

ACT's 2011-2012 Season



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Join us as we take a look back at some of our shows from the past 30 years!



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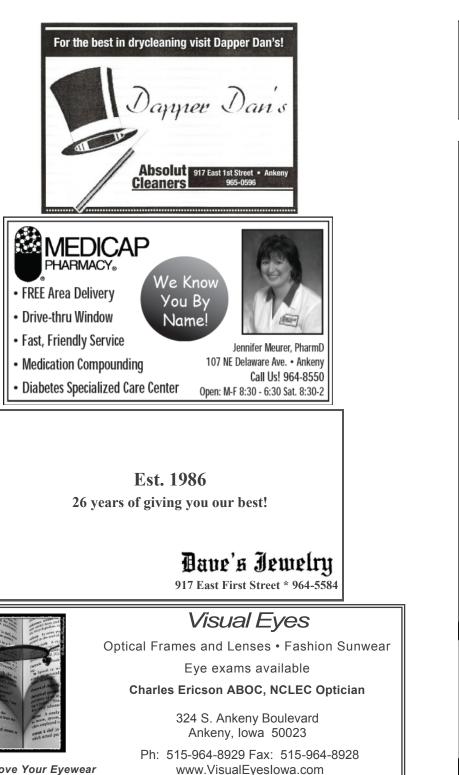
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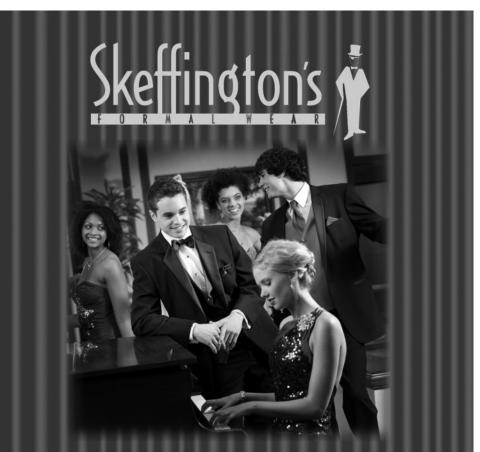
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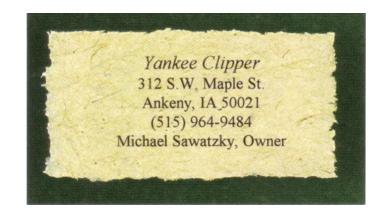
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Lynn Arterburn (Director) keeps herself very busy at ACT: board member, marketing coordinator, producer, director, stage manager, costumer, and Children's Summer Drama Camp director. During the school year, Lynn works at Crocker Elementary. Her hobbies - when she can squeeze them in - include sewing, x-stitching, and hiking with Doug.

She enjoys spending time with her two adorable $3 \frac{1}{2}$ -year-old twin grandchildren - Olivia and Owen. Lynn would like to thank the cast and crew for working so hard on this show. She would like to thank her loving husband for all the support he has given me during the past 2 months while she has been working on this production.

Director's Notes

When people hear the title Father of the Bride, most will immediately think of Steve Martin and Martin Short. This show is actually based on the 1950's movie which starred Spencer Tracy as the father and Elizabeth Taylor as the blushing bride. The story line may be the same but the characters in the shows are quite different.

It has been a pleasure to work with this talented group of actors. I would like to thank them for their dedication to this show. They have worked hard to create a wonderful production for you to enjoy. I would also like to thank Vonnie, my fairy godmother, and Paul, my knight in shining armor. What a great support team! They played a very important role in making this show happen. I can't express my gratitude enough for what they have done.

We hope you enjoy our rendition of Father of the Bride. After seeing the show, please tell your family and friends about it. You are our best form of advertising!

Thank you for coming and supporting ACT. Lynn Arterburn





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Father of the Bride Cast In Order of Appearance

Mr. Banks	Bob Fry
Mrs. Banks	Kay Mueller
Delilah	Anne Claes
Tommy Banks	Chase Stine
Ben Banks	Ethan Polson
Kay Banks	Elizabeth Foster
Buckley Dunstan	Tom Foster
Miss Bellamy/Mrs. Pulitzky	Becky Plager
Buzz	Justin Peterson
Peggy	Frances Donnelly
Mr. Massoula	John Claes
Joe	Paul Ruby
Red	Kent Whitmore
Pete	Creston Vos
Carmen	Cheryl Kimberley
Carmen's Assistant	Liz Van Zomeren
Carmen's Assistant	Evelyn Vos

Setting: In the home of Stanley and Ellie Banks.

ACT I

Scene 2

A Month Later

5 Minute Intermission

ACT II

A Month Before the Wedding Scene 1

15 Minute Intermission with Refreshments

ACT III

Scene 1 The Next Day

Scene 2 Wedding Day



Liz Van Zomeren (Carmen's Assistant) is excited about making her first appearance at ACT and sharing the stage with her niece, Frances. She helped with set design and props at Spencer Community Theatre. Liz enjoys card making, scrapbooking, and sleuthing the internet to find people and return lost assets. She is employed at Rose International as a real estate paralegal.



Creston Vos (Pete) has attended numerous ACT shows and now is trying his hand at being on the stage rather than in the seats. He enjoys attending his grandchildren's sports and activities, watching sports and country music shows and traveling. He is married to Evelyn, has four children and 10 grandchildren.



Evelyn Vos (Carmen's Assistant) has appeared in ACT's High Society and Heaven Can Wait. She currently serves on the ACT Board of Directors. Evelyn enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, traveling, listening to music and volunteering with charitable organizations. She is an accounting tech with Wellmark BCBS.



Kent Whitmore (Red) has done several shows with ACT over the years. Shows include Leaving Iowa, Fools, The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase, Godspell, and Harvey. When he's not on stage or working at Broadlawn's Medical Center, he enjoys walking, biking, watching old classic movies and TV shows, and working with youth. Kent is married to Vonnie. They

have two children, Alicia, and Bryce, and a daughter-in-law, Cassie. Kent is a currently the president of the ACT Board of Directors.



Vonnie Whitmore (Producer/Stage Manager) has been involved with ACT behind the scenes for a total of 3 plays, Leaving Iowa, The Odd Couple, and now Father of the Bride. Vonnie works part time as a nurse at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. She is married to Kent Whitmore, "Red". She enjoys spending time with family, especially their two kids,

Bryce (and wife Cassie) and Alicia. She also is looking forward to playing the role of "grandma" with their first grandchild due in May. In her free time, Vonnie enjoys scrap booking, gardening, and playing on the computer.

Biographies Continued



Becky Plager (Miss Bellamy/Mrs. Politzky) has been a part of the ACT family for 10+ years now. The last character she played was Hacker, a wanna be military CO in *The Long Red Herring*. You may remember the boots and the whistle. Becky's last hat worn was that of director for *A Nice Family Gathering*. Outside of ACT, Becky enjoys experiencing other

theater productions and volunteering for events with the Spinal Cord Injury Assoc. of Iowa just to name a couple.



Ethan Polson (Ben Banks) is making his third appearance at ACT. Previous shows were *Hankerin Hillbillies* and *The Christmas Carol*. His first theater experience was as Mr. Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice* in high school. His favorite roles include Michael in *Sister Calling My Name*, the fire chief in *The Bald Soprano*, Tuzenbahle in *Three Sisters* and several roles in a

special experimental and avant-garde presentation of *Romeo and Juliet* all performed at Belhaven University. Ethan enjoys being an artist and a practitioner of Parkour and Freerunning. He also enjoys gymnastics, modern dance and music. Ethan is attending Belhaven University as a theatre major.



Paul Ruby (Joe/ Assistant Director) has performed in numerous ACT shows. Some of his stage appearances include *A Round With The Boys, The Boys Next Door, Lil' Abner, Oklahoma, Guys and Dolls, Plaza Suite, Arsenic and Old Lace,* and *Once Upon a Mattress.* A Des Moines native, Paul is a teacher at East High School. He and his wife, Kaylene, have grown

children and two grandchildren. Paul enjoys corvette rallies and collecting Horatio Alger books.



Chase Stine (Tommy Banks) is making his first appearance at ACT. He is certainly no stranger to the stage, however. He appeared as Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* (Stillwell Jr. High), IMTA New York and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.* He has also appeared in the film *Sam Steele and the Jr. Detective.* Chase enjoys film making and singing. He is a 9th

grader at Valley Southwoods. in West Des Moines.

Production Team

Director	Lynn Arterburn
Assistant Director	Paul Ruby
Producer/Stage Manager	Vonnie Whitmore
Props	Vonnie Whitmore
Light Design	Harold Mosier
Sound Design	Polly Taylor
Light& Sound Operators	Matt Tuttle, Rebecca Tuttle
Set Construction	Harvey Olsthoorn, Harold Mosier, Doug Arterburn, Tim Klingensmith, Paul Ruby
Set Painting	Paul Ruby, Vonnie Whitmore, Lynn Arterburn, Tim Klingensmith,
Outdoor Scenery	Mark Tuttle
House Manager	Doug Arterburn
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Lynn Arterburn, Doug Arterburn, Doug Moon, Becky Plager, Sharon Anderson

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Cast Biographies



Anne Claes (Delilah) has appeared several times on the ACT stage. Her favorite shows include *Godspell* and *Plaza Suite*. Anne has had the wonderful pleasure of sharing the stage with both her daughter Katherine and husband John. She is excited about teaching at ACT's Children's Summer Camp for a third year this summer. Anne teaches Kick-boxing at

Jacob's Martial Arts in Urbandale. She is a paraeducator at Urbandale Middle School.



John Claes (Massoula) is appearing in his 10th show at ACT! His favorite shows include *It's a Wonderful Life, Godspell* and *Plaza Suite.* He has enjoyed sharing the stage with his wife Anne and daughter Katherine. He played Jody in *Lonely Planet* at Tallgrass Theatre in 2011. John is an advancement officer with Lutheran Services in Iowa. He is a former ACT

board member.



Frances Donnelly (Peggy) is performing in her first community theater play. She appeared in plays and also worked as a crew member during middle school. Frances was a cheerleader and a choir member throughout high school. She loves photography. Frances works at Calvin Community. She would like to thank her aunt, Liz Van

Zomeren, for sharing such a fun opportunity with her. "This was such a great idea, Aunt Liz! I will miss you dearly at school next year!"



Elizabeth Foster (Kay Banks) is making her debut at ACT. She studied theater at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She is a yoga enthusiast, enjoys working on videography and art, and loves watching snowstorms. Elizabeth works at the Ames Racquet and Fitness Club. She wants to thank her loving husband David for all of his

support.



Tom Foster (Buckley Dunstan) - no relation to Elizabeth - is also making his ACT debut. He has not appeared on stage since his 9th grade play when he played a crazy hermit. Tom is a disc golf fanatic and also enjoys playing the guitar. He works for Syngenta Seed Company.



Bob Fry (Stanley Banks) is making his fourteenth appearance with ACT, and his second time performing this role. His most recent part here was as Felix Ungar in last year's production of *The Odd Couple*. 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.* He is happy to be reunited in this show with his "wife", Kay Mueller. This will be their ninth appearance on stage as man and wife.



Cheryl Kimberley (Carmen) made her first appearance on the ACT stage last fall in *Dead Giveaway*. She has worked tech positions or performed for UNI, Waterloo Community Playhouse & High Country Arts in Colorado. Cheryl has written, directed and performed for the Waverly Community Theatre and for the Area Agency on Aging and is the author

of one acts and children's plays. She is currently working on a Christmas musical, *The Christmas Chair* and is seeking a venue. Roles include *Lion In Winter*, *Foxfire*, *Jake's Women*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Pirates of Penzance*, and a number of children's shows. Cheryl is also an antique dealer.



Kay Mueller (Ellie Banks) is enjoying playing Bob Fry's wife for the ninth time, even though he has attempted to murder her twice and succeeded in doing so once. Her favorite roles include Dolly in *Kitchen Witches* at ACTORS in Ames and Fiona Foster in *How the Other Half Loves* at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre. She has also enjoyed being in several

Ankeny plays including *The Odd Couple, Caught in the Net*, and *Murder Takes the Stage.* Kay teaches speech and theatre for DMACC at the Boone Campus. She enjoys dating K.C., reading mysteries, cooking, and sewing.



Justin Peterson (Buzz) has been actively involved in schools plays. Shows include: *After Hours, Homework Eats Dog* (Mr. Kobekeanski), *15 Reasons not to be in a Play* and *Froggy Day in Lindentown*. Justin likes to record movies and guides about video games. He is an 8th grader at Northview Middle School. Justin actually has had a "Buzz cut" once in his life

thanks to his dad. He had to wear a cap for a month and still won't go to the barbershop with his father to this very day! Welcome to ACT, Justin.