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On behalf of the board of directors and the entire membership of Grove Players, I would like to welcome you to this production of our 53rd season.

Grove Players has changed a great deal over the past 53 years. We will continue to make improvements in order to provide you the best entertainment possible.

We are about to make a very big change that will need the continued support of our loyal patrons and subscribers. Grove Players has existed for all these years without a space that we can call "home". We would like to start the 90's off by moving into a permanent location. This is going to be a very large undertaking and we will need your understanding and support. Any suggestions or advice to help guide us in our plans is welcome.

Grove Players continues to thrive because of you, the theater goer. I assure you we will continue to present the same quality entertainment you have come to associate with Grove Players.

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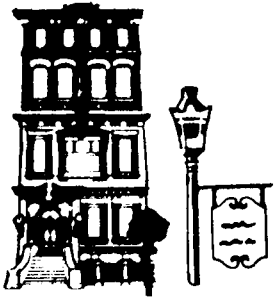
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# PROFILES

**JEFFREY S. LINAMEN** (Director) A newcomer to Grove Players, Jeff is an accomplished director, actor, stage manager, choreographer, set and costume designer and playwright, currently writing his third play. Named Best Director while attending Anderson University for productions of *The Elephant Man* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, both shows were also named Best Show. He was the founding Director of Introspect Theater in Florida which was said by one local critic to be "...the best thing to happen to local theater in recent years." Jeff founded Introspect at the age of 19! His acting experiences include the demanding role of Treat in "Orphans" for which he received an award for Best Actor. Other awards include his role of Tony in *West Side Story* and Pippin in *Pippin*. He is currently working for Pegasus Players in Chicago.

**TRACY VONDEROHE** (Assistant Director) has served in many capacities since joining Grove Players. She was A.D. for last years production of *On Blue Mountain* and has worked in many technical capacities including props and sound. On stage she was Ann Deever in *All My Sons*, Stella in *The Uninvited*, in the ensemble for *The Dining Room* and in the chorus for *Follies* and *Gypsy*. She is currently Vice President of Grove Players, lives in Downers Grove and works for an investment firm in Chicago.

**PATTI O'HARA** (Penelope Sycamore) A newcomer to our stage, Patti has played leading roles in numerous productions including *Come Back to the Five and Dime Jimmy Dean*, *Jimmy Dean*, *Tribute* and *Equus* for Strollers, Madison, Wisconsin; *Mousetrap*, *Private Lives*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and *Fools* with the Madison Theater Guild and *Annie and Fiorella* with the Sun Prairie Civic Theater, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Patti toured with a professional children's theater and has appeared in several television commercials and training films. She has a B.S. in Communicative Disorders and a M.S. in Behavioral Disabilities. Patti resides in Downers Grove.

**KATHY H. RACINE** (Essie) We are pleased to welcome Kathy back to our stage after a couple of years absence. Her last appearance with Grove Players was in *All My Sons*. The previous season she appeared in *The Uninvited* and the ensemble of *The Dining Room* and as Mama Rose in *Gypsy*, which she states was her favorite role. Last summer she played the role of Isabel in *The Pirates of Penzance* at the Summer Place. Kathy lives in Bolingbrook with husband, Bill, and children, Kim and Kristopher and is currently working towards an Associates Degree in Hotel Management.

**ROBERT POLD** (Paul Sycamore) This is Rob's fourth appearance with Grove Players having previously appeared in *Close Ties*, *The Foreigner* and *The Fantastiks*. He has served on the board of directors and has used his artistic and literary talents in many aspects of production. He made his television debut last year when he appeared as a contestant on two days of *Jeopardy*. A resident of Hinsdale, Rob has a B.A. in Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign.

**RICH BAKER** (Mr. DePinna) A Downers Grove resident and another newcomer to our stage, he has previously appeared as the Governor in *Man of LaMancha* and as the old man in *Fool For Love*. Rich is a painter for the Evangelical Health Systems.

**JAMES TELLIER** (Martin Vanderhof) This is Jim's second appearance with Grove Players, having previously appeared as S/Sgt. "Froggy" LeSeur in *The Foreigner*. Other acting credits include the roles of Felix in *The Owl and the Pussycat* and Sgt. Trotter in *The Mousetrap* for Lakeside Players and title roles in *Macbeth*, *Mr. Roberts*, *Don Juan in Hell* and *Blood, Sweat and Stanley Poole*. A resident of Woodridge, Jim has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

**FRAN BRINKMAN** (Alice Sycamore) Although this is Fran's first appearance with Grove Players, she has previously portrayed Jennie Malone in *Chapter Two*, Doris in *The Owl and the Pussycat*, Pegeen Mike in *Playboy of the Western World*, Elaine in *The Miss Firecracker Contest* and Ophelia in *Hamlet*. Her theatrical training includes theater classes at the University of Wisconsin and The Chicago Actor's Project. She resides in Woodridge with husband Jim, whom we are sure she will never let forget that he is playing her grandfather in this production.

**JOE REILLY** (Tony Kirby) Still another resident of Downers Grove and newcomer to our stage, Joe has appeared with AdHoc Theater, Lisle, in their productions of *Mingle Among the Demons* and *Rags*. He played the part of Phillippe in *Who's Got the Priest?* for Bailiwick Chicago Director's Festival and the Sergeant of Police in *The Pirates of Penzance* for Summer Place, Naperville.

**FRANCIS MOSES VALACH** (Boris Kolenkhov) A familiar face to Grove Players audiences, Frank appeared in two productions last season; as Jan, the narrator, in *On Blue Mountain* and as Mac Sam in *The Miss Firecracker Contest*. He has also appeared in *The Foreigner*, *Follies*, *The Dining Room* and *The Uninvited*. He was most recently seen as the Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance* at Summer Place, Naperville. Frank has also worked in many backstage capacities for GP and has served on the Board of Directors. He is a resident of Darien.

**RICHARD ALBRIGHT** (Mr. Kirby) A long-time member of Grove Players, Dick appeared in *Pajama Game* in 1966, Grove Players first musical. Since that time he has played lead roles in many productions with GP including *Applause*, *Sweet Charity*, *Harvey*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. He has also appeared in productions for the College of DuPage. His wife, Elaine, is playing the part of Mrs. Kirby in this production. They are the parents of two sons, Tony and Joe, a theatre major.

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