



# THE ACT SPOTLIGHT

Ankeny Community Theatre  
A Community of Talent

Summer 2021

## The Lights are Coming Back On!

We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming patrons back to the theater for our 40th season! We have certainly missed sharing our love of theater with you in person. Thank you for your support over the past 1 1/2 years!

Mark your calendars now. Better yet, get yourself a season punch card, and you'll be set! See page 2 for more information. Tickets for each production will go on sale a month before that show starts. To make reservations online, go to [www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com](http://www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com) or call Midwestix at 515-244-2771 (open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). If you have special seating needs, please order by phone.

Please be sure to check out our COVID-19 policy found in this newsletter.

## ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE 40th Season 2021-2022

*World Premiere*

### THE PERFECT RENDEZVOUS

By John Claes

August 27-29, 2021

### A PIECE OF MY HEART

By Shirley Lauro

October 1-10, 2021

### CRY IT OUT

By Molly Smith Metzler

February 4-13, 2022

### GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

By Todd Kreidler

June 3-12, 2022

### GEEZERS

By Tommy Lee Johnston

December 3-12, 2021

### AURA

By Tommy Lee Johnston

April 1-10, 2022

### GODSPELL

Conceived and Originally Directed  
by John-Michael Tebelak; Music  
and New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

August 5-14, 2022

## *The Perfect Rendezvous* Takes the Stage

Join us as we open our doors for the first time this year on August 27-29 for the world premiere of *The Perfect Rendezvous*. The show was written and directed by ACT's very own John Claes.

Zoey will be introducing her new boyfriend to her parents at a dinner. She is anxious because her father has never liked any of her beaus. Since her father's approval is important, Zoey calls a local radio personality for advice. But how was Zoey to know that her father would be listening? Or that he would take advice meant for Zoey's boyfriend as advice for himself? Needless to say, it creates misunderstandings and near-misses for the characters on stage, as well as fun for the audience.

John is excited to be directing this show on the ACT stage. "When ACT produced my first show, *Otherwise Engaged*, at the Cellar Winery dinner theater fundraiser in February of last year, it was a dream come true. But for ACT to give *The Perfect Rendezvous* the main stage treatment is an even bigger thrill. I started writing this show as a student in an ACT virtual playwriting class last year. I assembled the cast several months ago, hopeful that ACT might one day find a place for the show on its schedule. My sincere thanks to this great cast for hanging with me for all this time."

Cast members are Stacie Bendixen, Brad Church, Anne Claes, Cheryl Clark, Lauren Mills, Fran Paterik, Jake Schneider, and Kent Whitmore. Cheryl Clark is producing the show.

Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30. Sunday's show is at 2:00. All tickets are \$10. Punch cards from 2019-20 and 2020-21 may be used. Make reservations online at [www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com](http://www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com) or call Midwestix at 515-244-2771.

## ACT COVID Policy for Performances

The following policy will be following beginning August 1, 2021 until further notice:

\*Patrons are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while in the building unless fully vaccinated.

\*Seating in our risers will not be socially-distanced. Patrons can request socially-distanced seating on folding chairs on either side of the risers. These areas can accommodate only a small group of 1-4 chairs and are available only on a limited basis.

\*Our volunteers, including show cast/crew, will be unmasked while on stage.

Check our website before attending a show, as our policy may change depending upon current health/safety recommendations and/or local infection rates.



## Become A Member: Donate Today

ACT relies on donations to be able to offer the quality, affordable theater productions and participation opportunities you love. Ticket sales alone do not cover our costs. We call our donors “members” because when you give a gift to ACT, you become part of our theater family!

The minimum donation for annual membership benefits is \$20 and the membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Please renew your membership today or donate for the first time!

### Benefits of membership:

- Discounts on season punch cards
- Invited to annual member event and eligible to vote on ACT business, such as electing board members
- Recognition in each ACT playbill (unless you want to remain anonymous)
- Donations are fully tax-deductible

### Membership levels:

Patron: \$20 - \$99

Actor: \$100 - \$249

Stage Manager: \$250 - \$499

Director: \$500 - \$999

Producer: \$1,000 +

Visit [www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com](http://www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com) to donate online with a credit card. You can also mail a check along with the provided membership form to ACT. Thank you so much for your support!

## Season Punch Cards Are Flexible

At ACT, we do season tickets the flexible way – with punch cards you can use however you want! Choose from a 6-punch or 3-punch card. You’ll save money versus buying individual tickets.

Here’s how it works:

Buy your punch card online at [www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com](http://www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com) (a link will direct you to Midwestix), OR submit the season punch card form provided with this newsletter and mail with your check. (You’ll also find a copy of the form on our website.) You can pick up your punch card at the annual member meeting or when you attend the first show of the season, *A Piece of My Heart*. (If you don’t pick up your punch card by then, we’ll mail it to you.)

Use your punch card to make advance reservations for specific performances. You can make reservations online at [www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com](http://www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com) (choose your performance date and choose the “season punch card” option) or call Midwestix at 515-244-2771 and tell them you have a season punch card.

When you come to a show, present your punch card at the box office.

Other things to know:

Each punch can be used for one seat at any performance of any show in the main season so you can use your punches across the whole season, use several punches to bring friends to one performance, or any combination!

You can buy a 2021-22 punch card for the same price at any time during the season. It expires at the end of Godspell so if you run out of punches before the season is over, you can buy more!

If you still have punches left from the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 season because of canceled productions, you may use those for any of our 2021-2022 shows.

If you have questions, please contact us at [information@ankenycommunitytheatre.com](mailto:information@ankenycommunitytheatre.com).

	Members		Non-members	
	Adult	Senior*	Adult	Senior*
3-punch	\$50	\$42	\$53	\$45
6-punch	\$98	\$81	\$104	\$87

Single Show Prices For Main Season Shows			
	Adult	Senior*	Student
Non-musical	\$18	\$15	\$12
Musical	\$20	\$18	\$15

\*Anyone 60 or over

## Save the Date for Annual Membership Meeting

ACT’s annual member meeting will be on **Sunday, September 19 at 1:30 p.m.** The event will be held at Lutheran Church of Hope in Ankeny. Make plans to join us for a review of the past season as well as to celebrate our donors who helped to support us during our shutdown! Current members will receive details and a ballot for board elections by mail in August.

## *A Piece of My Heart* Auditions To Be Held Soon!

*A Piece of My Heart* was previously cast and in rehearsals when the pandemic hit. Two roles are up for audition that this time; all other roles will be played by the actors cast pre-COVID. The two roles available are MaryJo (ages 17-37) and Sissy (ages 20-40). Auditions will be held at the theater on Wednesday, August 11, and Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m.