



**DOUB**   
A PARABLE  
BY JOHN PATRICK SHANLEY

**April 26-29, 2018**

## ***Doubt: A Parable Cast***

Father Flynn	Brad Church*
Sister Aloysius	Preshia Paulding*
Sister James	Alison Buechler
Mrs. Muller	Andrea K. Haynes*
	* ACT Debut

Setting: Saint Nicholas Church and School

Time: October 1964

This is a one-act play. There will not be an intermission.

### **Scenes**

Scene One	Saint Nicholas Church
Scene Two	Sister Aloysius's Office
Scene Three	Courtyard
Scene Four	Sister Aloysius's Office
Scene Five	Sister Aloysius's Office
Scene Six	Saint Nicholas Church
Scene Seven	Courtyard
Scene Eight	Sister Aloysius's Office
Scene Nine	Courtyard

## Production Team

Director	Thatcher Williams
Assistant Director	Michael Garrison
Producer	Doug Moon
Light & Sound Tech	Charissa Hamel
Costumes	Cheryl Clark
Program	Lynn Arterburn
Show Logo	Nicole Titus
Marketing	Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Stacie Bendixen, Susan Casber, Adam Haselhuhn, Tammy Sposeto, Nicole Titus, Barb Wagner

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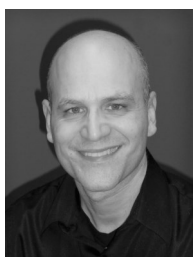
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# Biographies



**Alison Buechler** (Sister James) made her ACT debut in the season's opener, *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putman County Spelling Bee* (Olive) and then appeared in *A Christmas Chaos* (Sarah). She recently played Goose in CAP Theatre's production of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Last summer Alison performed in the ensemble for the Des Moines Playhouse's *The Music Man*. Her favorite roles have been as Logainne "Schwartz" (*The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putman County Spelling Bee*) at Buena Vista University and Sharpay Evans (*High School Musical*) at Okoboji Community Theatre. Her hobbies include biking, jogging, singing, playing piano and ukulele, and teaching vocal lessons. Alison works at Bank of the West and owns Buechler Vocal Studio.



**Brad Church** (Father Flynn) is making his ACT debut but he is certainly no stranger to the stage. He has appeared in numerous productions at the Des Moines Playhouse: *The Music Man* (Harold Hill), *Spamalot* (Sir Robin), *Tommy* (Cousin Kevin), *Cabaret* (Cliff), and *Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow). He received the Playhouse's 2017 Dionysos Award for his portrayal as Willy Wonka. Brad also appeared years ago at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre (Higgins in *My Fair Lady*). He enjoys Oscar trivia, movies, traveling, craft beer, and spending time with his family and friends. Brad is the Learning Coordinator at Iowa Disability Determination Services. He is excited to be dipping his feet in a drama. This is his first non-musical role in fifteen years.



**Andrea K. Haynes** (Mrs. Muller) met an amazing woman in 2016 who provided the clarity to her prayer request - to discover and utilize any untapped gift within her. In 2017, she accepted this woman's invitation to audition and her acting debut began when she became Sister Moore in *The Amen Corner* at the Pyramid Theatre Company. That inaugural performance gave her the honor of receiving a Cloris Leachman Excellence in Theatre Arts Award for Best Supporting Actress. That truly remarkable experience led her to audition for *Doubt: A Parable*. She is truly at home with many art forms: soulful gospel singer, expressive musician, a published writer of a children's book and devotional book as well as a transformative coach at The Next Step Solution, LLC. As you watch the show, willing to be stirred, Andrea's deepest desire is that you will be set free by the truth of the authenticity you behold.



**Preshia Paulding** (Sister Aloysius) is making her debut on the Ankeny Community Theatre stage. She was last seen at the Des Moines Playhouse as Annie Wilkes in *Misery* and as the mayor's wife, Eulalie MacKecknie Shinn, last summer in *The Music Man*. Playhouse audiences will also remember her as Judy Garland in *Beyond the Rainbow* and as Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*, both roles winning her a Best Actress in a Musical Playhouse Dionysos Award. Other theatrical credits include Maria in the *Sound of Music*, Laurie/Ado Annie in *Oklahoma!*, Christine in *Phantom*, Sarah in *Guys and Dolls*, and Dolly in *Hello Dolly*, Mrs. Dickens/Mrs. Fezziwig/Mrs. Dilber in *Christmas Carol*, and Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet (Thrice Told Tales)* both ISE productions at Terrace Hill. She received dramatic acclaim for her performance as Fia Sorento in an original drama *Sleeping Dogs* and accolades for her comedic Grandma in 2016: *Caucus the Musical*. She was the voice for the HyVee jingle, in an Iowa Hot Lotto commercial, a mini-series called AMERIKA with Kris Kristofferson, and in *Courting Des Moines*, a Brent Roske film. Two of her film projects in 2016, *Sometimes Salvation* and *Extra Patient in Room 203* won her best actress awards at the Wild Rose Film Festival for performances in dramatic and comedic roles. She is a supporter of animal rights, a mother of six, a grandmother, and a legal administrative assistant for the Law Offices of Rob Tully.



**Thatcher Williams** (Director) directed his first ACT show (*The Fantasticks*) last season and is excited to direct his first ACT Studio Show. His vast theater experience includes 711 Theatre Project Founder and Artistic Director (2007-2015), Theater for a Change Producing Artistic Director (2004-2010), Iowa Fringe Festival Production Manager (2005 & 2007), and Valley High School Technical Director (2009-2013). Thatcher is serving his fifth year as a board member for Class Act Productions in Altoona. He is the proud father of Chloe and Poppy Jo. Thatcher is employed by the Des Moines Public Schools. He is the Vice President for Iowa PTA.



**Michael Garrison** (Assistant Director) has appeared in nine shows at ACT with the most recent playing Leaf Coneybear in *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. This past summer, Michael appeared in the Des Moines Playhouse's *The Music Man* and in *Holes* at the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre. In February, he appeared in *Twelve Angry Men* with Pella's Union Street Players. He has also appeared at Newton Community Theatre and Knoxville Community Theatre. He enjoys karaoke, video games, and watching movies. Michael is a student at DMACC getting his degree in theater.

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### **An Ankeny Evening with the Arts Friday, May 11**

Since 2008 “An Ankeny Evening with the Arts” has annually brought together in one place organizations that promote the arts in our community: Ankeny Art Center, Ankeny Community Band, Ankeny Community Chorus, Ankeny Community Theatre, and Art for Ankeny. This evening recognizes and celebrates important cultural contributions that art makes to the city.

Come join us at this year's “An Ankeny Evening with the Arts,” Friday, May 11 at Prairie Ridge Church, 825 NW 36th Street.

The Ankeny Art Center will host an exhibit of a featured artist's work starting at 6:30 p.m. The other organizations will also have information available, and harpist Kristen Maahs will accompany the gathering.

Ankeny Community Chorus's concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and include a set of 4 spirituals, including the lively “I'll Fly Away” and “Sit Down, Servant”; a women's and men's piece; “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” from Brahms' *Requiem*; and “Light of a Clear Blue Morning” by Dolly Parton.

All parts of the evening, including refreshments after the concert, are free. Attendees may contribute a free-will donation at intermission.



# **Summer Adventures In Drama**

**Ankeny Community Theatre  
Summer Drama Camps**

**Kindergarten - 12th Grade**

**June 11-15**

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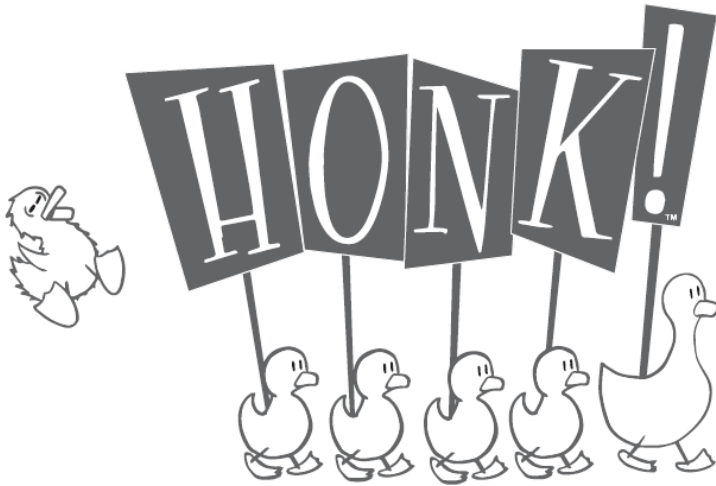
**Pirates on the High Seas**

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June 8-17, 2018



**Music by George Stiles**  
**Book & Lyrics by Anthony Drewe**

Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out. The little fowl finds himself on an adventure of self-discovery, all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets a whole flock of unique characters and finds out that being different is not a bad thing to be.

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