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THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

Tom Chandler
Jon Banse

Cary Kann
Kay Moser

Del Reimer
Joeann Tesar

LIGHTING & SOUND

Jay Moser

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The Opera House Players would like to extend our thanks to the **Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation** for their generous grant that has allowed us to do a major upgrade to our lighting capabilities. Special thanks to our members and patrons whose generous contributions helped us provide the match that made this grant possible.

MEET THE CAST



Pete - “Prologue/Interlogue/Epilogue” - Jay Moser - Jay has been involved with the OHP since 1973, he is one of our “light” guys and has also appeared in over 20 productions. Recently retired as the pharmacist/owner of Elkader’s Moser Family Pharmacy he is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Kay and the rest of his family including the OHP!



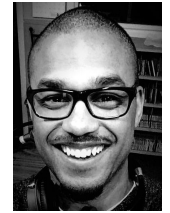
Ginette - “Prologue/Interlogue/Epilogue” - Ellen Rule - Ellen retired in 2013 after teaching English for 33 years and this is her second appearance on the OHP stage. She loves to read, crochet, and sew. She lives in Arlington with her husband, Ron & enjoys her Chicago visits with her daughter Jill & son-in-law, Scott.



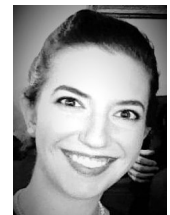
East / Lendall / Man - “Her Heart” / “Getting It Back” / “The Story of Hope” - Jon Banse - Jon of Strawberry Point, was last seen on stage in *Catch Me If You Can* (2017). In his free time he enjoys spending time with Marge, his wife and their son, Jonathan. He also enjoys singing with his quartet “Three Lads and Dad” and the Keystone Barbershop Chorus.



Glory - “Her Heart” - Janet Ott - Janet appeared in last year’s black box debut production and earned a nomination as Best Actress for that performance by the Iowa Community Theatre Association. Involved with the OHP since 1990, she always helps backstage and has appeared onstage in a variety of roles. She and her husband, Clark, have 3 children, Traci, Erin, & Bryan along with a daughter-in-law Cassandra, & 2 granddaughters, Frejya & Zinnia.



Jimmy / Chad - “Sad and Glad” / “They Fell” - Jon Francois - Jon is excited to appear in his first production with the OHP. It has been both a thrilling and moving experience. Jon recently appeared in the Allamakee Community Players’ production of “The Bachelor King” and can be next seen in the New Minowa Players’ summer production of “The Drowsy Chaperone.” A production manager for KDEC, you can listen to Jon every day as the 100.5 FM morning show co-host of “Jon & Jeni” weekdays from 6-9!



Sandrine - “Sad and Glad” - Jessica Sloan - Jessica is enjoying her 5th production with OHP. A graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, she has opened her own mobile chiropractic business. She enjoys the outdoors, riding her horses, her two cats, and singing with her parents at the First Congregational Church in McGregor.



Waitress - “Sad and Glad” - Jenna K. Pollock - Jenna appeared in last year’s black box debut production and earned a nomination as Best Actress for that performance by the Iowa Community Theatre Association. She grew up on the Pollock Heritage Farm north of Volga and has served as the Clayton County Conservation Board Director since 2015.



Marvalyn - “It Hurts” - Peggy Lane - Peggy has been involved in many OHP productions and loves the creative process of putting a show together. She lives in Elkader with her husband, Dan, and they have two children, Keaton and Melanie.



Steve - “It Hurts” - Cary Kann - Cary has been involved in countless OHP productions both onstage and as a set/prop designer utilizing his talents in the visual arts. He appeared in last year’s black box debut production, “South of Hope” as Larry Foster – he not only earned a nomination as Best Actor for that performance but also won that title for 2017

awarded by the Iowa Community Theatre Association.



Gayle - “Getting It Back” – Mary Beth Specht - Mary Beth has been a fan of the theater since attending plays, operas and musicals growing up in a family that not only loved sports but also the arts. She has been performing with local theaters since 2012 and has enjoyed every opportunity to be a part of the magic that is generated with each show.



Randy / Dave - “They Fell”/”Seeing The Thing” – Brandon Douglas - Brandon is a native of Mount Vernon, IA and is the veteran of over 40 stage productions in the past decade. He has a strong operatic voice and is the Vocal Music Director/General Music Teacher for Central Community Schools as well as the PUCC Chancel Choir Director.



Phil - “Where It Went” – Jim Specht - Jim is looking forward to his upcoming retirement as a teacher for at-risk youth. In his debut performance on any stage anywhere, he auditioned as a “bucket list” item and has found that, although the experience was enjoyable, there’s a lot more to acting than one would think. Married to Mary Beth, he enjoys his family, the Badgers, and walking their dog, Oscar.



Marci - “Where It Went” – Wendy Shea - In 2009, when she retired after teaching reading in Guttenberg for 34 years, Wendy tried out for her first play and has participated in productions both on stage and back stage since then. Wendy lives on the hill overlooking Guttenberg with her husband Barry. She is blessed with two great kids, Robin and Brian and a beautiful granddaughter, Marley.



Woman - “The Story of Hope” – Carolyn Yanda - This is Carolyn’s 2nd OHP production, but she is no stranger to community theatre having been involved in more productions than she can count. She is an retired teacher, but still directs the play and individual speech at Central High. Carolyn enjoys time with her children Tyler, Danielle and Aubrey and their families.



Rhonda - “Seeing The Thing” – Kristen Wilke - After moving back to northeast Iowa last spring, Kristen was happy to return to the stage in the musical production of *Catch Me If You Can* (2017). She has enjoyed growing as an actor in this production and excited to share it with you!



Director - Joeann Tesar is an experienced stage actress who debuted as the Director for last year’s “South of Hope” and has found she enjoys the different creative energy directing requires and loves the “bare bones” black box format. It is more challenging for those involved but allows for more artistic growth in all areas of the story telling – from set to acting. She lives in Wauzeka, Wisconsin with her husband, Dan, and son, Danny.



Producer - Kay Moser – has been involved with the OHP since 1973. Having appeared onstage in many productions, she is most often found producing, directing, and generally helping out in all areas of any show. Her valuable experience is crucial to every OHP show. She enjoys life with her husband, Jay, their sons, Jonathon (also a nominee for Best Actor for his performance in “South of Hope”) and Benjamin and their amazing wives and beautiful children.

THE STORIES

ACT ONE

Vignette #1 – Prologue

..... Pete - Jay Moser, Ginette - Ellen Rule

Vignette #2 – Her Heart

..... Glory - Janet Ott, East - Jon Banse

Vignette #3 – Sad and Glad

Jimmy - Jon Francois, Sandrine - Jessica Sloan, Waitress - Jenna K. Pollock

Vignette #4 – It Hurts

..... Marvalyn - Peggy Lane, Steve - Cary Kann

Vignette #5 – Getting It Back

..... Gayle - Mary Beth Specht, Lendall - Jon Banse

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

Vignette #1B – Interlogue

..... Pete - Jay Moser, Ginette - Ellen Rule

Vignette #6 – They Fell

..... Chad – Jon Francois, Randy – Brandon Douglas

Vignette #7 – Where It Went

..... Marci – Wendy Shea, Phil – Jim Specht

Vignette #8 – The Story of Hope

..... Woman – Carolyn Yanda, Man – Jon Banse

Vignette #9 – Seeing The Thing

..... Rhonda – Kristen Wilke, Dave – Brandon Douglas

Vignette #1C – Epilogue

..... Pete - Jay Moser, Ginette - Ellen Rule

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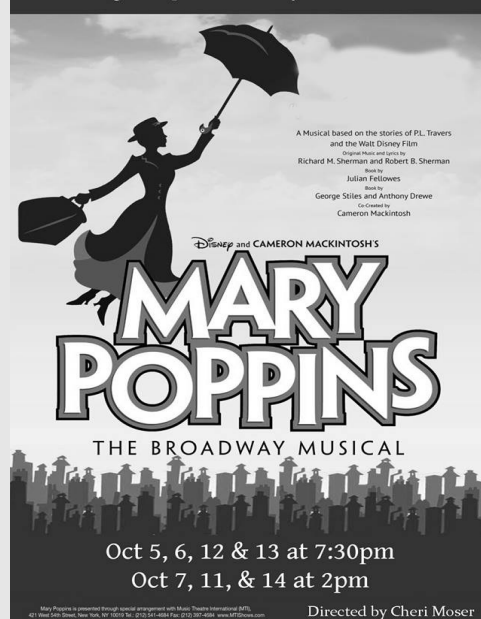
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