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Years of Live
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Sing On!



February 3 - 19, 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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By Ray Cooney

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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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Randy Dunwoody
December 2001

A Blast from the Past



Ten Little Indians

Front: Greg Levensgood, Debbie Hider, Jeanne
Ginger, Sally Sawhill, Scott Van Der Heyden
Back: Dale Hunter, Andy Cummings, Kirk Reeder,
Sam Bilsing, Dick Russell, Bud Pratt
October 1987



Sound of Music

Jan Jacobsen, Bari Schneider, Russ Henning,
Crissy Taylor, Stephanie Balerson, Lisa
Carpenter, Kara Weatherwax, Jessica Keenan
March 1984



Once Upon A Mattress

Tim Clark and Jan DeHoet
April 1998



Plaza Suite

Kaylene and Paul Ruby
April 1996

Sing On!

CAST

In Order of Appearance

Polly Benish	Karen Burkett-Pederson
Jerome (Jerry) Dunbar	Steve Hickle
Henry Benish	Troy DeStigter
Aggie Manville	Kaylene Ruby
Louise Peary	Susan Casber
Saul Watson	Michael Porche
Marla "Smitty" Smith	Carrie New
Phyllis Montague	Debi Garner
Monte Montague	Matt Tuttle
Bill Carewe	Greg Myers
Violet Carewe	Phoebe Smith

ACT I

Scene 1	A Community Theater's "Green Room"
Scene 2	Rehearsal 2 Days Later
Scene 3	Rehearsal 2 Days Later
Scene 4	Rehearsal 1 Week Later
Scene 5	Rehearsal the Next Day
Scene 6	Rehearsal 3 Weeks Later

Intermission: 15 minutes

ACT II

Scene 1	Final Dress Rehearsal
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Production Team

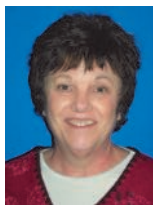
Director	Barb Merrill Wagner
Assistant Director/Producer	Doug Moon
Music Director/Accompanist	Matt Tuttle
Stage Manager	Paul Ruby
Light Design	Harold Mosier
Light Operator	Doug Moon
Sound Design	Polly Taylor
Sound Operator	Melissa Bullington
Set Design, Construction, Decoration	Mark Tuttle (lead), Matt Tuttle, Doug Moon,, Bekah Tuttle, Debi Garner, Susan Casba
Costumes	Ida McIntyre, Barb Wagner, Kaylene Ruby, Cast
Special Research	Debi Garner
House Manager	Doug Arterburn
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Lynn Arterburn, Doug Arterburn, Becky Plager, Sharon Anderson

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ACT appreciates the generosity of businesses and individuals who help support productions. The cast and crew of *Sing On!* would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous contributions to this show:

Grand View University Drama Department - Costumes
Don Wagner
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Grace Leverenz

Cast Biographies



Susan Casber (Louise) was last seen on the ACT stage as Fiona in *Dead Giveaway* and *Play On!* as Louise. She has performed over the years in productions at Pella, Class Act Productions, and the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. Susan is the school nurse at Merrill Middle School in Des Moines. This past summer, she assisted with the ACT Drama camps. She is married to Scott Casber and they reside in Beavertdale. Susan is the proud mother of Adam and Chole. She would like to thank her family for their support and Barb Wagner (her sister) for allowing her to be Louise again.



Troy DeStigter (Henry) recreates his role from last season's hit *Play On!* Troy has acted in over 30 productions at ACT. He is employed at Meredith Corporation as a scanner of confidential documents. Some of his favorite past roles at ACT include Mr. DePinna in *You Can't Take it With You* and Ernie Cusak in *Rumors* where he and Ms. Sandoval-Pederson (Polly Benish) were also paired as a comedic husband and wife team. Troy collects vinyl music records and other "retro" memorabilia.



Debi Garner (Phyllis) returns to us again from last season's *Play On!* Debi has acted in shows at Des Moines Playhouse (*The Drowsy Chaperone*), Ingersoll Dinner Theater (*Steel Magnolias*), and Class Act Productions (*The House at Pooh Corner*). Her favorite role continues to be Veta Louise Simmons in *Harvey*. Debi wishes to thank her mom, Marian Garner, and husband (of 25 years), John Richards, for their love and support.



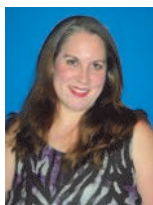
Steve Hickle (Jerome "Jerry") last performed on our stage in *A Christmas Carol*. Since then, Steve directed ACT productions of *Fools* and *Lend Me a Tenor*. Most recently, he appeared in the Iowa Shakespeare Experience's Terrace Hill production of *A Christmas Carol*. Steve's other credits include shows at Urbandale Community Theatre, Des Moines Playhouse, Theatre for a Change, Class Act Productions, and the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. He works at Equifax and has been married to his wife, Cyndi, for 22 years who he thanks for her ongoing love and support.



Greg Myers (Bill) made his debut at ACT playing Starbuck in *The Rainmaker*. He also performed in ACT's *Every Little Crook and Nanny* and *Wait Until Dark*. Greg is recreating his role from last season's *Play On!*. He works at YRC Inc. in government and customer support and enjoys tennis, golf, and watching Vikings football.



Carrie A. New (Marla "Smitty") is debuting at ACT in *Sing On!*. Carrie has recently moved to the Des Moines area and works both as a nanny and at Reising Sun Café in Polk City. She has a Communications and Performance Arts degree from Buena Vista University and has appeared in many productions including *Singing in the Rain* (Lina Lamont) and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (Leisa Von Grossenkneuten). We're very happy to have her join us on our stage. "Left ear tug!"



Karen Pederson (Polly) returns to her role in last season's *Play On!*. She is a regular at ACT, not only on stage, but as a director. Karen's work has also graced the stages of Stage West, Theatre For a Change, and Unexpected Company. Karen is married to another ACT favorite, Keith Pederson.



Michael Porche (Saul) has been in many productions at ACT including *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Wait Until Dark*, and last season's *The Long Red Herring*. He has his own lawn care business (Geaux Meaux) and is married to a beautiful woman (his very words), Tara. His son, Matthew, performed in *The Christmas Foundling* last year. Michael will be co-directing *The Baseball Show* for ACT later this season. He is very active in promoting the awareness of organ donation and he serves on the ACT Board of Directors.



Kaylene Ruby (Agnes) is one of ACT's "long-timer favorites", especially in comedic character roles. A few of her favorites include Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias* (2 times), Mammy Yokum in *Li'l Abner*, Aunt Abby in *Arsenic in Old Lace* (2 times), and Violet in ACT's first production of *Play On!* in 19?? Kaylene has been a professor at Grand View University for 30 years and is married to Paul (another ACT favorite).

She loves to take rides with Paul on their Harley, enjoys wine classes, and golfs a mediocre score.

Biographies Continued



Phoebe Smith (Violet) debuts at ACT in *Sing On!*. She recently played the role of Kanga in Class Act Productions' *Winnie The Pooh's Christmas Tail*. Phoebe teaches Spanish at Merrill Middle School and enjoys writing, painting, and jewelry making. We're excited to have Phoebe with us at ACT!



Matt Tuttle (Monte) is also making his debut on our stage in *Sing On!*. By day, he works for August Home Publishing as a computer programmer. Matt writes music and leads worship at Crossroads Celebration Church in Ankeny. He plays music by ear (what a genius) and enjoys doing puppetry. Welcome Matt!



Barb Wagner (Director) has directed six shows for ACT – *Play On!*, *Clue the Musical*, *A Christmas Carol*, *And Then There Were None*, *Our Town*, and *Don't Drink the Water*. She last appeared ON our stage as Catherine in *Dead Giveaway*. 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 during the 28 years it was in business, but she has also appeared and/or directed for Class Action Productions (Altoona), Stage West, Urbandale Community Theatre, Tallgrass Theatre Company, and Right Brain Productions to name a few. Most recently, Barb directed *Winnie-the-Pooh's Christmas Tail* at Class Act Productions. Married to Don Wagner for 15 years, she loves to spend time with her family/friends and especially her mom, Doris Merrill. Barb is an administrative assistant in the Financial Aid Department at DMACC in Ankeny.



Doug Moon (Assistant Director/Producer) made his debut at ACT as lovable Bojo in *The Long Red Herring* and then Roy, the accountant, in *The Odd Couple*. Doug has worked for 18 years as an Analytics Consultant at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. He has a 15-year-old puppy (whom he loves) named Murray and he tells us that baseball is his passion. He completed his first half-marathon last October and is currently the secretary of the ACT Board of Directors.

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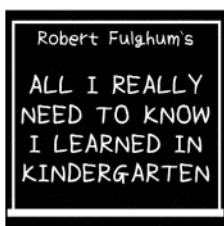
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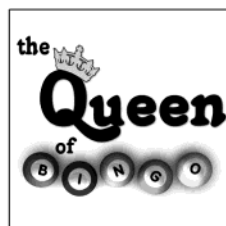
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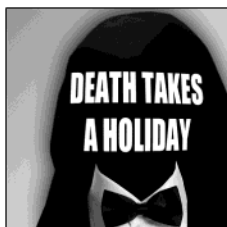
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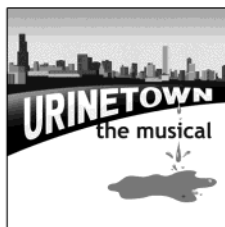
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