man) made his first appearance at ACT as Buzz in the April production of *Father of the Bride*. He has been actively involved in school plays which include: *After Hours*, *Homework Eats Dog* (Mr. Kobekeanski), *15 Reasons not to be in a Play* and *Froggy Day in Lindentown*. Justin likes to make videos and video games. He will be a 9th grader at Northview Middle School this fall.



Matt Porche (Man to Woman/Philo/Lenny/Fan in Stands) is appearing for his second time on stage at ACT. Last season he played Tom in *A Christmas Foundling*. Matt enjoys watching TV and playing video games. He also shoots trap and plays bass guitar. Matt attends Northview Middle School..



Jason Rainwater (G'pa/Arnold/Man/Coach Two) may be making his first appearance at ACT but he is no stranger to the stage. He has appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse in *Leading Ladies*, *The Hobbit*, *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*, *Anne of Green Gables* and *Stuart Little*, at Tallgrass Theatre in *Flutter*

the Dovecotes, and at Class Act Productions *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Jason enjoys hockey and baseball, collecting fedoras and reading. He grew up in California and spent seven years in the Air Force. Jason is a trainer for Wells Fargo.



Rachel Reimann (Number Bearer) is excited to be on stage for the first time ever. She likes watching movies, riding her scooter and reading animal nonfiction books. Rachel will be a second grader at Westwood Elementary.

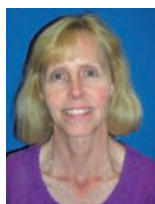


Hailey Robinson (Woman Two to Grandmother/Narrator One/Muffy) is very excited about making her very first appearance on stage. Her hobbies include running, singing and now acting. She attends Northview Middle School.



Darien Rouse (Fan One/Cordy/Joe Sr. Jimmy) has appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse as Roger in *Junie B. Jingle Bells*, *Batman Smells* and as Charlie in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He enjoys baseball, football, basketball, Legos, movies and hanging out with family. He also loves acting and performing. Darien attends Prairie Ridge Middle

School.



Lorene Swanson (Annie/Joseph's Grandmother) is making her third appearance at ACT. Other shows include *Every Little Crook and Nanny* and *High Society*. In her spare time, Lorene likes to play the piano, read and jog. She is employed at Des Moines Christian School as a teacher assistant. "I truly enjoy working with Ankeny Community Theatre. The people are great".



Julia Tagye (Daughter/Narrator Two/Mimsy) is making her first appearance as an actor. She enjoys running long distances with her cross country and track team. She was involved with show choir during 8th and 9th grade. Julia loves hanging out with her friends and soaking up the summer sun. She will be attending Southview School in the fall.

Biographies Continued



Cade Tomlinson (Joseph) is very excited about making his stage debut. Some of you have probably seen him helping in the concession area handing out bottles of water. He loves to be at the theater. Cade plays Little League T-ball and youth league basketball. He likes to fish and golf with Dad, ride bikes with Mom, listen to music and shows off his dance moves whenever the music moves him. Cade is 6 years old and just finished Kindergarten at Northwest Elementary.



Bekah Tuttle (Mom/Nadine/Girl/Mrs. Nusbaum) rounds out the group making their first appearance on stage at ACT. She has worked behind the scenes by working in the tech booth and helping to create some of our show logos. Bekah enjoys reading and photography. She is a graphic artist at Gannett Co.



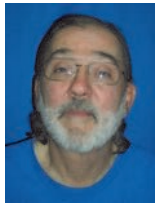
Michael Porche (Director) is excited about directing his very first show. He has appeared on stage in *Sing On!*, *Dead Giveaway* and *Lend Me a Tenor*. Mike owns his own landscape business (GEAUX MEAUX) and works at Redbox. He volunteers for the Iowa Donor Network to promote awareness of organ donation. Mike is a member of the ACT Board of Directors and serves as the Production Chair.



Doug Moon (Assistant Director) became involved with ACT last season but has quickly become a familiar face here. He appeared as Bojo in *The Long Red Herring* and as Roy, the accountant, in *The Odd Couple*. Doug was the assistant director for *Sing On!* and worked in the tech booth for *A Nice Family Gathering*. He is an avid Milwaukee Brewers and Iowa State Cyclones fan. Doug absolutely loves baseball and likes to run and walk. Doug is the secretary for the ACT Board of Directors. He has been employed eighteen years at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage as an analytics consultant.



Carrie New (Assistant Director) made her first acting appearance at ACT in February's production of *Sing On!* as Smitty. She has a performance theatre degree from Buena Vista University and loves acting, directing and studying theater. Carrie has directed *Steel Magnolias* and *A Year With Frog and Toad* and has assistant directed many shows. She is a nanny and is preparing for her wedding in September. Hello, Mrs. Erickson!



Harold Mosier (Producer) has been involved in all aspects of theater but says he prefers directing. Harold's favorite shows that he has directed are *Hankerin' Hillbillies* and *The Money In Uncle George's Suitcase* both by Pat Cook and his 2007 Iowa Fringe Festival entry, *The Oldest Profession* by Paula Vogel. Harold is serving his third year on the ACT Board of Directors and is the chair for the Play Selection Committee.

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