



Grove Players Presents  
**DARK OF THE MOON**  
 April 8,9,-8PM • April 10,-3PM

**The Ballad Of Barbara Allen**

*A witch-boy from the mountain came,  
 A-pinin' to be human  
 Fer he had seen the fairest gal ...  
 A gal named Barbara Allen.*

*O Conjur Man, O Conjur Man,  
 Please do this thing I'm wantin'  
 Please change me to a human man,  
 Fer Barbara I'd be courtin'.*

*Now, Barbara had a red, red dress  
 And one she had of blue,*

*And many men did Barbara love,  
 But never was she true.*

*Oh, you can be a man, a man,  
 If Barbara will not grieve you,  
 If she be faithful fer a year,  
 Yer eagle, he will leave you.*

*O Barbara, will you marry me,  
 And will you leave me never,  
 Oh, yes, my love, I'll marry you,  
 And live with you ferever.*



# DARK OF THE MOON

presented by  
**Grove Players**  
by Howard Richardson and  
William Berney  
Produced by arrangement with  
Samuel French, Inc.

## Cast

(in order of appearance)

John .....	Glenn Montgomery*
Conjur Man .....	Francis Valach
Dark Witch .....	Nancy J. Niebur*
Fair Witch .....	Gail M. Pasquini*
Conjur Woman .....	Trena Weiss-Null*
Hank Gudger .....	Brian Melles*
Miss Metcalf .....	Elaine Albright
Cherokee Joe .....	William Spear*
Uncle Smelicue .....	Richard Albright
Mrs. Summery .....	Carol Nordstrom
Ella Bergen .....	Anna Eiermann*
Floyd Allen .....	R. Del Leaneagh
Edna Summery .....	Ann Jennings*
Greeny Gorman .....	Irma Mallin Balch
Marvin Hudgens .....	Bob Rottgers*
Barbara Allen .....	Kimberly A. Biver*
Mr. Summery .....	Chuck Balch
Burt Dinwitty .....	Max Downs*
Mrs. Bergen .....	Jane Wieters*
Mrs. Allen .....	Judy Seeley
Buck Allen .....	Jeff A. Stiel*
Preacher Haggler .....	Louis Lohman*
Leafy .....	Andrea Seeley
A Young Girl .....	Christine Burger*
A Young Girl .....	Jennifer Seeley

## Musicians

Fiddle and Band Leader .....	Don Buedel*
Guitar .....	Bob Janis*
Banjo .....	Paul Klonowski*
Guitar .....	R. Del Leaneagh
Harmonica .....	Bartholomeu Skreppins*

\*New to our cast

## Synopsis of Scenes

The action is set in the Appalachian region of Kentucky in the 1930s.

Overture ..... Don, Bartholomeu, Bob, and Paul

### ACT I

**Scene 1** The peak of a ridge in the Smokey Mountains

**Scene 2** The central square of Buck Creek  
*Smokey Mountain Gal* . . . . Bob, Don, Uncle Smelicue, Edna,  
and the townsfolk  
*The Ballad of Barbara Allen* . . . . . Barbara

**Scene 3** Outside the Allen Cabin on Chunky Gal Mountain  
*Down in the Valley* . . . . . Floyd  
*Life's Other Side* . . . . . Floyd and Mrs. Allen  
*Stillin'* . . . . . Mrs. Allen, Buck, Floyd, and Preacher Haggler

**Scene 4** The general store of Buck Creek  
*Little Onie* . . . . . Uncle Smelicue and the townsfolk  
*It's Hard, Ain't It Hard* . . . . . Uncle Smelicue, Hank, Floyd,  
and Miss Metcalf

### INTERMISSION

*Refreshments are served in the lobby.  
No Smoking in the building, please.*

entre act music by Don, Bartholomeu, Bob, and Paul

### ACT II

**Scene 1** A clearing in the woods

**Scene 2** Barbara and John's cabin  
*Up On Old Baldy* . . . . . Mrs. Summery

**Scene 3** The mountain ridge

**Scene 4** The church in Buck Creek

**Scene 5** The mountain ridge

*Thank you for not taking flash photos during the performance.  
The audience is invited on stage to meet the cast and crew after the  
performance.*

## Production Staff

Director .....	Dexter Roger Dixon
Producer .....	Bob Vonderohe
Assistant Director .....	Irma Balch
Box Office/Tickets .....	Jean Lamb*, Jackie Greyson, Esther Schmitt
Costumes .....	Joan Ralph*, Mardell Vonderohe*, Beverly Blaa, Esther Schmitt
Hospitality .....	Janet and Bill Schneider*
House Manager .....	Melody Danley
Lighting Designer .....	Jacqui Prohov
Lighting Crew .....	Rick Ralph*, Tom Seeley, Bob Vonderohe
Make-up .....	Richard Albright*, Beverly Blaa, Richard Gannon, Nanci Gross, Kathy Kelly, Karen Weber-Slauf, Jennifer Wilgocki
Photography .....	Rebecca Groble, George Hansen
Properties .....	Carleen VanderKoy
Publicity/Playbill .....	Judy Seeley*, Irma Balch, Cathy Cornman, Melody Danley, Randy Hood, Jeff Mills, Maggie Opal
Set Construction .....	Bob Jensen*, Janet Potts*, Elaine and Richard Albright, Chuck Balch, Chuck Budach, Ed Danley, Max Downs, Rich Gannon, George Hansen, Ed Jacot, Juli Jensen, Larry Lauder, Theresa Lauder, Carter Lamb, Nancy Niebur, Judy Seeley, Tom Seeley, Carleen VanderKoy, Bob Vonderohe
Scenic Design .....	Chuck Budach, Randy Hood
Sound .....	Larry Lauder*, Ed Danley, Wally Kurtz
Stage Manager .....	Ed Danley
Stage Crew .....	Theresa Lauder, Michael Vonderohe and a host of Grove Players' members and friends

\*Crew Chairperson

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# Who's Who

**Dexter Roger Dixon (director)** Mr. Dixon is an experienced director, actor, producer, and teacher. He is a graduate of Beloit College and holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in theatre from Columbia University. He has been a lecturer in acting and theatre history for the University of Illinois where he also directed for the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Productions under his direction included *Ti-Jean and His Brothers* and the second production ever of the Scott Joplin opera *Treemonisha*. Dixon has directed extensively for the arts Consortium in Cincinnati where he was also a City Artist in theatre. Most recently he directed *Summer Brave* for the Act IV Players of Forest Park.

**Glenn Montgomery (John)** John is new to Grove Players and relatively new to the theatre. His first role was that of Joe Ferone in *Up The Down Staircase*. Glenn is an accomplished gymnast and also enjoys sports and music. He plans to attend the University of Portland, majoring in engineering.

**Francis Valach (Conjur Man)** Frank, otherwise known as "Moses," was seen earlier this season as the tallest pirate/cop in G.P.'s *Pirates of Penzance*, a show in which he also performed with The New Banner Players. He also appeared in Banner Players' *Wayfaring Stranger*. "Moses'" theatre training includes a year's study in the St. Nicholas Theatre acting program.

**Nancy Niebur (Dark Witch)** Nancy has played a variety of roles ranging from a nun in *The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild* to a kit-kat cat in *Cabaret*, and now a witch. She has worked with the Celebration Company of Urbana, IL, and appeared in *Hello Dolly* with the Wheaton Drama Group. Nancy is well known in Downers Grove in her capacity as recreation director for the park district.

**Gail Pasquini (Fair Witch)** Gail is active in theatre at Downers Grove South High School where she played Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker* and Katherine in *Up The Down Staircase* for which she was also assistant director. She is also a talented musician. Gail plays three keyboard instruments, piano, organ, and synthesizer and has had eight years of choral training.

**Trena Weiss-Null (Conjur Woman)** Trena comes to Grove Players from a rich theatrical background. She holds bachelor and masters degrees in acting and directing and currently teaches acting for the College of DuPage. Trena takes pride in her numerous roles in original theatre productions. Her better known roles include Algy in *The Club*, both Sarah and Amy in *Company*, and Golda in *Fiddler On The Roof*.

**Brian Melles (Hank Cudger)** Brian participates in theatre and speech at Downers Grove South High School. He has appeared as Tony Kirby in *You Can't Take It With You* and in the role of Pinno in the children's show *Once Upon A Clothes Line*. His musical interests involve playing drums and other percussion instruments and the saxophone and singing in the school chorus.

**Elaine Albright (Miss Metcalf)** Elaine's many roles with Grove Players include Irene Malloy in *Hello Dolly*, Sarah in *Guys And Dolls*, and Marion in *Music Man*. Her strong background and interest in music are now focused on directing a women's choral group called Innovations. Elaine is also a talented costumer and has created costumes for many G.P. productions.

**Bill Spear (Cherokee Joe)** Bill was active in the technical side of theatre before appearing on stage last year in the role of Jeff Gorden in *Up The Down Staircase* at Downers Grove South High School. He has also worked in radio plays, doing everything from writing to acting to special effects. Bill hopes to continue in both radio and stage work.

**Richard Albright (Uncle Smellicue)** Richard is a familiar face to G.P. audiences which have seen him as Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey*, Sheridan Whiteside in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, and Sam Nash in *Plaza Suite*, among other roles. He directed the G.P. production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* and currently serves as vice president of the Players.

**Carol Nordstrom (Mrs. Summey)** Carol first appeared with Grove Players in our season opener, *Pirates of Penzance*, as Isabel. She has also played Martha Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace* and the Judge in *Whose Life Is It Anyway* with the Morton College theatre. Carol sang the role of Domina in *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* with the Riverside Township Theatre.

**Anna Eiemann (Ella Bergen)** Anna's enjoyment of being in a play at her church prompted her to make her debut with Grove Players. She is a junior at Downers Grove South High School and has interests in photography, tennis and interior design. The creative aspects of interior design and nature photography appeal to Anna, and she is considering going on in one of these fields.

**R. Del Leaneagh (Floyd Allen)** Ron's love of music has lead him into such roles as Jesus in *Godspell* with the New Banner Players and Samuel in G.P.'s *Pirates of Penzance*. He also has played in *Seesaw* and in *Pippin*. Ron is an aspiring folk singer and puts his many talents to use in this production as actor, singer, and instrumentalist.

**Ann Jennings (Edna Summey)** Although Anna is still a student, her theatre training is substantial, including participation in the Goodman Summer Theatre Workshop and in the past three Illinois High School Theatre Festivals. Her roles include Tili in *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds* and the "evil" spider in *Once Upon A Clothesline*.

**Irma Mallin Balch (Greeny Gorman and Assistant Director)** Irma has appeared in 45 local theatre productions, most of them with Grove Players, and has worked backstage on many, many more. Her favorite roles include Emily Brent in *Ten Little Indians* and Flo Owens in *Picnic*. Theatre has been a life long love for Irma and her husband Chuck, both loyal Grove Players for the past 18 years.

**Bob Rottgers (Marvin Hudgens)** Bob makes his stage debut with this production, putting his born and bred Kentucky accent to good use. He became involved in community theatre by working on set construction and stage crew for the previous two G.P. productions. He enjoys sports and is an Illinois High School football official.

**Kimberly A. Biver (Barbara Allen)** Kim is active in speech competition and music at Downers Grove South High School. She has received honors in state competition in both voice and speech. Her stage experience includes the role of Miss Heartensole in *Virtue Victorious*, a melodrama, and Anne Wilberg in *Flowers For Algernon*.

**Chuck Balch (Mr. Summey)** Chuck first appeared with G.P. in the 1965 production of *The Pen Is Deadlier* and has worked on or off stage for almost every show since then. Some of his more recent roles include Buffalo Bill in *Annie Get Your Gun*, Roy Hubley in *Plaza Suite*, and Dr. Bradley in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Mr. Summey is his 49th role in local theatre.

**Max Downs (Burt Dinwitty)** Burt recently participated in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival and is active on the speech team at Downers Grove South High School. He has played the role of Edward Carmical in *You Can't Take It With You* and was Mr. McHabe in *Up The Down Staircase*.

**Jane Wieters (Mrs. Bergen)** Jane has been active with the Theatre of Western Springs, with the College of DuPage Repertory Theatre, and the theatre of George Williams College where she studied as a drama major. Her many roles range from Laurie in *Oklahoma!* to Beverly in *The Shadow Box*, to Patty in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

**Judy Seeley (Mrs. Allen)** Judy has used her extensive musical training while appearing in Grove Player musicals such as *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Mame*, in which she played Cousin Fan, and *Pirates of Penzance*. She has also taken the role of Parthy Hawkes in *Showboat*. Judy serves as publicity chairperson for Grove Players.

**Jeff A. Stiel (Buck Allen)** Jeff has appeared as Count DeBroncave in *Watch On The Rhine*, the minister in *Ghosts*, and as Nelson in *Mrs. McThing*. His ear for tonight's country music was honed during five years as a radio disc jockey at stations in Illinois and Oklahoma. Outside the theatre, Jeff enjoys sports and is a certified baseball umpire, working in the high school and American Legion leagues.

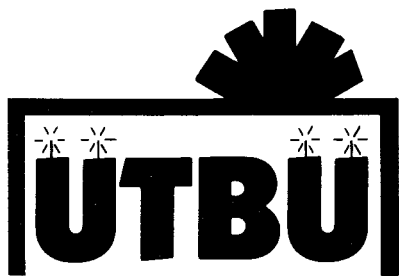
**Louis Lohman (Preacher Haggler)** A man of many talents, Louis has been a professional puppeteer and is a published poet. He played Hannibal in *Curious Savage* with the Riverside Township Theatre Guild and was a member of the repertory company of Encore Theatre, taking major roles in such shows as *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, and *The Boyfriend*. Louis was one of the founding members of the Oak Park Civic Arts Council.

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