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 **CATS**

by Gary Ray Stapp

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The Trouble With Cats Cast

Joanna Birman	Lorene Swanson
Ivy Julian	Becky Plager
Phillip Julian	Kent Whitmore
Sunshine	Shelly Kubik
River	Thomas Foster
Parker John (PJ)	Zechariah Pitcher
Joy Bombay	Tammy Sposeto
Nelson Bombay	Troy DeStigter
Mitzy Cheshire	Beth Feilmeier
No (Noelle) Cheshire	Deanna Neal
Onie Cheshire	Nicole Titus

Time: Early Summer

Place: A house on Tanners Lake in Minnesota

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Acts.

Act I

Scene 1	Day 1: Friday, Late Afternoon
Scene 2	Day 5: Tuesday, Early Morning
Scene 3	Day 9: Saturday, Early Morning
Scene 4	Day 13: Wednesday, Mid-Afternoon

Act II

Scene 1	Day 16: Saturday, Late Morning
Scene 2	Day 18: Monday, Early Evening
Scene 3	Day 19: Tuesday, Mid-Afternoon
Scene 4	Day 22: Friday, Early Afternoon
Scene 5	Day 23: Saturday, Late Afternoon
Scene 6	One Year Later: Early Evening

Production Team

Director	Michael Porche
Assistant Director	Dawn Hockemeyer
Producer	Lisa Gould
Stage Manager	Alexis Gould
Set Construction	Greg Moon, Michael Porche
Set Painting	Dawn Hockemeyer
Light & Sound Operator	Matt Tuttle
Props	Lisa Gould
Program	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Joel Anderson, Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Sharon Dallmann, Adam Haselhuhn, Nicole Titus, Rebekah Tuttle, Barb Wagner
Logo Design	Rebekah Tuttle

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Cast Biographies



Troy DeStigter (Nelson Bombay) has entertained many audiences in his numerous ACT roles. Favorite shows include *Come Blow Your Horn* (Mr. Baker), *It Runs in the Family* (Bill), *A Nice Family Gathering* (Michael), and *Rumors* (Ernie Cusack). Troy enjoys collecting records and other music memorabilia. Troy works at Meredith Corporation.



Beth Feilmeier (Mitzy Cheshire) is becoming a familiar face at ACT. She has appeared in *The Maginot Line*, *The Big Five-Oh!*, *Sherlock's Last Case*, *Death by Chocolate*, and *Some Sweet Day*. She has also appeared in Stage West's stage reading of *The Patron Saint of Sea Monsters*. Beth enjoys going to the gym, cooking, binging on Netflix, and spending time with her boyfriend, Bronson. Beth is employed with the Department of Public Safety.



Thomas Foster (River) is also no stranger to ACT audiences. Favorite shows include: *Father of the Bride*, *The Baseball Show*, and *Drinking Habits*. He served as Assistant Director for *The Big Five-Oh!* and as director for *Sherlock's Last Case*. Thomas works for Ed Hildreth Construction. In his free time, he plays guitar and disc golf.



Shelly Kubik (Sunshine) is returning to the ACT stage after a long hiatus. ACT shows include *Murder Takes the Stage*, *Hankerin' Hillbillies*, and *A Nice Family Gathering*. Shelly enjoys gardening, reading, and cooking. She is a stay-at-home mom for her two sons, Gibson and Foster. She credits them for allowing her to work on her improv as she pretends to know how to be a mom.

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Deanna Neal (No Cheshire) is putting her theater experience from San Jose State University to use as she makes her ACT debut in *The Trouble With Cats*. She is an ordained minister and is employed at Olive Garden as a server. Deanna has three children: Louis (6) and twins Julie and Riley (4). In her spare time, she enjoys reading.



Zechariah Pitcher (Parker John) is also making his ACT debut. He performed in high school plays and musicals for four years where he won the Best Supporting Actor Award. Zechariah also participated in high school speech for three years. He enjoys acting and gaming. He is employed with the Dr. Pepper Snapple group.



Becky Plager (Ivy Julian) has been with ACT for over fifteen years. She has served on the board of directors, acted on stage, worked backstage, and manned the tech booth. This show is a reunion for her as she gets to be the wife of Kent Whitmore again. She played his wife in her very first ACT show. Becky enjoys theater, yardwork, remodeling her house, volunteering for nonprofit organizations, and spending time with family and friends. She is employed at DuPont Pioneer.



Tammy Sposeto (Joy Bombay) has spent the last ten years performing at Newton Community Theatre and with Pella's Union Street Players. Her favorite role was Truvy Jones in *Steel Magnolias* at NCT. Tammy enjoys theater and discovering breweries. She is the Marketing Director at The Newton Group. Tammy and her husband, Frank, have five children and one grandchild.

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Lorene Swanson (Joanna Birman) has appeared in ACT's productions of *Every Little Crook and Nanny*, *High Society*, and *The Baseball Show*. She enjoys reading, playing piano, gardening, biking, and swimming. She is employed at Olmstead Elementary in Urbandale and volunteers at Birthright.



Nicole Titus (Onie Cheshire) has appeared in *Musical Chairs* (also was the assistant director), *The Regifters*, *Francine's Will*, *Adam's Eve* and *Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas*. She appeared in Newton Community Theatre's *Ham Buns and Potato Salad*. Nicole enjoys painting, acting, and writing. She is employed as a graphic designer. Her grandma and mom are her biggest fans!



Kent Whitmore (Phillip Julian) has entertained ACT audiences for many years. Favorite roles include *Harvey* (Elwood Dowd), *High Society* (Dexter Haven), *Drinking Habits* (Father Chenille), and *Godspell* (John the Baptist). Kent also appeared at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre and Shoestring Productions. He and his wife, Vonnie, enjoy spending time with their two children, Alicia and Bryce, and their grandson Leland. Kent is a social worker at Broadlawns Medical Center. He enjoys biking, camping, and Toastmasters.



Michael Porche (Director) has been busy at ACT this season. He directed *The Regifters* in December and appeared in *Some Sweet Day* (Ken) in February. He has appeared in numerous ACT shows with his favorites being *Lend Me A Tenor* (Max), and *Come Blow Your Horn* (Alan). Michael and his wife Tara have a son, Matthew, who is heading to Purdue this fall. Mike is a strong supporter and volunteer for Iowa Donor Network. He is self-employed as the owner of Geaux Meaux.

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Dawn Hockemeyer (Assistant Director) was seen on stage last summer in *Drinking Habits* as Sister Augusta. Her favorite shows include *A Christmas Foundling* and *The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase*. She directed *Dixie Swim Club* and will be directing *A Delightful Quarantine* next spring. During the school year, Dawn works in the media center at Northview Middle School.



Lisa Gould (Producer) was involved with acting in high school and college. She also did make-up for college productions. Lisa enjoys music, movies, reading, and spending time with friends. She has worked for MetaBank in the online banking area for fifteen years. Lisa and her husband, Troy, have two children – Jordan and Alexis. She is excited to be a part of ACT.

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 thank Sharon Anderson for her contributions to ACT.



Sharon and her husband, Jim, have been ACT supporters for many years. Sharon has been a true volunteer helping out in many areas of the theater. Most of that time has been spent behind the scenes. She has worked backstage and has secured props and costumes. Sharon has helped prepare ACT mailings, delivered show posters to Ankeny businesses, served as an usher, and has provided refreshments for shows as well as worked the concession stand.

ACT appreciates the support and time that Sharon has provided to ACT to make it a success. Thank You, Sharon!

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