

2024–2025 PATRONS

Actor’s Circle \$25–\$49

Bodley Equipment & Repair (Postville)  
Everett’s Service (Elkader)

Playwright’s Circle \$50–99

Casino Queen Marquette (Marquette)  
Elkader Tax and Bookeeping (Elkader)  
Mink Creek Lodge (Wadena)  
Rivals, Inc. Custom Gear (Strawberry Point)

Choreographer’s Circle \$100–\$249

Adverse Weather Insurance, LLC –  
Jim & Jill Fuhrman (Volga)  
Barn on the Bluff B & B – Rick & Julie Dengler (Elkader)  
Bridge View House (Airbnb) – Lee and Lisa Pool (Elkader)  
Franzen Ridge LLC – Dean & Joann Franzen (Elkader)  
Garms Financial Services (Elkader)  
North Gate Healing Center – Marge Banse  
(Elkader - Manchester - Strawberry Point)  
Sincerely Yours Interiors – Kay Vorwald (Monona)  
The Brim Coffeehouse (Elkader)  
Umbrella Arts (Guttenberg)  
Volga City Veterinary (Volga)

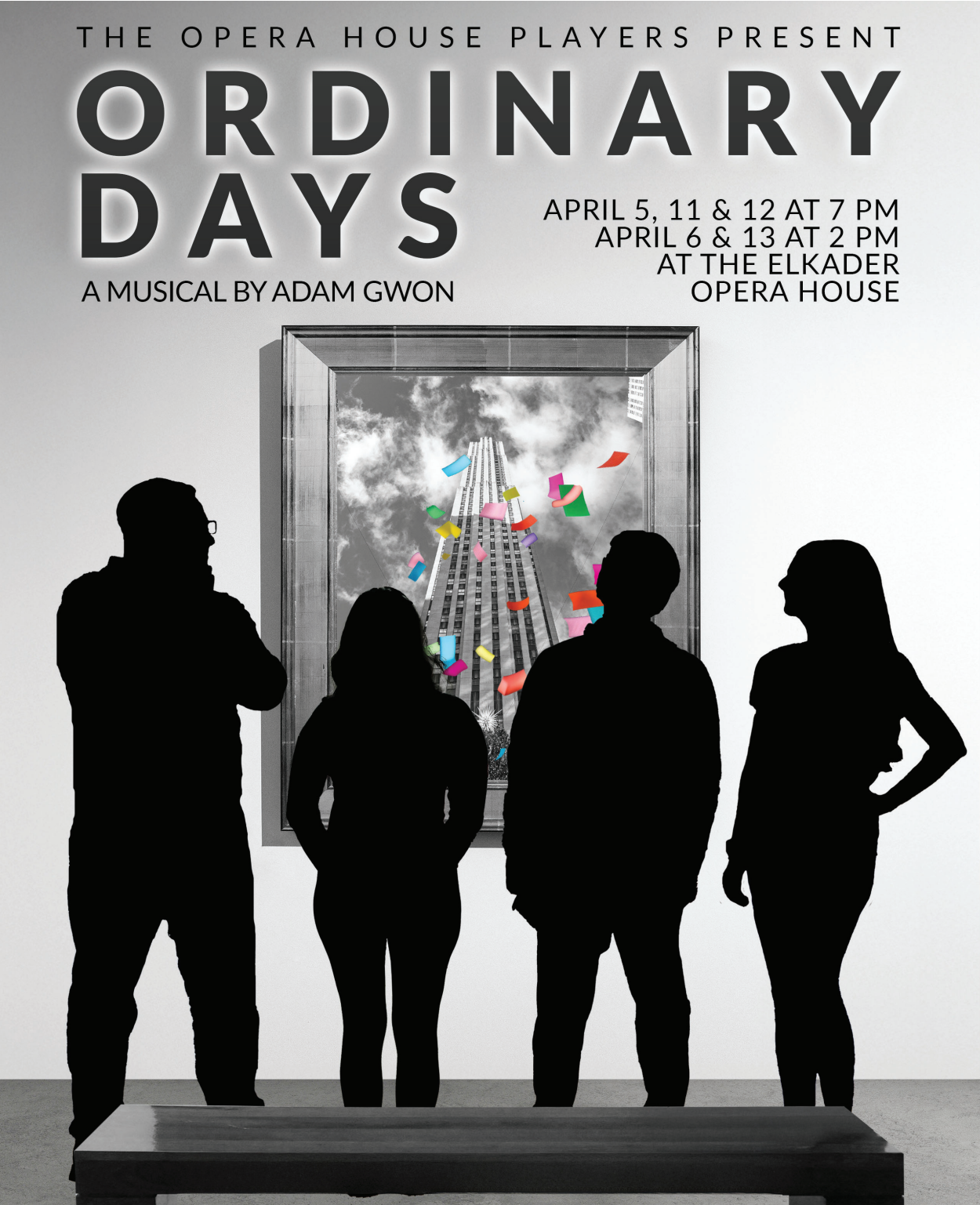
Designer’s Circle \$250–\$499

Elkader Floral Shop (Elkader)  
Fennellys’ Irish Pub (Elkader)  
Grau Logs & Lumber – Chris & Julie Grau  
– Pat & Staci Grau (Elkader)  
Grumpsters Cabins (McGregor)  
Johnson Industrial Park (Elkader)  
R.D. Witter Farm Corp (McGregor)  
Ready for Realty – Scott & Becci Rentschler (Volga)  
Strutt Chiropractic (McGregor)

Director’s Circle \$500–\$749



Angel’s Circle \$1000 and above



# About the Opera House Players

For over 55 years the OHP has been bringing entertainment to the stage in Elkader! In the fall, with the support of many people from all over northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin, the Opera House Players have presented such blockbusters as *Singin’ In The Rain*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Disney’s Mary Poppins*, *Oliver!*, *Matilda*, *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Shrek the Musical*, and *The Producers*.

In the spring, the productions usually involve a somewhat smaller cast and crew, but are never short on entertainment! The Opera House Players also provides a summer theater camp each year at a low cost to give our local children a taste of theater and schedules a special holiday musical or play every other season, alternating that with *A Classic Christmas Fantasy*, a showcase of area talent.

The improvements to this marvelous structure continue by financial donations from the OHP, other businesses and supporters, but also by the numerous OHP volunteers that spend countless hours making it happen.

The Opera House Players installed a hearing loop for the Main Floor Seating, helped create new dressing rooms, built a removable pit cover, added new stage curtains, updated to a new lighting system with several new fixtures and capabilities added yearly, and are upgrading the backstage area as well as technical aspects of theater, sound, and rigging to make the building even more valuable to the community.

All of this would not be possible without the support of the City of Elkader who maintains this wonderful facility and who worked hand in hand with the volunteers to make it happen. Our grateful thanks also goes to you, our patrons, members, and audience members for supporting theater in this area.

Volunteers are the cornerstone of any community theater group and the Opera House Players are lucky to have some of the best. Whether you have a theater background or not, this is a place for you to get involved. People from all walks of life participate, forming new friendships, learning new skills, and gaining self-confidence. What kinds of opportunities are available? Acting, directing, set construction, orchestra, publicity, props, costumes, make-up, ushering... and much more!

Be sure to look for announcements on our future productions as well as other events occurring in the Opera House. If you would like more information about our group or theater, visit our website at [www.operahouseplayers.com](http://www.operahouseplayers.com).

## Choreographer’s Circle \$100–\$249

Gene Milewsky Memorial	Bonnie & Ed James	Brian & Lorna Power
Martha & Stephen Bartenhagen	Jerry Janssen	Robert & Bonnie Pruett
Mary Beck	Jim & Jane Johnson	Bill Reimer
Gail Moorman Behrens	Elizabeth Johnstone	Mark & Pam Reinig
Jim Boeding	Don & Marilyn Kamaus	Bruce & Penny Remz
Janet Brown	Thelma Keehner	Linda Lou Roberts
Victoria Carolan	Jim & Laurie Klosterboer	Paul & Kristie Roeder
Barbara & Jeffrey Collins	Lanny & Linda Kuehl	Connie Ruhser
Terri Connell	Chuck & Mary Lammers	Ken & Carolyn Sand
Lois Cordes	Bruce Landis	Fred Schaffer
Bona Dean Feller	Fred & Lynn Lange	Lynn Schreck
Janet & Ted Finn	Bill & Sue Leonhart	Margaret Schultz
Diane & Tim Fisk	Sweeney Margo	Marilyn Seedorff
Paul & Cindy Francis	Julianne Mason	Dr. Andy & M.J. Smith
Guy & Emily Ghan	Steve & Ann McCorkindale	Larry & Margaret Stone
David & Ann Gibney	Linda Miller	Sue Stott
Don & Lee Gordon	Bob Moran	Roger & Rosemary Thomas
Carol Grady	Doris & John P. Moyna	Sandy Thompson
Steven Gress	Erika Moyna	Rod & Dawn Voss
Mark & Laura Harreld	Steve & Kathy Mueller	Rev’s Margaret &
Don & Mary Harstad	Dr. Jim & Sue Osterhaus	Mark Yackel-Juleen
Nancy K. Henricksen	Linda & Joseph Paris	
Kay Hoffman	Val & Dan Paris	

## Designer’s Circle \$250–\$499

Herb Collins  
Dr. John & Dawn Cunningham  
John & Susan Gnagy  
Janette K. Hansel  
Robert & Theresa Hauber  
Mark & Brenda Howard  
Pat Hunsberger  
Art & Jackie Johnson  
Anne E.H. & Jerry Kruse  
Randy & Lisa Lenth  
Brad & Deb Orvis  
Joan Wangen & Romuald Piorkowski  
Pam Vaske  
Linda Witter  
Ken & Fran Zichal

## Director’s Circle \$500–\$749

Joan E. Barton  
Nancy McClure  
Karen Schroeder  
Craig & LeAnn Watson

## Angel’s Circle \$1000 and above

John & Med Bickel  
Dr. Scot & Jane Christiansen  
Dr. Michele & Steve Dikkers  
Keith & Kathy Garms  
Larry & Carol Minard

# 2024–2025 SUPPORTING MEMBERS

## Actor’s Circle \$25–\$49

Jerry & Linda Anderson  
Bernard Bergan  
Jaydeane Berns  
Anita Blaker  
Stewart & Marlys Boysen  
Celia Brown  
Mike & Joanne Carroll  
Sandy Caya & Daryl Bruxvoort  
Bruce & Ellen Collins  
Marvin & Annette Dahling  
Mary Damm  
Kenneth & Gwen Dettbarn  
Darlene Dittmer  
Marvin & Julie Duff  
Barb Duwe-Peterson  
Doug Farley  
John & Betty Fischer  
Marilyn Frye  
Linda Gardner & Anne Shelton  
Bob & Hila Garms

Julita Goedken  
Carol Goettler  
Joan Good  
Layton & Barb Hansel  
Gerald & Linda Henkes  
Chris & Christina Hopp  
Larry & Marlis Huinker  
Mary Jensen  
Trudy Johnson  
David & Mary Kahrs  
Ron & Georgi Kaiser  
Patsy Kerndt  
John Kohlstedt  
Gerry & Sandy Kramer  
Diane M. Kraus  
Maxine Kuehl  
Shirley Marmann  
Joyce Marovets  
Teri & Ryan Marting  
Donna McLane

In Memory of Eunice McMillin  
Ginger Medberry  
Lorraine Miller  
Carl & Laura Moser  
Rita & Roger Mullis  
Larry & Jennifer Reed  
Gerald & Arlene Reimer  
Ken & Alice Reimer  
Wendy & Barry Shea  
Kenneth & Linda Staff  
Jim & Barb Stone  
David & Marci Strutt  
Cherryl (Dyrland) Thomason  
Geraldyn Torkelson  
Patricia Vaske  
Karla Vogel & Bob Myers  
Jennifer Wachuta  
Morris & Sandy Weller  
Cheryl & Jim Whalen  
Tom & Jen Wilwert

## Playwright’s Circle \$50–99

Victoria Breitbach  
Jerry & Kelly Carpenter  
Marguerite Clinton  
Frances Degroote  
Jason & Kris Eulberg  
Rhys & Hannah Evans  
Merle & Barbara Frommelt  
Tim Gilkes  
Larry & Karen Glass  
Bob & Becky Glesne  
Nicole & Steve Gray  
Jeff & Betty Heins  
Suzy Hilgersen  
Winnie Holmes  
Cary & Jonelle Kann

Bruce & Susan Klett  
Joshua & Heather Klingman  
Jennifer Lancaster  
Connie Leete  
Ethel Lenth  
William McHugh  
David & Melanie Mergen  
Mary Milewsky  
Stan & Sharlene Milewsky  
David & Maylo Moser  
Cici Mueller  
Tom & Sheila Neuhaus  
David & Julie Olson  
Bill & Dorothy Peterson  
David & Joy Roslien

Curtis & Kathy Ruhser  
Ellen Rule  
Ken & Sharon Seney  
Lucea Sharp  
Lowell & Joyce Siegele  
Steve & Sally Stendel  
Darci Strutt  
Joyce Thurn  
Betty Troendle  
Ed & Dianne Uriell  
Twyla & Ken Walz  
Randy & Kathy Waterman  
John & Mary Winter  
Janice Worsham

April 5, 11, 12 at 7 PM  
April 6 & 13 at 2 PM

# ORDINARY DAYS

Music and Lyrics by  
**Adam Gwon**

Director  
**Craig Strutt**

Producer  
**Kay Moser**

ORDINARY DAYS is presented by arrangement with  
Concord Theatricals. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)

Originally Produced in New York City by Roundabout Theatre Company  
Todd Haimes, Artistic Director; Harold Wolpert, Managing Director; Julia C. Levy, Executive Director  
as part of Roundabout Underground  
at the Harold and Miriam Steinberg Center for Theatre  
ORDINARY DAYS was presented at the  
National Alliance for Musical Theatre’s Festival of New Musicals in 2008.  
[www.namt.org](http://www.namt.org).

ORDINARY DAYS was originally produced and performed by  
Pennsylvania Centre Stage at Penn State University.  
ORDINARY DAYS was first developed by  
New York Theatre Barn in New York City in 2007.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers.  
Photography and any recording strictly prohibited.



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 also available for your use. 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.



SONG LIST

“One by One by One” .....	Warren and Company
“Don’t Wanna be Here” .....	Deb
“The Space Between” .....	Jason
“Let Things Go” .....	Claire
“Dear Professor Thompson, Pt. 1” .....	Deb
“Life Story” .....	Warren
“Dear Professor Thompson, Pt. 2” .....	Claire and Jason
“I’m Trying” .....	Deb
“Saturday at the Met” .....	Company
“Favorite Places” .....	Jason
“Sort-Of Fairy Tale” .....	Warren and Deb
“Fine” .....	Jason and Claire
“Big Picture” .....	Warren and Deb
“Hundred-Story City” .....	Jason and Company
“Party Interlude” .....	Claire
“Calm” .....	Deb
“Life Story” (Reprise).....	Warren
“Gotta Get Out” .....	Claire
“Rooftop Duet” / “Falling” .....	Company
“I’ll Be Here” .....	Claire
“Beautiful” .....	Warren and Deb

*This show runs with no intermission.*

THE CREWS

Set Construction and Props

Jonathon Moser	Kay Moser
Del Reimer	Rhys Evans
Tom Chandler	David Beck

Costumes

Mary Beth Specht
Cheri Moser

Projections

Cheri Moser
Craig Strutt

Lighting

Del Reimer	Jay Moser
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Sound

Cheri Moser
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Promotion

Cheri Moser
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Programs

Joel Lustre
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Tickets

Terri Strutt
Elkader Floral Shop

## UPCOMING SHOWS

The Elkader Opera House Players present  
the 2025 Summer Youth Musical:




**SPACE  
PIRATES!**

**CAMP DATES:**  
**June 16-20, 2025**

**PERFORMANCE:**  
**June 20th at 7 PM**  
**at the Elkader Opera House**

Announcing the Opera House Players 2025 Fall Musical



**RAZY FOR YOU**

Music & Lyrics by  
**GEORGE & IRA GERSHWIN**

Book by  
**KEN LUDWIG**

Directed by  
**CHERI MOSER**

Choreography by  
**ERIN DEGNER**

**AUDITIONS:**  
**Tuesday, May 20 at 6 PM**  
**Wednesday, May 21 at 6 PM**  
at the Elkader Opera House  
Roles for ages high school and above.  
Watch for more details at  
elkaderoperahouse.com.

**PERFORMANCES:**  
**Oct 3, 4, 10, 11 at 7 PM**  
**Oct 5, 9, 12 at 2 PM**

*A Classic  
Christmas  
Fantasy*

ON THE 7TH OF DECEMBER 2025

AT **2:00 PM**

*at the Elkader Opera House*  
207 N. Main Street, Elkader, IA



## MEET THE CAST



**Jonathon Moser** (Warren) – This show marks Jonathon’s 35th OHP production. Some of his recent favorites include Miss Trunchbull in *Matilda* (2021), Leo Bloom in *The Producers* (2019), Robert Grove in *The Play That Goes Wrong* (2024) and the loveable ogre Shrek in *Shrek the Musical* (2015). Jonathon is a chiropractor in McGregor where he lives with his wife and children: Mariah, Taryn, Trace and Gretel. He is the co-owner of Grumpsters Cabins, a beautiful getaway in the hills of McGregor.

**Maria Stavroplus** (Deb) – Maria, a senior at MFL MarMac High School, is excited to portray Deb in her last Opera House performance before heading to college. She made her debut at the Elkader Opera House in *Christmas on Air* (2013), followed by eleven other performances. Her most notable role was Wendy Darling in *Peter Pan* (2023). Maria is involved in band, choir, speech, SODA, student council, and more. Outside of school, she enjoys hiking, songwriting, partaking in swim team, and working with the youth in her community.



**Andrew Lange** (Jason) – Andrew is happy to be back on the stage for his sixth OHP production (*Matilda*, *A Christmas Story*, *Peter Pan*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*). Andrew has enjoyed playing alongside all of the talented people that make up the Opera House Players and is very excited to do more singing in this production. Andrew thanks the OHP family for continuing to invite him back each year. Andrew’s family includes his 3 children; Christopher (*Mary Poppins*, *Fruitcakes*, and *Matilda*), Ryan (*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*), Haley, and his beautiful wife Jennifer. Andrew lives with his family in Edgewood where he manages Karl’s Grocery and raises goats in his spare time.



**Perry Leffler (Claire)** – This is Perry’s 5th performance with OHP since her debut as Peter Pan in *Peter Pan* (2023). Her other OHP performances include *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* as Grace Bradley (2024), *The Play That Goes Wrong* (2024) as Florence/Sandra, and *Arsenic and Old Lace* (2024) as Elaine. Perry is the choral director and music teacher at Wauzeka-Steuben School, and also serves as the music director for Wauzeka’s fall musical and an assistant director in the spring play. Perry graduated from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, where she is from. Perry made her theater debut at Millsaps in the musical *Violet* (2022) playing the title role as Violet. In 2020, Perry was selected as one of 20 students from around the country for the James Madison University German Opera Experience. She has performed across the United States and Europe. Perry also writes her own songs and is in the process of recording and releasing a few in the summer—so check her out on your listening platform soon! In her spare time, Perry enjoys playing with her dog, Mercury, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

**Lori Frailey (Piano)** – Lori Frailey has dabbled in acting over the years. She has graced the stage in a few Opera House productions including the cast of *Joseph*, the role of Alice in *Fruitcakes*, Dorothy in *Glorious* and most recently appeared as Martha in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. In *Ordinary Days* she will be playing the role of “The Piano Player”. Lori is a music teacher in the Prairie du Chien School District and has played piano for countless school concerts, musicals, solo & ensembles. She also accompanies for area churches and events. She enjoys serving as a Worship Leader. What makes her most happy? Playing games and spending time with family and friends. She is looking forward to expanding her family - as she has recently become engaged to a wonderful, loving man who is fully supportive of all of her music and dramatic endeavors.



**Craig Strutt (Director)** – Craig, has acted in, worked backstage or directed 71 OHP productions since returning to the OHP stage in *Annie* (1992) where he played the role of Oliver Warbucks. He directed such OHP productions as *The Wizard of Oz* (2004), *Music Man* (2009) and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever The Musical* (2017). He was last seen on stage in *It Runs In The Family* (2019), although you may have heard his voice during *4 Weddings and an Elvis* (2021). Craig is spending more and more time working with the technical end of these theater productions in lighting and sound. Craig lives in McGregor with his wife, Terri, the “Ticket Queen”. Craig is a chiropractor in McGregor.

**Kay Moser (Producer)** – Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She has appeared on stage a few times, but her favorite place is where she is most often found producing, stage managing and helping the cast and crews in any way she can! She enjoys traveling, reading and taking lots of walks!! She lives in Elkader with her husband (light guy) Jay. Her life is made complete when she can spend time with her son Benjamin, wife, Jenna and their sons, Kallum and Ronan along with son Jonathon, wife, Cheri and their children Mariah, Taryn, Trace, and Gretel.