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The Elevator Family

by Douglas Evans

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Walter Wilson	Carson Doss
Winona Wilson	Cheyenne Lewis*
Whitney Wilson	Ava Gifford
Winslow Wilson	Jake Buell*
Gavin	Colton Buell
Housekeeper	Hollin Hansen*
Guest/Lizzy	Hanna Hardy*
Woman Guest/Kidnapper	Aubrey Hanson*
Man Guest/Kidnapper	Marvin Nunez*
Mr. Brown	August Nau*
Cathy	Grace Smithey
Mrs. Goldengate	Delaney Halverson
Joe	Will Harms
Natacha	Adeline Brooks*
Hotel Manager	Hailey Woerdeman*

*ACT Debut

Time: Present Day

Place: Hotel in San Francisco

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| Scene 1 | One morning in a hotel lobby |
| Scene 2 | Lunchtime that same day |
| Scene 3 | Later that same day |
| Scene 4 | Evening that same day |
| Scene 5 | The next morning |
| Scene 6 | Evening of the same day |
| Scene 7 | The next morning |
| Scene 8 | Later that morning |
| Scene 9 | The next day |

No intermission for this show.

Production Team

Director	Scott Nielsen
Assistant Director	Lynn Arterburn
Producer	Michael Hollister
Stage Crew	Monte Engh
Set Design	Scott Nielsen, Lynn Arterburn
Set Construction	Scott Nielsen, Doug Arterburn, Doug Moon
Lights & Sound Design	Doug Moon
Sound Tech	Doug Moon
Light Tech	Doug Arterburn
Costumes	Lynn Arterburn, Cast
Program	Lynn Arterburn
Photographers	Amber Romans, Greg Romans
Marketing	Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Stacie Bendixen, Adam Haselhuhn, Greg Romans, Tammy Sposeto, Rebekah Tuttle
Show Logo	Rebekah Tuttle

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Director's Notes

I have been in multiple shows with young adults and children, such as *Hankerin Hillbillies*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Annie*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. I never thought I would ever direct a show with every cast member being under the age of 18. However, after seeing how many young people auditioned for this show and how much talent they had, Lynn and I knew we needed to cast as many of them as possible. It may sound cliché, but clichés are cliché for a reason: the children are the future, both for our community and for our community theater.

Enjoy the show!

Scott Nielsen

Biographies



Adeline Brooks (Natacha) is making her acting debut at ACT. She has appeared in *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit* (Cindy) and *10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse* (Narrator) at her school. Adeline plays piano and tennis. She also participates in show choir, choir, band, and show band. Thirteen-year-old Adeline is in eighth grade at Northview Middle School.



Colton Buell (Gavin) is appearing in his second ACT show with the first being *A Very Merry Xmas Carol Holiday Adventure Show*. He has appeared in *Peter Pan* and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* at Performing the Classics. Colton enjoys quizzing, drama, and basketball. He is in ninth grade at Ankeny Christian Academy. Colton's favorite vacation was when his family went to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.



Jake Buell (Winslow Wilson) is appearing in his very first play. He has participated in many of our drama workshops at Kirkendall Library. Jake's hobbies include football, basketball, baseball, karate, video games, and Bible Quizzing. He is homeschooled and in fourth grade. Jake is ten years old. His favorite vacation was the family's trip to Disney World when he was seven.



Carson Doss (Walter Wilson) appeared in *Honk!* (Turkey, Barnacles, Froglet) this past summer. He has also performed in *Willy Wonka* (Augusta Gloop) at the Des Moines Playhouse as well as *School House Rock* (Mr. Woodward/Mr. Sanford) and *Legally Blonde Jr.* (Warner) at the Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre. Carson's other activities include marching band, show choir, and singing. He is a ninth grader at Southview Middle School and is fifteen years old. Carson's favorite vacation was when he went to Disney World in Orlando with his school's marching band.



Ava Gifford (Whitney Wilson) also appeared in *Honk!* last season. She performed as Ruthie in ACT's *A Tree With Arms*. Ava's hobbies include acting, art, singing, reading, and writing. She loves all animals including cats, horses, and pigs. Ava attends sixth grade at Parkview Middle School and is eleven years old. Her favorite vacation time was the Disney Cruise her family took when she was eleven.



Delaney Halverson (Mrs. Goldengate) made her first appearance at ACT playing Rudolph in *A Very Merry Xmas Christmas Carol Holiday Adventure Show*. She has also performed in *Peter Pan The Musical* (Peter Pan) at Ballard and *101 Dalmatians Musical* (Perdita) in Ames. Delaney enjoys riding horses, playing soccer and reading. She wants to be a big animal/equine vet. Delaney attends eighth grade in Ballard and is thirteen years old. The family trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico was her favorite vacation.



Hollin Hansen (Housekeeper) may be performing in her very first play but she is no stranger to the stage. She has performed ballet in Des Moines's *Nutcracker* (Lead Baby Mouse/Infantry Angel/Party Girl), *Snow White*, and *Cinderella*. Hollin's hobbies include dancing, reading, writing, sewing, and drawing. She is in fifth grade at Crocker Elementary and is ten years old. A family vacation to Florida was Hollin's favorite trip.



Aubrey Hanson (Lady Guest/Kidnapper) is also making her debut at ACT. She has performed in school plays and has attended drama camps. Aubrey enjoys volleyball, acting, and science. She is thirteen years old and is in seventh grade at Prairie Ridge Middle School. Aubrey's favorite vacation was the family trip to Florida.



Hanna Hardy (Lizzy) is also making her ACT debut. She has appeared in *Secret Life of Toads* (Mom) and *Princess Impossible* (Princess) at the Des Moines Playhouse camps. Hanna enjoys running, writing, reading, and acting. She is in eighth grade at Stilwell Middle School and is thirteen years old. Vacationing in San Diego was Hanna's favorite trip.



Will Harms (Joe) appeared last Christmas at ACT in *Christmas Chaos* (Tiny Tim 2) and this summer in *Honk!* (Duck). His interests include electronics, golf, acting, and music. Twelve-year-old Will is in sixth grade at Parkview Middle School. Will's favorite vacation was the family trip to Cancun.



Cheyenne Lewis (Winona Wilson) is making her ACT debut. She has appeared in *Hamlet* (Ghost) and *Twelfth Night* at Class Act Productions, *The Bold, The Young, and the Murdered* (Brook the Camerawoman) at her high school, and *Captain Louie* in middle school. Outside of theater, Cheyenne loves participating in debate at school. She is in tenth grade at Carlisle High school and is 15 years old. Her favorite vacation was a trip to Florida which included a Bahama cruise when she was nine.



August Nau (Mr. Brown) is no stranger to the stage. He has appeared at Class Act Productions in *Guys and Dolls* (Lt. Brannigan), *Annie* (Mr. Bundles), *Seussical the Musical Jr.* (Mr. Mayor), *The Sound of Music* (Admiral Von Schreiber), *Peter Pan* (Noodler), and *Mary Poppins* (Chairman Dawes). Along with acting, eleven-year-old August enjoys participating in boy scouts and gaming. He is a sixth grader at Southeast Polk Spring Creek School. August's favorite vacation was when his family went on a Disney Cruise.



Marvin Nunez (Man Guest/Kidnapper) is acting in his very first play. He has appeared in talent shows at school. Marvin enjoys crafting, painting, singing, and playing with his dog, Chico. He is a fifth grader at Anderson Elementary in Bondurant and is eleven years old. Marvin's favorite vacation trip was to Great Wolf Lodge in Minnesota for one of his birthdays.



Grace Smithey (Cathy) made her first ACT appearance last season in *Christmas Chaos* (Tiny Tim 1) and appeared again this past summer in *Honk!*. She has also participated in the Des Moines Playhouse camps. While thirteen-year-old Grace enjoys reading, singing, writing, band, art, and eating, she especially enjoys acting and talking. She is an eighth grader at North Polk Middle School. The family's road trip to Toronto, Canada was Graces' favorite vacation.



Hailey Woerdeman (Hotel Manager) has performed in her church's musical and participated in two of ACT's Summer Camp performances. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, playing the flute, the arts, acting and skiing. Hailey is thirteen and is a seventh grader at Parkview Middle School. A trip to Acadia National Park when she was twelve was Hailey's favorite vacation.



Scott Nielsen (Director) has served on the Board of Directors, directed shows, and acted in multiple shows at ACT. His fondest memories will always be the times he spent with his daughters, Deven and Denae, during the many hours they spent growing up at the theater. He feels when a sense of family is found within a community theater and when the focus is on everyone having a positive experience, then that theater is achieving the goal every community theater should strive for. He would like to thank his family for their support and he would also like to thank all the ACT patrons for their support. Scott's favorite vacation was last summer's trip to Colorado.



Lynn Arterburn (Assistant Director) has served as director, producer, actor, costumer, ACT Board President and committee member on the marketing, membership, and education committees - just to name a few. Lynn is the ACT Youth Education Director and Camp Director and has worked with the drama camps since 2004. Retired from the Ankeny School District, Lynn teaches drama classes at Kirkendall Library to get in her "kid fix" and to have the opportunity to act silly and not be judged. Lynn enjoys sewing, cross-stitching, taking hiking vacations with her husband, Doug, and spending time with their four grandkids (and their parents). Special thanks to granddaughter Olivia for painting the picture for the show. Lynn's favorite vacation was their first family trip to Fort Walton Beach, Florida in 1992.



Michael Hollister (Producer) directed his second show for ACT this fall (*Frankenstein*), after having directed *A Few Good Men* last season. He enjoys leading workshops for the Ankeny Community Theatre's adult education outreach program, such as "Acting Tools and Techniques" and "Acting Auditions." He will be leading the "Shakespeare For Actors" workshop in March. He has served on the theater's play selection committee for two years. In his spare time, Michael likes cozy dinners and television at home with Jonah, his husband of eight years.

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