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SYNOPSIS SETTING & SCENES

The play is set in an abandoned church-turned-day-spa where a group of friends gathers every Friday afternoon. After the loss of a dear friend, the women realize time is precious, and if they are going to change their lives and achieve their dreams, they have to do it now. They rally together to overcome their obstacles and launch new, improved lives.

Time: The Present **Place:** Eden Falls, Georgia, USA

ACT ONE

- Scene 1: A hot afternoon, July 3
- Scene 2: Friday afternoon, the day before Halloween
- Scene 3: Friday afternoon, a week before Christmas

ACT TWO

- Scene 1: Friday afternoon, late January
- Scene 2: Friday afternoon, the day before Valentine's Day
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CAST

Carlene Travis TARA KNIFFIN POLAN
Nita Mooney JANE MANCINI
Mavis Flowers KATHY MULINEX FREDERICK
Crystal Hart BETTY J. DOTSON
Sugar Lee Thompkins SUSAN COURTNEY
Bunny Sutherland MARY LOU ADAMS
Bobby Dwayne Dillahunt DANNY BAYER
Porter Padgett PETE MYERS

STAFF & CREW

Director JEAN NEWTON
Assistant Director PAM PIGGOTT
Technical Director BETH LANE
Dialect Coach DEANNA SPRING
Advisors CHARLIE MATTHEWS, DAVID REXROAD
Production Assistant NORA CORRA
Costumes WENDY SMITH
Costume Crew WILLOW PEYTON
Props CHRISTEN WILSON
Running Crew BRADEN DEGUZMAN, JACK PEYTON, WILLOW PEYTON,
WENDY SMITH, OLIVIA WELCH, CHRISTEN WILSON
Stage Manager SABRINA DYE
Assistant Stage Manager NORA CORRA
Lightboard Operator MC AUGSTKALNS
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Book Holder JOHN NEWTON
Photographer RACHEL MARTIN
Playbill Layout and Design BRETT MEADE

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President's Letter



Finally, we are back!! The last time I sat down to write this letter was March 2020. I don't have to tell you what has happened to the world since then. We were just finishing major theatre renovations and I started with the following:

“As I write this letter, construction in our auditorium is winding down. The scaffolding which has filled the theatre for months has now been removed. The old ceiling panels have been taken out, which makes the room seem so much bigger. A new sprinkler system has been installed for the safety of our building and our patrons. Additional pipes, circuit wiring and lights will enhance our stage lighting capabilities. New wallpaper, sconces and carpeting give the house a warmer feeling. The Actors Guild has been fortunate so far in the generosity of grants and donations from our state and local foundations, as well as our members, supporters and patrons. We are so excited to be moving back into our home here, and we hope that you enjoy these changes and will feel at home here, too.”

So, here we are starting our 66th Season in our newly renovated theatre. We can't begin to tell you how happy we are to be back on stage doing what we love best – live theatre. And we can't begin to tell you how grateful we are that you are here with us – supporting us!

Our Season this year contains some carry-over shows which we had to postpone from both our cancelled 2019-2020 Season and our planned 2020-2021 Season, plus a newly revised version of a classic. Here are the shows:

- The Hallelujah Girls** (Rollicking Southern comedy) September 17 – October 2
- Elf the Musical** (Christmas treat with Buddy the Elf) .. November 19 – December 11
- The Wizard of Oz** (Guild Builders Production) January 21 – February 5
- A Few Good Men** (Aaron Sorkin's Marine court room drama) March 4 – 19
- The Producers** (Mel Brooks' hilarious Broadway hit musical)..... April 22 – May 7
- Shout: The Mod Musical** (Songs from the swinging 60s)..... June 17 – 26
- Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella** (Magic, romance & more) .. August 5 – 21

We hope you will be as excited about this Season as we are and that you will return to see us again and again! We love bringing live theatre to this community and look forward to presenting many more productions in this theatre in the years to come!

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Who's Who in the Cast & Crew

MARYLOU ADAMS (Bunny) has lived and worked in the Parkersburg area since 1992. She has appeared in many shows at the Actors Guild. She was last seen onstage in *The Dixie Swim Club*. She is happy to be back on stage at the Guild.

DANNY BAYER (Bobby Dwayne) was last seen in the Actors Guild production of *Mary Poppins* as Mr. Banks and was the assistant director for *Sense and Sensibility*. He has worked with the Showboat Becky Thatcher, Lexington Musical Theatre, Dayton Opera and The Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet. He has performed at The Kennedy Center, National Theater and The Grand Ole Opry. Favorite Shows include *Urinetown*, *Jekyll and Hyde* (musical), *Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (abridged), *The Civil War* and *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. He is a substitute teacher and works for Habitat for Humanity. He is delighted to be performing with friends old and new.

SUSAN COURTNEY (Sugar Lee) has appeared onstage in shows, some of which include: *Sense and Sensibility*; *Murder by Poe*; *The Game's Afoot*; *To Kill a Mockingbird*; *Alone Together*; *The Red Velvet Cake War*; *Prelude to a Kiss*; *The Dixie Swim Club*; *The Foreigner*; *Anne of Green Gables*; *Witness for the Prosecution*; *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*; *Lend Me a Tenor*; *Dearly Departed*; *Moon Over Buffalo*; *Crimes of the Heart*, *The Boys Next Door* (twice), *Rumors* and *Squabbles*. She has worked backstage on numerous other productions. She works at Marietta Memorial Hospital. Susan thanks her friends and family for their support.

BETTY DOTSON (Crystal) was last seen onstage as Aunt Martha in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. She has assistant directed *Mary Poppins*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Company*, *Spamalot*, *The Civil War*, *Joseph...Dreamcoat*, and *Into the Woods*. Betty will be making her directing debut with *Shout! The Mod Musical*, next summer. Having appeared in over 20 shows, some of her favorite roles on stage have been: Guinevere in *Camelot*, Sarah in *Guy's and Dolls*, Nancy in *Oliver!*, and Lizzie in *Baby*. Betty is a retired Wood County teacher who keeps busy volunteering as one of our AGP Costume Shop Ladies.

JANE MANCINI (Nita) who was last seen in *Sense and Sensibility* has appeared on the Guild Stage in *Paint Your Wagon*, *The Red Velvet Cake War* and others. She has worked backstage on many shows and mostly in the costume shop. She has costumed *The Mousetrap* and *Around the World in Eighty Days*. Jane is the Actor Guild of Parkersburg delegate to the Ohio Community Theatre Association. She is married to Jesse and is the mother of 3 daughters and has 5 grandchildren.

KATHY MULINEX FREDERICK (Mavis) is a graduate of Parkersburg South H.S. She earned her B.A. in music education from Alderson-Broaddus College, then taught music at all levels in St. Mary's County, Maryland. After directing choirs and performing in Maryland, she retired and returned to Mineral Wells, West Virginia where she resides with her husband and three fur babies. She is thrilled to make her Actors Guild of Parkersburg debut in *The Hallelujah Girls*. Kathy dedicates her performance to her dear friend Greg

Merritt, to director Mama Jean Newton and all women "of an age".

PETE MYERS (Porter) has enjoyed being on the guild stage since 2001 when he was cast in *1776*. He has followed that performance with Mr. Bundles in *Annie*, Amos in *Chicago* and Avi in *In the Beginning*. Lately, Pete has appeared in *A Christmas Story*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Scrooge The Musical*. *The Hallelujah Girls* will be play number 41 in his quest to be cast in 50 by the time he reaches 70 years old. Pete enjoys photography and craft fairs and festivals and golfing in his spare time. Pete lives in Parkersburg with his wife Pam.

TARA KNIFFIN POLAN (Carlene Travis) is thrilled to return to the Actors Guild stage and be a part of this great cast. She has been in several shows here including *August Osage County* and *On Golden Pond* (two of her favorites!) Tara is a rural letter carrier by day in Fleming, Ohio. She is mother to four amazing daughters and grandmother to eleven soon to be twelve beautiful little humans. She hopes you enjoy the show, have some laughs and forget about the world for a bit. And, as always, thanks her family for their love and support.

JEAN NEWTON (Director) has been active in the Guild for over 50 years, serving in both administrative and artistic capacities. She has worked with children's theater, directed dinner theater, Guild Builders, and main stage productions (including *L'il Abner*, *Oliver*, *Annie*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *South Pacific*, *Oliver*). She has acted, designed sets and costumed many shows. Jean has served on many committees and currently is co-chair of props. She was honored to receive the Grace-Marie Merrill Award, an Artsbridge Volunteer of the Year Award and shares an Arts and Let-

ters Community Advocate for the Arts award with husband John.

PAMELA PIGGOTT (Assistant Director) has been very active in the Actors Guild since 2006. She has worked with Guild Builders and participated in over thirty mainstage productions. She has appeared on stage, created and run props, been assistant stage manager, worked with costumes and on backstage crew. Some favorite shows include *Mary Poppins*, *A Christmas Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Big Fish*, *Spamalot*, and *Shrek, the Musical*. She is a Guild board member and co-chair of the props committee. She is retired and enjoys spending time with family, her two dogs, and playing piano. She is excited to be assistant director.

ELIZABETH "BETH" LANE (Technical Director) has enjoyed working on this production, among many others here and with local, and professional theatres. She and her fiancé are loving their involvement with this lovely theatre. She welcomes all to return to The Actors Guild of Parkersburg for future shows. If you have an interest in getting involved with The Actors Guild of Parkersburg, she would be more than happy to learn more about your interests and assist in your involvement. Thank you for coming, and enjoy the show!

SABRINA DYE (Stage Manager) has been involved with local community theater for over thirty years. Her main passion is lighting operations and design. On occasion, she gets to play on stage; most recently in MOVP's production of *Dracula* and *I Hate Hamlet*. More often Bre works many aspects of tech. She would like to thank her loving family, extended theater family, and dear friends for their support.

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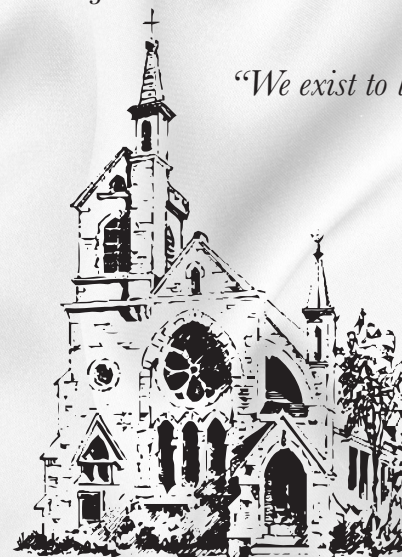


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