THE CAST

Max assistant to Saunders
. . . . . Craig Strutt

Maggie Max's girlfriend
. . . . . Katie Koehn

Saunders Maggie's father, General Manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company
. . . . . Cary Kann

Tito Merelli World Famous Italian Tenor, known also to his fans as Il Stupendo
. . . . . Frank Davis

Maria Tito's Wife
. . . . . Kim Becwar

Frank a bellhop
. . . . . Jon Banse

Diana a Soprano
. . . . . Helen Backes

Julia Chairman of the Opera Guild
. . . . . Jane Hieb

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I, Scene 1, Early afternoon on a Saturday in September

Scene 2, Four hours later

ACT II, Scene 1, That night, about 11 o'clock

Scene 2, Fifteen minutes later

TIME & PLACE

The action takes place in a hotel suite in Cleveland, Ohio in 1934

MOSER FAMILY HEALTHMART PHARMACY
Elkader

PEOPLES STATE BANK
Elkader, Farmersburg

SILVER PATRONS ($50-$99)

David & Tara Baumgartner - Strawberry Point
Clayton County Abstract Company - Elkader
News Publishing Co. Inc. / The Clayton County Register - Elkader
Country Clippers, Donna Staples Owner - McGregor
Dietz Donald & Co. CPAs - Elkader
Ehrhardt, Gnagy & McCorkindale - Elkader
Farmers Mutal of Garnavillo - Garnavillo
Luana Savings Bank - Luana
McGregor Pharmacy - McGregor
Schultz's Funeral Home - Monona
Seedorff Masonry, Inc. - Strawberry Point
Strutt Chiropractic - McGregor
The First National Bank - West Union
Union Bank & Trust Company - Strawberry Point
United Building Centers - Elkader

BRONZE PATRONS ($25-$49)

Alpine Communications - Elkader
Dan Bickel Insurance - McGregor
Bodensteiner Implement Company - Elkader
Brown's Sales and Leasing - Elkader, Guttenberg
Butch's Conoco - Guttenberg
Carnes Brothers TV - Elkader
Clefish and Saunders - Elkader, Garnavillo
Charles & Terri Connell - Prairie du Chien
Elkader Carpet and Design Center - Elkader
Elkader Dry Cleaners, Inc. - Elkader

MARIA - Kim Becwar - Kim is a transplant from Andover, MN, having just moved here in November of last year. She brings with her 20 years of theatrical experience, both on and off stage. Some of the productions Kim has been in are: *Sound of Music, Annie, Music Man*, and *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. She has worked with several community theaters and mystery dinner theaters in Minnesota, as well as The Chanhassen Dinner Theater. She tells us she has four children and a VERY understanding husband, who puts up with her theatrics both on and off stage. This is her first production with the Opera House Players and she tells us she is thrilled to work with such talented people.

BELLHOP - Jon K. Banse – Jon resides in Strawberry Point with Maggie, his wife, and Jonathan, his son. During the day, Jon is an Estimator/Director of Estimating Information Systems for Seedorff Masonry, Inc. During evenings, Jon has been actively involved with the Opera House Players for the past few years. You may remember him playing the following roles: Baker in *Into The Woods (2000),* Dickon in *The Secret Garden (2000),* Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1999), Jeff Barry in *Leader of the Pack* (1999), Louie Fan in *The Butler Did it Singing* (1998), Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* (1998), J. Pierrepont Finch in *How to Succeed* (1997), Sparky in *Forever Plaid* (1997), Hugo in *Bye Bye Birdie* (1996), and Sid Phillips in *Singin' in the Rain* (1995). When Jon is not practicing for a play he enjoys spending time with his family, singing with the Keystone Barbershop Chorus, traveling, snow and water skiing, and golfing. Jon is involved in a variety of Community Organizations including Point Area Community Klub (P.A.C.K.) and The Wilder Museum.

DIANA - Helen Backes - Helen, an Elkader resident, is a new member of the OHP family. Bitten by the theatre bug in high school, she continued to participate throughout her college years. Several years and a couple of children later, Helen was still smitten with the theatre. She directed the school plays and musicals at Guttenberg Community School for the past three years. Helen is the Executive Director for the Clayton County Development Group, a county-wide economic development organization. She is married to Robert Backes. They have three children Nathan, Matthew and Benjamin.

The Opera House Players Present

Lend Me A Tenor

An Adult
Comedy
by
Ken Ludwig

Directed by Diane Fisk

Produced by Kay Moser
Technical Direction by Tom Chandler

Produced by special arrangement with
Samuel French,Inc.
45 West 25th St,
NewYork, NY. 10010

THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

Tom Chandler	Kay Moser	Jonathon Moser	Kim Becwar
Frank Davis	Cary Kann	Cheri Strutt	Jon Banse
Chuck Arch	Del Reimer	Maggie Banse	Zak Larter
Jay Moser	Craig Strutt	Katie Koehn	Mike Larter
Diane Fisk			

LIGHTING & SOUND

Jay Moser Don Harstad Jon Banse Del Reimer

COSTUMES

Barb Chandler	Jane Griffith	Lillian Nold
Kathy Ruhser	Barbara J. Chandler	Kristi Kenkel

HAIR & MAKEUP

Kristi Kenkel

TICKETS & PUBLICITY

Terri Strutt Moser Pharmacy Peggy Bronson

Upcoming Events

March 24 - Keystone Chorus Barbershop Show
October 5, 6, 11,12,13, 2001 - OHP Fall Show
October 27 - Keystone Chorus 50th Anniversary Show

JULIA - Jane Hieb - Jane, a newcomer to the area, is a free-lance writer and speaker. She has worked as the editor of a weekly newspaper and regional magazine, she is the author of three books, and as traveled across the country speaking at banquets, seminars, and other rural events. She is the Mother of eight grown children and Grandmother to seventeen. She and her husband Warren are restoring an old stone house near Littleport.

Kay Moser (Producer and Stage Manager) - Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She is most often found organizing everything from props to the director. She is responsible for coordinating tryouts, publicity, and all the crews. During performances, Kay keeps things running smoothly backstage. She has been seen on stage during *Man of LaMancha, Anything Goes,* and *Chicago.* In her real life, she is a Science and Technology teacher at the Volga Middle School and a buyer and bookeeper at Moser Family Pharmacy. Kay lives in Elkader with her husband Jay and sons Benjamin and Jonathon.

Tom Chandler (Technical Director) - 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 musical. He is recently retired from the instrumental music program at the Central Community School in Elkader, and now devotes his time to his sailboat and vintage cars. He lives in Elkader with his wife Barb.

Diane Fisk (Director) - is a veteran of the OHP in her 23rd year as an active member. Throughout the years, she has worn many hats, but it has been three years since she last directed.. She was last seen as Rose in *Secret Garden* (2000). Diane continues to reside in Monona with her husband, Tim and four boys, Travis 22, Dan 19, Andrew 15, and Charlie 7. In her spare time she works at the family store Fisk Farm and Home in Monona.

OUR 2000-2001 PATRONS

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ISLE OF CAPRI RIVERBOAT CASINOS - Marquette

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Elkader, Marquette, McGregor, Volga

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Elkader

THE GARNAVILLO SAVINGS BANK
Garnavillo

MEET THE CAST

MAX - Craig Strutt - Craig, a Chiropractic physician in McGregor, has starred in or directed OHP productions since *Annie* (1992), He directed the OHP productions of *Nunsense* (1994), *Nunsense II* (1996), *Little Shop of Horrors* (1998), *The Secret Garden* (2000), *Leader of the Pack* (1999) *Into the Woods* (2000) and Co-Directed *Bye Bye Birdie* (1996), *How to Succeed..* (1997), and *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1999). This is his first time back on stage in a starring role since *The Butler Did It Singing* (1998). Craig and his wife Terri have four children, Nichole, Peter, Cheri, and Brian. All have been or are involved with the OHP.

MAGGIE - Katie Koehn - Katie's rejoined the OHP crew after taking ten years off to attend college, get married and grow some roots. You may remember her from appearances in *Chicago* (1991), *Peter Pan* (1989), *Lil' Abner* (1987), *Oliver* (1986), *Ransom of Red Chief* (1984) and *King and I* (1983). Katie and her husband, Reid live near Elkader with their dog, Abby.

SAUNDERS - Cary Kann - This is Cary's seventh appearance in an Opera House Players production. You've seen Cary in *Bye Bye Birdie* (1996), *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (1997), *Little Shop of Horrors* (1998), *The Butler Did It Singing* (1998), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1999), *The Secret Garden* (2000), and *Into The Woods* (2000). Much of the artwork and scenery you see associated with the OHP we owe to Cary's artistic talents. Cary resides in Marquette, with his wife, Jonelle, three children, Arial, Avalon, Alexander, and the family pets, two cats and a strange little Rat Terrier named Skeeter. His other interests include reading, singing, painting, and drawing. He also enjoys cooking.

TITO MERILLI - Frank Davis - This is Frank's seventh apperance with the Opera House Players. Earlier shows were *Bye Bye Birdie* (1996), *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (1997), *Little Shop of Horrors* (1998), *The Butler Did It Singing* (1998), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1999), and *Into The Woods* (2000). Frank lives on a small acreage a few miles southeast of Garnavillo with his wife Julie. He works as a railing installer at All American Homes in Dyersville where he has been employed for the past eight years.

General Store of Elkader - Elaine & Tom Diers - Elkader
Elkader Wire and Display MFG., Co. - Elkader
Farmers Savings Bank - West Union, Clermont
Fisk Farm and Home Supply - Monona
Fitzgerald Surge - Elkader
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Grau Logs and Lumber, Inc. - Elkader
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Huinker Chevrolet - Monona
Johnson's Restaurant and Reception Hall - Elkader
Lanny Kuehl, CLU - Garnavillo
Kuempel True Value Hardware - Guttenberg
Bruce & Betty Landis - Elkader
Monona Family Dentistry - Monona
Monona Greenhouse and Nursery - Monona
Nading's Service and Sporting Goods - Strawberry Point
Strawberry Point Drug - Strawberry Point
Wilke's Sure Save - Elkader
Witt's Custom Framing & Gallery - Elkader
Zapf's Pronto Market - Elkader

Star Patrons (under $25)

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Drahn Implements - Elkader
Chuck Eaton - Countryside Auto Rebuilders - Elkader
Everitt's Service - Elkader
Del & Barb Herr - Dubuque
Interstate Federal Savings and Loan - McGregor
Mueser Lumber - Garnavillo
Neylan Law Office - Elkader
Theis Clothing Company - Elkader
Windridge Implements (Case IH) - Elkader

About the Opera House Players

Since 1966, community theater has been thriving in the Elkader area. With the support of many people from all over N.E. Iowa and S.E. Wisconsin, the Opera House Players have presented such blockbusters as *Nunsense, Singin' In The Rain, Fiddler On The Roof, Forever Plaid, Man of LaMancha, Sound of Music, The King and I, Oliver, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Secret Garden, Into the Woods, Brigadoon, Peter Pan, Music Man, Annie* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. In the spring, the productions usually involve a somewhat smaller cast and crew, but are never short on entertainment! If you ever wanted to be an active part of theater, come join us. Don't be bashful. If you enjoy sewing, painting, acting, building, creating with make-up, playing a musical instrument, singing, drawing, typing, are willing to sell advertisements, write articles for the papers, do programs, or feel inclined to write and direct your very own show, you are right for community theater. For more information on becoming part of the OHP, please email us at ohp@icsbbs.com, or write to: The Opera House Players, P.O. Box 421, Elkader, IA 52043.

Check us out on the web at
http://ohp.ourfamily.com

The Opera House Players Present

Lend Me A Tenor



Elkader Opera House

March 16, 17, 29, 30, 31 - 2001
8pm