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Ankeny Community Theatre
Presents

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM



Music & Lyrics
Stephen Sondheim

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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Cast

In order of appearance

Senex	Tom Miller
Domina	Amanda Jackson
Hero	Adam Haselhuhn
Philia	Ruby Terrell
Hysterium	Shawn Pavlik
Pseudolus	John Claes
Lycus	Larry Johnson
Vibrata	Kathryn Bisbey
Tintinabula	Lisa DeWaard
Panacea	Anne Claes
Geminae	Susan Casber & Cheryl Clark
Gymnasia	Angie Youngers
Erronius	Mike Kentopp
Miles Gloriosus	Joel Anderson
Protean	Gabe Pavlik
Protean	Grace Herzberg
Protean	Kenzie Mulhern

Time: Two hundred years before the Christian era, a day in
spring

Place: A street in Rome in front of houses of Erronius,
Senex, and Lycus

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts.

Musical Numbers

ACT I

Comedy Tonight	Pseudolous & Company
Love, I Hear	Hero
Free	Pseudolus & Hero
The House of Marcus Lycus	Lycus
Lovely	Philia & Hero
Pretty Little Picture	Pseudolus, Hero & Philia
Everybody Ought to Have a Maid	Senex, Pseudolus, Hysterium, & Lycus
I'm Calm	Hysterium
Impossible	Senex & Hero
Bring Me My Bride	Miles Gloriosus & Company

ACT II

That Dirty Old Man	Domina
That'll Show Him	Philia
Lovely (reprise)	Pseudolus and Hysterium
Funeral Sequence	Pseudolus, Miles Gloriosus & Company
Finale	Company

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Production Team

Director	Michael Porche
Assistant Director	Sarah-Rose Ballard
Musical Director	Brenda McConahay
Producer	Beth Feilmeier
Director's Assistant	Evelyn Vos
Set Construction	Richard Wilson, Jerry Reid
Set Painting	Mark Tuttle, Sarah-Rose Ballard, Beth Feilmeier
Light Consultant	Greg Leavengood
Light Technician	Lexi Williams
Sound Technician	Tamra Williams
Choreographer	Kathryn Bisbey, Angie Youngers
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Cast Biographies



Joel Anderson (Miles Gloriosus) is excited to be performing in his first ACT production. He has appeared in *Oklahoma* (Ali Hakim), *A Mid Summer's Night Dream* (Bottom), *You Can't Take It With You* (Tony) and *Damn Yankees* (Smokey). Joel's hobbies include grilling and traveling. He enjoys spending time with his wife,

Anne, and their dogs, Max and Molly. He is a CPA with McGladrey, LLP.



Kathryn Bisbey (Vibrata) is well known as an actress and singer at ACT. Her most noted roles include Tracy (*High Society*), Audrey (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Daisy Mae (*Lil Abner*), and *Godspell*. Kathryn and husband Jim can be spotted on their Harley Davidson and riding in their Corvette around town. She enjoys taking her dog, Tiana

for walks, playing tennis, and watching NASCAR (Dale Earnhardt, Jr.).

"I am blessed to have a great husband, friends and family in my life that encourage and support me in all I do and love me for who I am."



Anne Claes (Panacea) has appeared several times on the ACT stage. Her favorite shows include *Godspell*, *It's A Wonderful Life*, *High Society*, *Father of the Bride*, and *Plaza Suite*. Anne has had the wonderful pleasure of sharing the stage with both her daughter Katherine and husband John (Pseudolus). She is excited about teaching at ACT's

Summer Drama Camps for her fifth year. Anne teaches kickboxing and is a Para Educator at Urbandale Middle School.



John Claes (Pseudolus) is appearing in his eleventh ACT show. His favorite ACT roles include George Bailey (*It's a Wonderful Life*) and Jesus (*Godspell*). Most recently he played Roy (*The Odd Couple*) at Tallgrass Theatre Company. He is currently serving his second term on the ACT Board of Directors. John will be

teaching at ACT's Summer Drama Camps this summer with his wife Anne who is also in this show (Panacea). He is as an Advancement Officer at Lutheran Services in Iowa.



Susan Casber (Geminae) was last seen on the ACT stage as Bon Bon in *Death by Chocolate*. Other ACT shows include Louise (*Play On* and *Sing On*). She has performed over the years in productions at Pella, Class Act Productions, and the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre.

Susan is a recently retired school nurse from Des Moines Public Schools. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and attending theater shows. Susan would like to thank her family for their support and Michael Porche for allowing her to share the stage with her son, Adam Haselhuhn. Enjoy the show!



Cheryl Clark (Geminae) is making her third appearance on the ACT stage. Favorite past roles include Nancy (*Oliver*), Sarah (*The Quilters*), Sister Amnesia (*Nunsense*), and Marian (*Music Man*). She appeared in *Carousel* as Carrie Snow and her three daughters were Snow children. Cheryl's activities include the music ministries

at Ankeny First United Methodist Church, traveling, flower gardening, and sewing. She enjoys spending time with her family which includes four grandchildren. She is employed with Iowa State University Extension as a Family Life Specialist.



Lisa DeWaard (Tintinabula) is appearing in her ninth show at ACT. Favorite roles include Maria (*Lend Me a Tenor*), Lili (*The Maginot Line*) and Gilmer in (*Godspell*). Her most recent role was Mrs. Hudson in *Sherlock's Last Case*. She has also performed with Drama Workshop, Theater for a Change, Tallgrass Theatre Company, and a

few independent shows. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys karaoke, spending time with friends, reading, collecting frogs and cats, and anything and everything Broadway related. She is employed as a gift shop associate at Unity Point Health.



Adam Haselhuhn (Hero) is certainly no stranger to the world of theater. Shows include *Senssical the Musical*, *The Crucible*, *Greater Tuna*, and *A Christmas Carol* (Bob Cratchit). He was selected winner of Best of Show, Audience Choice, Judge's Choice 2008 and 2009 and received Best Director 2008, 2009 and 2010 at the 711

Theater Competition. He previously taught at ACT's Summer Drama Camps. Adam enjoys binge watching shows on Netflix, kickboxing and supporting UNI. He is the Director of Annual Giving at Central College. "I'm excited to be sharing the stage with my mom, Susan (Germinae)."



Grace Herzberg (Protean) is making her acting debut at ACT. She performed in the Centennial High School musical *Songs of A New World*. She did make up for *Arsenic and Old Lace* for Centennial's spring show and worked back stage as a set designer at Ankeny Community Theatre. Grace's hobbies include art,

singing, Show Choir, and speech team. She also loves animals and science and wants to be a scientific/medical illustrator.



Amanda Jackson (Domina) is making a return to the ACT stage after a few years' hiatus. She appeared in 2007 in *Godspell* and later that year in *The Phantom Tollbooth*. She has performed at Grandview (*The Boys Next Door*), Rabid Dog Theatre (*Dog Sees God*) and at the Manhattan Arts Center (*Clue: The Musical* and *Senssical the Musical*). Amanda and her husband, Buddy, founded

the Pirate Comedy/Swordfighting group, Bawdy Buccaneers, in 2009. She is the lead infant teacher at The Treehouse Growing and Learning Center in Ankeny.

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Larry Johnson (Lycus) has appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse, Iowa Fringe Festival, and ACT. Some of his shows include *The King and I*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Karaoke Killers*, *Murder Takes the Stage*, and *Lil Abner*. He most enjoyed playing Glen in *Rumors* and George in *High Society*; however, he is most proud of his characterization of a tree in the first grade. Larry enjoys reading, biking and traveling. He has been to every country in Europe except Spain and Portugal. Larry has a BS in Actuarial Science & MBA and is currently learning Spanish.



Michael Kentopp (Erronius) has been seen numerous times on the ACT stage. Shows include *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Our Town*, *Murder Takes the Stage*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *I Remember Mama*. He has been acting in various theaters since the age of five when he got his first lead role. Michael enjoys photography, traveling, searching for the unusual and other activities too numerous to mention. He is somewhat employed and is a coach for Ankeny Community Schools.



Tom Miller (Senex) first appeared in *Forum* in 1979 as Hysterium. He has performed in multiple ACT productions since moving to Ankeny in 2008 with his wife, Judy, and their Boston Terrier Abe. His favorite role was Hubert (*It Runs in the Family*). Tom enjoys photography and traveling to Nebraska sporting events and is currently serving as Past President on the ACT Board of Directors.



Kenzie Mulhern (Protean) is excited to be appearing in her first ACT production. The last time she appeared on stage was several years ago at the Des Moines Playhouse. Kenzie's is involved in cheerleading, show choir, and drama club at Ankeny High School. She enjoys watching Netflix and spending time with her two pets, Snickers and Jade. Kenzie is looking forward to college in a couple of years.



Gabe Pavlik (Protean) is appearing in his very first production and is excited about being a part of the cast as well as getting to be in the show with his dad, Shawn, who is playing Hysterium. He is a sophomore at Centennial High School and is involved in show choir, choir, and wrestling. In his free time, he likes to watch Netflix. Gabe plans on being an engineer in the military in the future.



Shawn Pavlik (Hysterium) may be an ACT rookie, but he is no stranger to the stage having appeared in over thirty shows. His favorite roles include Javert in Newton Community Theatre's production of *Les Miserables* and Pseudolus in Marshalltown's production of *Forum*. Shawn has also directed four shows. He is enjoying sharing the stage with his son Gabe. Shawn is a math teacher at Saydel High School.



Ruby Terrell (Philia) is also making her ACT debut. She played Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* in high school and performed in school choirs, programs, and multiple plays throughout her middle and high school years. Ruby enjoys reading, biking, camping, and singing and is a novice quilter. She is in nursing school at DMACC and is a Starbucks Barista. Ruby was born in Chile, South America and has lived in Iowa, Florida, Minnesota, and Washington.



Angela Youngers (Gymnasia) has appeared in two other ACT productions - *The Amorous Ambassador* (Faye) and *It Runs in the Family* (Matron). Other favorite roles include Gwendolyn (*The Importance of being Ernest*), Cassie Cooper (*Rumors*), and Star (*John Lennon and Me*). Angie recently self-published an eBook novel - *Painting Walls*. She is an English, speech, and drama teacher in the metro area. Angie will be teaching the Improvisation and Audition Workshops this summer at ACT Drama Camps as well as an Intro to Acting for Adults through Ankeny Community Education this fall.



Michael Porche (Director) has performed in many ACT shows. He was most recently seen playing Douglas in *The Big Five-Ob*. Among his favorites are Max (*Lend Me a Tenor*) and Mr. Roat (*Wait Until Dark*). His latest performance was Russ in *Clybourne Park* for StageWest Productions. Michael enjoys watching most all sports either in person or on TV. He oversees nearly 80 kiosks for Redbox throughout the Des Moines metro and drives the team bus for Simpson College in Indianola. Michael diligently promotes the awareness of organ/tissue donation by volunteering as often as possible for the Iowa Donor Network. He is married to his incredibly beautiful wife, Tara. They have a son, Matt, who is turning 16 soon.



Brenda McConahay (Music Director) is directing her fourth ACT production which includes *Clue: the Musical*, *Godspell*, and *Schoolhouse Rock*. She was the keyboardist for the final ten years that the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre was open. Through Brenda's musical career she has played for over 40 shows. Currently, she is the pianist for New Hope Methodist in Des Moines. She also plays for personal celebrations – weddings, anniversaries, and program entertainment. Brenda is a retired teacher from Lincoln High School in Des Moines and D.H.S. Social Worker.



Sarah-Rose Ballard (Assistant Director), a sophomore at AHS, enjoyed producing ACT's *The Maginot Line*, *The Amorous Ambassador*, and *Death By Chocolate* so much that she's thrilled to be working again with her first theatre mentor on this production! This year she was involved in AHS's production of *Grease*, Student Council, Key Club, Student Academy, Speech, and football cheerleading. Sarah-Rose was inducted into the National Honor Society. She would like to thank her mom, Gwen Ballard, for being so supportive!



Beth Feilmeier (Producer) has appeared in *The Maginot Line* as Kelly Maginot, *The Big Five Ob!* as Julie Thomas, *Death By Chocolate* as Juniper Berry, and *Sherlock's Last Case* as multiple roles. Apart from theatre she enjoys playing with her dog, Gizmo, questionable card games, and working off snacks from play rehearsals, while also juggling her work at the Department of Public Safety.

Spotlight on Volunteers



Our volunteers are the heart and life of ACT. We could not survive without them. During this show, ACT would like to highlight the volunteer efforts of Creston Vos.



Cres has been the driving force this year for getting renovations done at ACT. He has spent countless hours since November overseeing as well as working on the installation process for our new theater seating. It has certainly been a project that Cres has taken great pride in. Coming on board as a volunteer just a few short years ago, Cres has certainly jumped in without the fear of getting his feet wet. He has ushered, served concessions, worked box office, helped build sets, has done more than his fair share of cleaning the theater and has *even appeared on stage in Father of the Bride*. *If there is a job to be done*, Cres will be there helping. He is very well known for his love of baking which developed after he retired as a professional truck driver three years ago. Cast members are thrilled when his wife, Evelyn, is involved in a show as that means delectable goodies will abound at rehearsals and during shows. Audiences also enjoy the pleasure of his culinary skills at the concession area during intermission. Cres and Evelyn enjoys spending time with their four children and ten grandchildren.

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- Concessions
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