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The Opera House Players Present



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Director . . . . . Tom Chandler
Co-Director . . . . . Jon Banse
Producer . . . . . Kay Moser

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The Elkader Opera House has an induction loop system thanks to an upgrade of the sound equipment by the Opera House Players. With the activation of the T-coil by your audiologist and instruction on its use, you can receive the maximum benefit from your hearing aid. The internal tonal correction of your hearing aid will bring the sounds you hear directly to you without the use of an additional receiver or headset. Two portable units are available for your use as well. Please request the use of a unit when you place your ticket order. This loop system is available for main floor seating only, so if you want to maximize your hearing experience, please request main floor seating when purchasing your tickets.

Silver Members

Charles & Jan Beall
Jerry & Kelly Carpenter
Dawn & John Cunningham
Rosalie Fabert
Bona Dean Feller
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Eli & Jennifer Garms
Dr Charles & Winnie Holmes
Gary & Betty Jackson
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Mary Milewsky
Stanley & Sharlene Milewsky
Bob & Susie Moran
Charles & Sydney Morine
Maury & Letty Oehler
Vernalene Oelberg
Ruth Olson
Neal & Anne Perry
Robert & Bonnie Pruett
Ken & Alice Reimer
Janine Schiller
Marilyn Seedorff
Roger & Donna Skattum
Allan & Mary Smith
Roger & Rosemary Thomas
Martin & Barbara Walter
Randy & Kathy Waterman

Rose - Janet Ott - Janet started her involvement with the Opera House Players in the 1990s by helping back stage with set changes or being a stage manager. Her first venture onto the stage was as the Crocodile in *Peter Pan*. After moving back to Elkader in the early 2000s, she has been in most of the fall productions as a chorus member, and she has helped back stage with most of the fall and spring productions. Her first major role was as Jacqueline in *Don't Dress For Dinner*. She joins her husband, Clark, on stage in as many performances as possible. They have two daughters, Erin and Traci, both attending Iowa State University. Their son, Bryan, and daughter-in-law, Cassandra, live in Tennessee. Thanks to Bryan and Cassandra, Clark and Janet became grandparents in March.

Ava - Donna Anderson -Donna is no stranger to the stage. From the first time she tapped across the stage at the age of two, it became a passion. She performed with her father in shows for the Navy and continued her love of the theater throughout high school and college. She first appeared on the Opera House stage during *The Sound of Music* (1978). Since then she has acted in, directed, or has done choreography for over 46 productions with the OHP. Her most recent roles are the wacky Mrs. Quackenbush in *Self Help for Dummies*, the wicked Widow Corney in *Oliver* (2012), and of course the fun loving - Gladys in *Copacabana* (2013). She lives with her husband, Mike, on a farm near Elkader. Their son Matt and his wife Heather live in Coon Rapids, MN. Their daughter Darcy, her husband Kasey and their children Karter and DeAnna, live in Hollandale, MN. Donna teaches Literature, Second Chance Reading, and Character Education at the MFL MarMac Middle School in McGregor.

Albert - Clark Ott - Clark has been involved with the OHP since *Brigadoon* (1988). During a hiatus from OHP, he was in "Oliver" at the Des Moines Playhouse and "Lil Abner" at the Ankeny Community Theater. Some of his favorite shows with OHP have been *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (1993), *Nuncrackers* (2003), *Noises Off* (2007) and *Working* (2011). Clark and his wife, Janet, have two daughters at Iowa State, Erin and Traci, and a son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Cassandra, who are graduates of ISU and have decided to make them grandparents. Clark is an environmental specialist with the Dept. of Natural Resources.

Paul - Kevin Lau - Kevin Lau returns to the stage for the production of *Love Thy Neighbor* after sitting out a few years from performing. Kevin was busy during that time period on the Central School board and promised he would try out again

Coming this Summer

Missoula Children's Theater in association with The Opera House Players present

BLACKBEARD THE PIRATE

Preregistration begins now for the Missoula Children's Theatre original adaptation of **Blackbeard the Pirate**. There are limited roles available in each age group. Approximately 50 roles are available for local students. All students finished with Kindergarten through high school are encouraged to pre-register. Registrations will be considered on a first come first served basis by mail only. Most students will rehearse approximately 4 ½ hours each day, Monday through Friday. There will be an evening performance on Friday, July 11th and a matinee on Saturday, July 12th. Pre-registrations forms are available online at www.operahouseplayers.com/MCT.pdf or for more information, call Angel Keppler 563-245-3279. This production is part of the Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented locally by the Opera House Players.

THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

Clark Ott	Michelle Gifford	Dan Beck
Tom Chandler	Kay Moser	Janet Ott
Jon Banse	Kevin Lau	Ashley McLain

LIGHTING & SOUND

Jay Moser	Marla Reimer	Del Reimer
Bob Hankey		Craig Strutt

COSTUMES, HAIR & MAKEUP

Barb Chandler	Mary Lammers	Kristie Kenkel
Peggy Lane	Donna Anderson	Joeann Teasar
Dan Beck	Kevin Lau	Nikki Berns
Jay Moser	Janet Ott	

TICKETS

Terri Strutt Moser Pharmacy

PROGRAMS & PUBLICITY

Craig Strutt	Terri Strutt	Kay Moser
	Cheri Moser	

Thanks to all who helped make this show possible after the program went to press

Mawtilda - (to be announced) - Okay...so this time we really know who is going to fill this role every night. We just decided that we wouldn't tell you. We'll give you a hint however: Section E Row 4 Seat 5. Please note the accuracy or helpfulness of the "hint" is not guaranteed.

Producer - Kay Moser - Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She is most often found organizing everything from props to the director. She has been seen on stage during *Man of LaMancha* (1975), *Anything Goes* (1979), and *Chicago* (1991). Kay directed the OHP productions of *Forever Plaid* (1997), *The Governor's Son* (2003), *It's A Wonderful Life* (2005) and *Plaid Tidings* (2009). Kay lives in Elkader with her husband, Jay (Light guy). When not working, Kay enjoys reading, listening to music and spending time with her family; son Benjamin and wife Jenna, son Jonathon and wife Cheri, and her four beautiful grandkids, Mariah Cirila, Taryn Kathleen, Trace Russell and Gretel Ann. Kay is a buyer, bookkeeper, and technology coordinator at Moser Family Pharmacy, and manager of this beautiful Opera House.

Co-Director / Paperboy- Jon Banse - Jon resides near Backbone State Park with Marge, his wife, and Jonathan, their son. He has been actively involved with the Opera House Players since 1995. Jon was last seen on stage in the spring of 2013 as Ron Morra in the world premiere of *The Accidental Hit-Man Blues*. Jon directed the 2013 Christmas show *Christmas Classics On The Air*. Besides the theatre, he enjoys spending time with his family, singing with his quartets "Three Lads and Dad" and "Sticks and Stones" and the Keystone Barbershop Chorus. He is an estimator during the day. He is also a LifeSuccess Consultant with northgatehealingcenter.com.

Director - Tom Chandler - Tom appeared in his first OHP production in the fall of 1968 and has been involved with the group ever since. Tom's involvement has included playing in and directing pit orchestras, managing the technical aspects of the shows, minor and major roles on stage, as well as directing many of the group's musicals. He is retired from the instrumental music program at Central, and now devotes his time to his sailboat, vintage cars, and renovation of 1903 Historic Opera Houses. He lives in Elkader with his wife, Barb, who has managed the OHP costume department and has dressed shows for most of the last four decades.

MEET THE CAST

Leona - Joeann Tesar - With her performances as Conchita Alvarez in *Copacabana!,* Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver!*, Mrs. Winters in *Self-Help for Dummies*, and Lillian in *The Forgotten Carols*, Joeann is deeply grateful to the OHP group for so many opportunities to play such wonderfully diverse characters. In addition to a lifelong passion for acting, she is a painter/muralist and recently authored an art curriculum, Drawing on Emotion – The Healing Power of Paint, that has been incorporated into a treatment program (It's Your Brain! Train It!™) for at-risk and other juveniles who have found themselves within our justice system. Originally from Chicago, she lives in Wauzeka, is married to Dan, a farrier/blacksmith artist, and they are quite proud of their farrier/farmer/cowboy son, Danny.

Judy - Niki Berns - Niki is no stranger to the stage having worked in the pageant world for 5 years but she is excited for her second production here on the Opera House stage! Originally from Poplar Grove, IL, Niki now lives in Elkader with her husband, Paul and their two very energetic puppies. In her spare time, she loves reading, traveling to Chicago and enjoying the busy city, singing at all hours of the day, participating in sporting events, and volunteering for Children's Oncology Services. She has had a blast working with the cast and crew, and looks forward to participating in future productions

Gafina - Peggy Lane - Peggy's just "so excited" (read that with a hillbilly twang) to bring the character of Gafina Hambefferschmidt to life on the Opera House stage. This is her third Opera House Production and she is very grateful for the opportunity. Thanks to her daughter and son, Melanie and Keaton, for running lines with her (and laughing at her accent) and husband, Dan, for his whole-hearted support. A special thanks to fellow cast mate Joeann Tesar for her encouragement and support. Enjoy the show!

Gold Members

Joan E. Barton
John & Med Bickel
Dan & Pat Burrack
Ross & Mary Cavanagh
Ed & Sandi Coobs
Lois Cordes
John & Dawn Cunningham
Tim & Diane Fisk
Keith & Kathy Garms
Don & Mary Harstad
Robert & Theresa Hauber
Roger & Jody Helmrichs
Nancy K. Henricksen
Doyce Huebsch
Dick & Mary Jensen
Roger & Pat Martin
Steven & Ann McCorkindale
Bobbi Mohning
John & Erika Moyna
Joan Wangen & Romuald Piorkowski
David & M.Joy Roslien
Dr. Andy & M.J. Smith
Larry & Margaret Stone
Charles Strub
Clyde & Sandy Thompson
Jane Thompson
Marge Walter
Jean Welsh
In Memory of Donna Wessel
Roger & Carol Wettleson
Diane & Bob Witt
Roger & Linda Witter

PLATINUM MEMBERS

Julian Carr
Dr. Michele Sadler
Raymond A. Stassen

when his term was over. It was a bad case of cabin fever that actually prompted him to try out again as the timing of the Spring play gets him out of the house at night. He has been in four past musicals, the last of which was the *Music Man* where he sang in the barbershop quartet. He is very excited to be working with such a strong cast of characters in a nonmusical play and very happy to be back on the stage. Kevin lives with his wife Kim in Elkader and they are parents of Grace who is a Junior at UNI and Adam who lives in Minneapolis.

George - Jay Moser - Jay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. While you can usually find him behind the audience running lights, he has also appeared in over 10 productions beginning with *Li'l Abner* (1987) and most recently *Death by Chocolate* (2011). Jay is pharmacist/owner of Moser Pharmacy in Elkader where he lives with his wife, Kay. He has two sons, Benjamin, a T.A.G. teacher in Manchester, and Jonathon, a chiropractor in McGregor, both whom have been involved in OHP productions.

Turner - Dan Beck - Dan, a taxidermist by trade, resides in Elkader with his wife, Tina. He has two stepsons, Justin and Brandon. They have blessed them with six grandchildren, Dominque, Skylier, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lydia and Jaxon. Some highlights in Dan's Opera House Players experience have been *Something's Afoot* (2008), *Don't Dress For Dinner* (2009), *The Music Man* (2009), *Oliver!* (2012), and *Copacabana!* (2013). Dan and Tina enjoy spending time with their kids and going on walks together. They also enjoy sharing their faith in Christ and counseling in prison ministries. Dan says "Don't be afraid to get involved with the OHP. It's so much fun you will want to keep right on coming back."

Officer Frank - Travis McLain - Travis is originally from California and has been involved in the OHP since *The Music Man* (2009) and *Anything Goes* (2010). He has since graduated from NICC and has been working at Central Community Hospital, becoming a Nationally Certified EMT. In October of 2012, he married his high school classmate, Ashley (Prier) of Elkader. He enjoys working and spending time with his wife, and crazy puppy, Hazel, an Australian shepherd.

Bambi - (to be announced) - The actress filling the role of Bambi may vary from night to night. She might be someone you know, then again you may not know her at all. Perhaps she might be someone from the audience. Look around you and see if anyone is missing. Who knows, it might even be you.

2013-2014 Supporting Members

Bronze Members

David & Julie Aanes
Chuck & Bev Ager
Janann Bachtell
Dennis & Mary Beck
Lyle & Jean Beck
Paul & Cathy Beck
Jaydeane Berns
Barbara Boies & Jim Murphy
Florence P. Bruns
Luann Butikofer
Sue Cahoon
Keith & Linda Campbell
Mike & Joanne Carroll
Sally Conway
Edward & Lois Davis
Jane Dietrich
Darlene Dittmer
Ted & Janet Finn
John & Betty Fischer
Pat & Arlys Fitzgerald
Lain & Marilyn Gibbs
David & Ann Gibney
Robert & Donna Gilkes
John & Sue Gnagy
Oswald & Carol Goettler
Ruth Goings
Thomas & Joan Good
Ruth Grau
Bob & Jane Griffith
Russ & Barb Hagen
Jean Marie Hall
Penny Hansel
Pat Hare
Jerry & Virginia Hawkins
Magdalena Hayford
La Vonne & Daniel Helle
Randy & Sue Henning
Barbara Herzmann
Chris & Christina Hopp
Joyce Hoth
Tony & Suzanne Huebsch
Rosalyn Hurley
Todd & Katherine Ann Ihde
Glenn & Laura Janssen
Randall & Haleisa Johnson
Eric & Carol Jorgensen
Dennis & Pam Kemming
Patsy Kerndt
Pat & Jerry Kolker
Gerry & Sandy Kramer
Larry & Carol Kubly
Chuck & Mary Lammers
Harry & Dorene Larson
Jerry & Deb Leahy
Bill & Sue Leonhart
Diane K. Long & Steve Miller
Dorothy Lucas
Connie Lyle
Donald & Shirley Marmann
Barbara Martin
Sharon Matthew
Tom & Sally McGreal
Bill & Bonnie McHugh
Donna Menken
Gerald & Lorraine Miller
Harry & Linda Miller
Doris Moellering
Larry & Pamela Murley
Justine Nesvik
Richard & Mary Newbern
Lillian Nold
Ann O'Loughlin
Ivan & Marilyn Opperman
Don & Ann Ott
Kent & Marilyn Peterson
Ann K. Powers
Ilo Mae Rau
Larry & Jennifer Reed
Bill & Annette Reimer
Arlene Ritter
Pat Ritter
Edwin Roberts
Rich & Barb Roepke
Dale & Eileen Sargent
Richard & Teresa Sass
Gregory & Marjorie Schaefers
James & Janice Scherbring
Ron & Jeannette Schuety
Ken & Sharon Seney
Sonja Sersland
Barry & Wendy Shea
Jo Ann Shea
Jim & Jan Solomon
Rich & Alice Staples
Duane & Sara Strong
Larry & Marilyn Swanson
Bonnie Syverson
Robyn & Dorothy Tangeman
Jim & Karen Teaser
Joyce Thurn
Paul & Janice Ulbrich
Ed & Dianne Uriell
Calvin & Linda Van Niewaal
Karla Vogel & Bob Myers
Vernelle Weis
Morris & Sandy Weller
David & Phyllis Wesener
Carl Wessel
Mick Weiss
Jim & Cheryl Whalen
Francis & Susan Whittle
Sue Woods
Patricia Zidlicky

THE CAST

(In order of appearance)

Leona	Joeann Tesar
Judy	Niki Berns
Gafina	Peggy Lane
Rose	Janet Ott
Ava	Donna Anderson
Bambi	(to be announced)
Albert	Clark Ott
Paul	Kevin Lau
George	Jay Moser
Mawtilda	(to be announced)
Turner	Dan Beck
Officer Frank	Travis McLain
Paperboy	Jon Banse

THE SCENES

All action take place in Leona's Living Room

Act I - Mid Morning Present Day

Act II - The Next Day

INTERMISSION

Act III
Scene 1 - very early the following morning
Scene 2 - Later, same day
Scene 3 - Two days later

Coming Events

Jim McDonough

and his Orchestra

Sunday April 27, 2014 - 2:30pm

Tickets $25-$30 - Call (800) 375-7095

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Saturday June 7, 2014 - 8:00pm

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Saturday August 23, 2014 - 7:30pm

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Taylor Mason

Family Time - Comedy Night
Comedian - Musician - Ventriloquist

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October 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th & 11th 2014 at 7:30pm

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