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- Drew Cohen, President and CEO



Welcome to the 2025 OCTA Conference! I've had the pleasure of chairing conference this year, and hope you enjoy being **Broadway Beach Bound!** 

This year, we're doing things a bit differently in response to all the suggestions we've received. We hope you love the new format as much as we do! And aren't we lucky to be in such a beautiful theater?

It takes a village, or in this case, an entire board to put a conference like this on and on behalf of the entire board, I'd like to welcome everyone to this year's conference.

Aloha, hang ten, and surf's up, dudes!

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## Weekend Themes



## Conference & Excerpt Cliquette

- Wear your name badge at all times. It is your entry to every event.
- There will be no entering or exiting the performance area while an excerpt is in progress. No exceptions!
- This is an adjudicated conference and those causing a commotion will be asked to leave.
- · All cell phones and pagers need to be on silent.
- Pets are not permitted, unless they are helper/guide animals.
- The use of cameras and recording devices of any kind is strictly prohibited.

## Activities Schedule Memorial



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#### **After Glow Reception**

Friday, 10:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Memorial Ballroom Cash bar

#### Paint n' Sip

Veterans Hall

Friday, 10:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Basement Meeting Hall

Join us for a painting excursion to the beach and enjoy a glass of wine while you create - no experience needed! (suggested donation \$10 to offset the cost of materials)

## John Falkenbach Memorial Euchre Tournament

Saturday, 10:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Memorial Ballroom

#### **Beach Blanket Bingo**

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#### John Falkenbach Memorial Euchre Tournament

Sunday, 11:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Memorial Ballroom

## **Beach Blanket Bingo**

Sunday, 11:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Veterans Hall

#### Karaoke

Sunday, 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Basement Meeting Hall

#### **Jack Box Games**

Sunday, 11:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Memorial Theater

#### **Registration Hours**

Friday 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Memorial Theater Lobby

#### **OCTA Patron Lounge**

Friday 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Veterans Hall First-Timers Meet and Greet Friday 10:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Saturday 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Saturday 10:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Ballroom Lounge

# Workshop Schedule Memorial



#### Saturday

#### 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. | Memorial Ballroom

 Moving from Analog Audio & Incandescent Lighting to Digital Audio & LED Lighting

#### 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. | Memorial Ballroom

• Spotlight on Learning: Theater Education for the Next Generation

#### 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. | Basement Meeting Hall

LUNCH AND LEARN Lighting Design on a budget:
 A discussion of instrument types, placement & operation

#### 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m. | Basement Meeting Hall

Advertising in the Digital Age

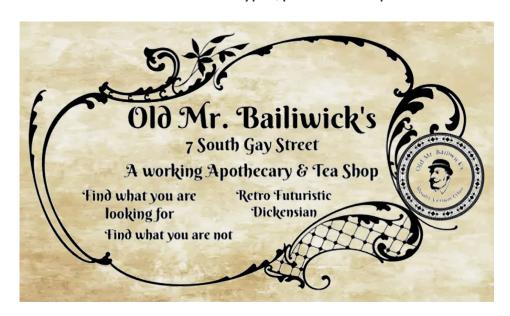
#### Sunday

#### 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. | Memorial Ballroom

 Ballet for Broadway: Warmups, stretches, and steps for stage-ready dancing

#### 12:30p.m.-1:30 p.m. | Basement Meeting Hall

• LUNCH AND LEARN Audio Mixing in a small venue:
A discussion of instrument types, placement & operation



# Meetings and Meals Frox Memorial



#### **Friday**

10:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. | Ballroom Lounge

First Timers Meet and Greet

10:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. | Veterans Hall

• After Glow Reception

#### Saturday

12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. | Ballroom Lounge

• First Timers Meet and Greet

5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Memorial Ballroom

Delegates Dinner

#### Monday

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | Basement Meeting Hall

2026 Board Meeting



# Excerpt Schedule Memorial

## **Friday**

- 8:30 p.m. Excerpt #1 Avenue Q (Central)
- 9:30 p.m. Excerpt #2 Moon Over Buffalo (North)

## Saturday

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9:00 a.m. Excerpt #3 The Outsider (West)
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10:00 a.m. Excerpt #4 Disenchanted (Southwest)

11:00 a.m. Excerpt #5 Beauty Queen of Leenane (Central)

1:30 p.m. Excerpt #6 Silent Sky (North)

2:30 p.m. Excerpt #7 James and the Giant Peach (Northwest)

3:30 p.m. Excerpt #8 Medea (East)

8:00 p.m. Excerpt #9 Guys and Dolls JR. (West/OCTA Jr.)

9:00 p.m. Excerpt #10 Constellations (Northeast)

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Excerpt #11 The Sweet Delilah Swim Club (East)

10:00 a.m. Excerpt #12 My Three Angels (Southwest)

11:00 a.m. Excerpt #13 The Women of Lockerbie (West)

2:30 p.m. Excerpt #14 Southern Belles (Southwest)

3:30 p.m. Excerpt #15 Lend Me a Soprano (Southeast)

Announcements begin 15 minutes before each block.



## OCTA Excerptaff and Crews



Stage Managers Megan Evans, Kate Ernsberger

**Timer Scott Antesky** 

**Announcer Kate Charlesworth-Miller** 

Venue Tech Director Scott Swingle OCTAFest Chair Joe Barton

Conference Chair Kate Charlesworth-Miller

Registration Theresa Benyo-Marzulo, Judy Berrens,

Janis Carnahan, Machelle Miller

## Responders



## Larry Nielsen (Red)

Larry has been involved with community theatre since 1980. Over the years he has been an actor, director, adjudicator/responder and a member of his home group Board of Directors, which led to everything including 3 terms as group president. Larry remains active in his home group, Twin City

Players. Larry has seen his own works, two full-length and some 10-minutes plays, produced. He currently serves as an adjudicator/responder for individual productions as well as at State and regional festivals, as well as one national festival. He and his wife Mary Rose have 2 children and three grandchildren.



## Terrie Spencer (Yellow)

With a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Directing from the University of Minnesota, Terie has directed more than 60 plays in community, educational, and professional theatre. Some of her favorite productions have been state AACTFest entries, including *Ruthless! The Musical*, and *The Amish Project*. Terie presented a

workshop on rehearsal techniques for actors and directors at the national AACTFest in DesMoines this June. She has adjudicated/responded for state festivals in Michigan (2017) and Ohio (2019), and taught Intro to Theatre and Acting I at Oakland Community College. Terie currently serves as board president of Livonia (Michigan) Community Theatre and recently directed *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Working: A Musical*.



## J.R. Spaulding Jn. (Teal)

J.R. Spaulding earned awards including the Reno-Tahoe Fellowship, Hollywood Indie Film Awards, Barnstorm Fest, and the Scriptmatix Fellowship. Spaulding's AACT involvement began in 2011 with Players de Noc in Escanaba, MI, where he designed and performed in *The Pillowman* and *Some Things You Need to Know* 

Before the World Ends (A Final Evening with the Illuminati) (Region III qualifier, 2013). He later directed The Hairy Ape (2015), wrote and performed in The Cutthroat Game (2019), and wrote/directed Jerry's Brain (National qualifier, 2021). An alumnus of MSU and the outdoor drama Tecumseh! in Chillicothe, OH, he carries as much disdain for the Wolverine as any Buckeye ever could.

### Avenue Q | Little Theatre Off Broadway

#### Music and Lyrics: Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx Book: Jeff Whitty

\*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: The story follows Princeton, a recent college graduate, as he navigates finding a purpose in life and an affordable apartment. He encounters various quirky and relatable neighbors, including Kate Monster, a kindergarten teaching assistant, and Brian, and unemployed comedian, among others. The show explores themes of love, friendship, and the challenges of adult life in a humorous way.

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services Inc.



**Director:** Scott Clay

Music Director: Stephen Sollars Choreographer: Tonya Kraner Stage Manager: Emily Lefevre Costumer: Jeanine Lyster

Props: Scott Clay

Lighting Designer: Keith Emigh Sound Designer: Sam Myers Set Designer: Kat Wexler



Princeton: Jason Crouse Kate Monster: Kaitlin Ingram Nicky: Leland McCandless

Rod: Geoff Smith

Trekkie Monster: Geoffrey Mitchell Lucy/Mrs Thistletwat: Abby Del Riesgo The Bad Idea Bears: Carolyn Curtis and

Leland McCandless **Brian:** Kyle Roby

Christmas Eve: Quentin Cole Gary Coleman: Aby Lawson

Excerpt #2 Friday 9:30 p.m.

## Moon Over Buffalo | Bellevue Society for the Arts

#### By Ken Ludwig

\*This excerpt contains Adult Language, Situations and Gunfire

Synopsis: Moon Over Buffalo centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. At the moment, they're playing Private Lives and Cyrano de Bergerac in repertory in Buffalo, New York. On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George's dalliance with a young ingenue, they receive word that they might have one more shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee! If he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his next movie, a remake of The Scarlet Pimpernel. Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they're actually performing, caused by Charlotte's deaf mother who hates every bone in George's body.

Presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.



**Director:** Chris Bilecki

Stage Manager: Cathy Schaffer

Props: Chris Bilecki

Costumes: Sheri Ammanniti Lighting: Adam Shanaman Sound: Chris Bilecki Set Designer: Chris Bilecki Crew: Jacob Mildner, Nathan Shanaman, Will Mitchell, Brian Boies,

Julie Boies



George Hay: Samuel Hohman Charlotte Hay: Tricia McElfresh Ethel: Janet Wittenmyer

Rosalind: Leslie Shanaman Howard: Jared Bradley Eileen: Ivy McElfresh Paul: Adam Shanaman Richard: Doug Franks



### The Outsider | Amil Tellers Of Dramatics, Inc

#### By Paul Slade Smith

Synopsis: Ned Newley doesn't even want to be governor. He's terrified of public speaking; his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. But political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently: Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office. Unless the public is looking for... the worst candidate to ever run for office. A timely and hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

#### Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.



**Director:** Missy Keller **Stage Manager:** Sara Rex

Costumes: Cast Props: Chris O'Neal

Lighting Designer: Missy Keller Sound Designer: Missy Keller Set Designer: Missy Keller

**Crew:** John Keller, Missy Keller, Sarah Rex, Donny Lane, Jodi Brincefield



Paige Caldwell: Sara Rex
Dave Riley: Matthew Mitchell
Louise Peakes: Kim Lane
Ned Newley: John Slechter
Arthus Vance: Brian Emerick
Rachel Parsons: Abigail Stallkamp
A.C. Petersen: Paul Duncan

Excerpt #4 Saturday 10:00 a.m.

## **Disenchanted!** I Loveland Stage Company

#### Book, Music and Lyrics by Dennis T. Giacino with Fiely Matias

\*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: Poisoned apples, glass slippers...who needs 'em?! Not Snow White and her posse of disenchanted princesses in this hilarious musical that's anything but Grimm. The original storybook heroines are none-too-happy with the way they've been portrayed in today's pop culture, so they have tossed their tiaras and come to life to set the record straight. Forget the princesses you think you know – these royal renegades are here to comically belt out the truth.

Presented through special arrangement with Dennis T. Giacino (www.officialdisenchantedmusical.com).



**Director:** Carissa Sloan **Producer:** Jill Gornet **Music Director:** Jon Scheiding

Choreographer: Kayla Haas
Stage Manager: Glenna Knapp
Costumes: Melinda Hubbard
Hair/Wig Design: Christina Siciliano

Props: Jae Liles

**Lighting Design:** Andrew Theademan

**Sound Design:** Izy Jones **Set Design:** Tom Cavano

**Crew Members:** Christina Siciliano, John Sloan, Jeff Centrello, Tom Cavano

**Keyboard:** Jon Scheiding **Drums:** Bob Schwartz



Snow White: Monica Weber Cinderella: Pettrina Barresi Sleeping Beauty: Kayla Haas Belle: Paula Gerhardt Hua Mulan: Jun Holubeck

The Little Mermaid: Chloe Jacobson

**Pocahontas:** Kim Guzman **Rapunzel:** Heather O'Meara

Princess Who Kissed the Frog: Marvel

Gentry Harmon

Princess Badroulbadour: Shannon

Alter-Fredenburg



Excerpt #5 Saturday 11:00 a.m.

## Beauty Queen of Leenane | Curtain Players

#### By Martin McDonagh

#### \*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: The Beauty Queen of Leenane follows the complex, volatile relationship between Maureen, a lonely spinster, and her manipulative mother Mag, in rural Ireland. The play explores themes of isolation, power dynamics, and the dark comedic side of family relationships as Maureen's hope for a relationship with a local man, Pato, is thwarted by Mag's influence, ultimately leading to tragedy.

#### Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services Inc.

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**Director:** Sarah Merkey **Producer:** Debra Miller

Intimacy Coach: Ryan Heitkamp Stage Manager: Wendy Brinker Costumer: Siobhan Fallon Props: John Quigley

Lighting Designer: Denise Dumouchelle

Sound Designer: John Maassel Dialect Coach: Angela Dean

Crew: Jeff Cramlet



Maureen Folan: Sonda Staley Mag Folan: Kathy Hyland Pato Dooley: Casey Merkey Ray Dooley: Patrick Goldman

Excerpt #6 Saturday 1:30 p.m.

## Silent Sky | Fremont Community Theatre

#### By Lauren Gunderson

Synopsis: Silent Sky tells the true story of Henrietta Leavitt, an early 20th-century astronomer whose work at the Harvard Observatory helped revolutionize our understanding of the universe. Hired to work among a group of female "computers" charting stars without access to the telescope itself, Henrietta battles the limitations placed on women in science. As she meticulously studies Cepheid variable stars, she makes a groundbreaking discovery that enables astronomers to measure the distance between Earth and far-off galaxies. While grappling with family obligations, societal expectations, and personal dreams, Henrietta's passion for the stars never wanes. Lauren Gunderson's lyrical, poignant play highlights both the wonder of scientific discovery and the quiet struggles faced by women whose contributions were often overlooked. Silent Sky is a moving tribute to curiosity, perseverance, and the human spirit's enduring quest to understand the cosmos.

#### Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.



**Director:** Michael PJ Foos **Stage Manager:** Cyrus Foos

**Props:** Michael PJ Foos, Delilah Foos Lessing, Mary Jo Foos

Costumer: Sue Stotz

**Lighting:** Michael PJ Foos, Jim Gruss

Sound: Scott Havice

Set Designer: Michael PJ Foos

Crew: Ryan Lessing, Eric Crimmins, Tim

**Bolton** 



Henrietta Leavitt: Delilah Foos Lessing Margaret Leavitt: Sarah Stamm Peter Shaw: Brandon Wurgess Annie Cannon: Kaje Holthouse Williamina Fleming: Amy Berger



Excerpt #6 Saturday 2:30 p.m.

## James and the | Fort Findlay Playhouse Giant Peach the Musical

#### Music and lyrics: Ben Pasek and Justin Paul Book: Timothy Allan McDonald

Synopsis: James and the Giant Peach tells the story of James Henry Trotter, a young orphan child meeting his vicious, nasty aunts after his parents are eaten by rhinos. James meets a magic man named Ladahlord and trouble ensues when Ladahlord brings a magic book containing "potions, tonics, wonderspells, wishmakers." Ladahlord and James concoct a magic spell for James to drink, which James spills and magic ensues. An adventure containing a giant peach, human-sized insects, and a trip from Dover to the top of the Empire State Building ensue for James in this tale of chosen family and finding your purpose.

Produced by special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI).

New

**Director:** Jordan Gottschalk

Choreographer: Caroline Guy

Music Direction: Craig VanRenterghem

Producer: Vickie Garner Stage Manager: Nikki Needles Costumes: Samantha Henry Lighting Design: Julie Bermudez,

Stephanie Kreh

Set Design: Mariah Clawson, Matt Fix,

Jordan Gottschalk

Piano: Zach Thomas

Bass: Stacee Brown

Percussion: Tim Mattis



James Henry Trotter: Chance Roddy

**Ladahlord:** Brad Bickhart **Aunt Spiker:** Mandy Bour

Aunt Sponge: Andrea-Addams Miller

Grasshopper: Adam Willford Lady Bug: Samantha Henry Spider: Mariah Clawson Earthworm: Timothy Frost Centipede: Bob Reese

**Ensemble:** Sophie Torres, Katelin Lasater, Tatiana Burkett, Megan Meyer, Meraya Willford, Bronx Swiecicki

Excerpt #7 Saturday 3:30 p.m.

## Medea | Zanesville Community Theatre

#### By Euripides, translated by Haley Shaw

\*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: Medea by Euripides is a classic Greek tragedy exploring betrayal, revenge, and the complexities of human emotion. It follows Medea, who is abandoned by her husband, Jason, when he marries the princess of Corinth to advance his political ambitions. Betrayed and consumed by rage, Medea seeks vengeance, revealing herself as both passionate and capable of extreme cruelty. The play raises profound questions about justice, the consequences of unchecked emotion, and the lengths individuals will go to fulfill their desires, offering a powerful portrait of the darker side of human nature and the devastating effects of betrayal.



Director: Haley Shaw
Producer: Jillian Von Gunten
Stage Manager: Jared Gantzer
Costumer: Haley Shaw, Cast
Props: Haley Shaw, Cast

**Lighting Designer:** Haley Shaw, Jillian

Von Gunten

**Sound Designer:** Steven Hendershott **Set Designer:** Haley Shaw, Bill Shaw,

Jared Gantzer, Cast



Nurse: Ashley Bondurant Jason: George Patterson Medea: Jillian Von Gunten

**Crew Members:** Elizabeth Bennett, Laura Schumann, Sheryl Wise, Bill Shaw



## Guys and Dolls JR. | Final Bow Company

#### By Damon Runyon, Music & Lyrics by Frank Loesser, Book by Abe Burrows & Jo Swerling

Synopsis: Set in Damon Runyon's New York City, *Guys and Dolls JR*. follows gambler Nathan Detroit as he scrambles to fund the biggest crap game in town while dodging the authorities. Meanwhile, his longtime fiancée, nightclub performer Adelaide, laments their 14-year engagement. Nathan turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson for the cash, but Sky instead finds himself pursuing straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown.

Produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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**Director:** Lindsey Ausborn **Producer:** Lindsey Ausborn

Music Director: Lindsey Ausborn, Katie

Gathard

Choreographer: Logan Schulze Stage Manager: Dylan Meyer Costumer: Lindsey Ausborn Props: Lindsey Ausborn Lighting Designer: Jacob Broudn

Sound Design: Larry Weyand
Set Designer: Lindsey Ausborn

## Check the Ribbon!

Who's Who at Conference

Executive Board: Royal Blue
Board Members: Navy Blue
Theatre Delegates: Maroon
Regional Reps: Sapphire
Board Candidates: White

Past-Presidents: Neon Green

Admin Assistant: Pink

OCTAFest Chair: Dark Green

Responders: Red, Yellow, Teal

Committee: Gold

Timekeeper: Royal Blue

Lifetime Members: Black
Patrons: Purple
First Timers: Light Blue

Workshop Leaders: **Brown** 

Sponsor: Gold

Cast

Sky Masterson: Dominic Reese Sarah Brown: Hannah Schneible Nathan Detroit: Tucker Qualls Miss Adelaide: Lucy Schneible

Nicely-Nicely Johnson: Landon Urlage Benny Southstreet: Wade Qualls Rusty Charlie: Gwendolyn Schneible Arvide Abernathy: Gabby Spitzer Harry the Horse: Maddyx Swallow General Cartwright: Lydia Wardwill

Lt. Brannigan: Harrison Crist

Big Jule: Levi Grillot

Angie the Ox: Mackinzie Billenstein

Bertha: Lydia Ward

**Liver Lips Louis:** Adrian Walker **Society Max:** Genevieve Dues

Hot Box Girls: Gabby Spitzer, Alaina Froning, Alena Reese, Audrey Ward, Alyssa Froning, Nola Miley, Maggie McKibben, Kaitlyn Tollefron

NYC Kids: Sophia Ausborn, Marie Beard,

Henry Sutter, Levi Grillat

Gamblers: Vivian Mueller, Kensington Scalf, Magdalene Schulze, Therese Schulze, Eleanor Sutter, William Walker Missionaries: Wyatt Walker, Boxley Koval, Rose Liette, Katelyn Stewart,

Skyler Urlage



Excerpt #10 Saturday 9:00 p.m.

## Constellations | Twin Masks Performing Arts Center

#### By Nick Payne

\*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: This spellbinding, romantic journey begins with a simple encounter between a man and a woman. But what happens next defies the boundaries of the world we think we know—delving into the infinite possibilities of their relationship and raising questions about the difference between choice and destiny.

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc./Broadway Licensing Global



Producer: Claudia Lillibridge Light Design: Claudia Lillibridge Sound Design: Claudia Lillibridge, Sean Donovan, Christine Wright, Michael

**Director:** Claudia Lillibridge

Donovan



Roland: Sean Donovan
Marianne Wright: Christine Wright

**Crew:** Michael Donovan, Claudia Lillibridge

Excerpt #11 Sunday 9:00 a.m.

## The Sweet | Little Theatre of Tuscarawas County Delilah Swim Club

#### By Jones Hope Wooten

\*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids, and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage, the "Sweet Delilah" on North Carolina's Outer Banks to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other's lives. *The Sweet Delilah Swim Club* focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of 33 years. As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, aging) that life flings at them.

Produced by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing LLC.



Director: Don Irven

Assistant Director: Chester Boffo

Producer: Jade Boffo

Stage Manager: Morgan Marshall Costumer: Elizabeth Thomakos

Props: Pam Douglas

Lighting Designer: Joe Compton Lighting Operator: Seth Rhodes Sound Designer: Don Irven Sound Operator: Machelle Miller Set Designer: Joe Compton Furniture and Set Dressing: Jane

Deitrick & Michele Davis

Hair and Make-Up: Debi Devore



Sheree Hollinger: Cheryl Foutz Lexie Richards: Elizabeth Thomakos Dinah Grayson: Judy Garver Vernadette Simms: Michele Davis Jeri Neal McFeely: Jackie Luthy

**Crew Members:** Chester Boffo, Clare Cannizzaro, Pam Douglas, Marianne Hughes, Rosemarie Lakota, Chelsea Rhodes



## My Three Angels | The Drama Workshop

#### By Sam and Bella Spewack

Synopsis: The living room behind a general store in Cayenne, French Guiana, December 25, 1910. The Ducotel family (Felix, Emilie and their daughter Marie Louise) has invited three prisoners who have been repairing their roof to enjoy Christmas Eve dinner with them. Everyone is asleep when the quiet is disturbed by the arrival of Henri Trochard and his protégé Paul. Henri has come to investigate how the store he owns is doing under Felix's management. Marie Louise wants to speak to Paul with whom she had shared a romantic dalliance when the family lived in Cherbourg.

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.



**Director:** Dennis Murphy

Producers: Sarah Hoback Rogers,

Dane Rogers

**Stage Manager:** Lisa Breithaupt **Costumes:** Dennis Murphy, Anne

Connor Stanforth **Props:** Elaine Volker

Lighting Design: Chris Eyers

(production), Dennis Murphy (excerpt)

**Sound Design:** Jason Cox **Set Design:** Dennis Murphy

**Crew Members:** Dane Rogers, Sarah Hoback Rogers, Elaine Volker, Eric Thomas Cast

Jules: Christie Bishop Joseph: Ken Macke Alfred: Elias Dean Henri: Chris Eyers Paul: Ben Lacy Felix: Michael Kiser Emilie: Amy Eyers Marie Louise: Lisa White

Excerpt #13 Sunday 11:00 a.m.

## The Women of Lockerbie | Troy Civic Theatre

#### By Deborah Brevoort

\*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: A mother from New Jersey roams the hills of Lockerbie, Scotland, looking for her son's remains that were lost in the crash of Pan Am 103. She meets the women of Lockerbie, who are fighting the U.S. government to obtain the clothing of the victims found in the plane's wreckage. The women, determined to convert an act of hatred into an act of love, want to wash the clothes of the dead and return them to the victim's families. *The Women of Lockerbie* is loosely inspired by a true story, although the characters and situations in the play are purely fictional. Written in the structure of a Greek tragedy, it is a poetic drama about the triumph of love over hate.

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services Inc.



**Director:** Derek Dunavent

Assistant Directors: Madison Wells,

Tamar Fishbein

Stage Manager: Sam Jacobi
Costumes: Michael J Schumacher

Props: Sonja Hyer

**Lighting and Sound Designer:** Derek

Dunavent

**Set Designer:** Steve Dietrich and Chuck

Fox



Olive Allison: Niccole SueAnn Wallace Bill Livingston: Michael J Schumacher Madeline Livingston: Jennifer Kaufman

Hattie: Madison Wells George Jones: Xander Magill Woman 1: Tamar Fishbein

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Woman 2: Bradi Baumann

Excerpt #14 Sunday 2:30 p.m.

## Southern Belles | Sunset Players

#### By Dennis Murphy

Synopsis: Set in a small town in the South in 1992, Southern Belles is an original one-act play in which seven ladies who share a party line try to figure out what is going on over at the new neighbor's house and why Maribelle's husband's truck is parked over there—two days a week for the last four weeks between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

#### Presented with special permission from the author.



**Director:** Dennis Murphy **Producers:** Deb Case, John

Wesseling

**Stage Manager:** Dan Hawkins **Costumes:** Elaine Michael, Cast

Props: Deb Case

Lighting Design: Dennis Murphy Sound Design: Dan Hawkins Set Design: Dennis Murphy Crew Members: John Wesseling,

Parker Dreier



Maribelle Wainwright: Virginia Venegas Raybelle Robinson: Deb Case

Lily Belle Beautrelle: Terri Howard Sally Belle Robinson: Kathie Labanz Gaybelle Reardon: Rilla Foster

Mrs. Sarah Jane Bell: Rachel Brzezinski Mary Jo Hutchins: Amber Esplage Anne Belle Dixon: Elaine Michael

Excerpt #15 Sunday 3:30 p.m.

## Lend Me a Soprano | Actors Guild of Parkersburg

#### By Ken Ludwig

#### \*This excerpt contains Adult Language or Situations

Synopsis: A farcical comedy about Lucille Wylie, the manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, preparing for a one-night performance of *Carmen* starring the famous soprano Elena Firenzi. A whirlwind of comedic mishaps ensues involving mistaken identities, jealous husbands, and backstage shenanigans, forcing Lucille's assistant Jo to try and save the day.

#### Produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.



**Director:** Greg Merritt

Technical Director: Nathan Arnold
Assistant Technical Director: Brenda

Gerenday

Assistant Director: Danny Bayer
Stage Manager: Terri Borrelli
Costumer: Reinnie Leavitt

Assistant Costumer: Kathy Leavitt

Wigs: Shannon Miller



Mrs. Wylie: Kathy Frederick Jo: Maggie "MJ" Mamo

Jerry: Elijah Conger

Elena Firenzi: Alyssa Otey-Russell

Pasquale: Kem Bosma Bellhop: Charlie Smith Leo: James Hughes Julia: Sonya Ashby



## **OCTA Patrons**

## January 1. 2025 - August 15. 2025

#### **ENCORE (\$750-UP)**

Jesse & Brian Bernal Kate Charlesworth-Miller & Mark Miller

#### STANDING OVATION (\$500-\$749)

Niccole Amersdorfer & Jennifer Kaufman
Ray Lebowski
Susan Barzda
Geri Martin

Susan Metz-Guthrie\* Machelle, Jed, & Meghan Miller

#### BRAVO! (\$250 -\$499)

Mark, Jane & Parker Culp Eric Thomas

#### **RISING STAR (\$100-\$249)**

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