

Grove Players presents



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Co-Directors: Tom Lindsay & Karen Bronson
Asst. Director: Tammy White

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Biographies

Tom Lindsay (Director) Tom is in his ninth directorship with Grove Players. Past shows include *Toward Zero*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *Lost in Yonkers*, and *Laundry & Bourbon*. His most recent stage appearance was as Pilate in the Players' production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In late Spring, Tom is set to direct *The Little Foxes*.

Karen Bronson (Director) Karen has been actively involved in a variety of capacities with Grove Players for 15 years. She has served as a board member, directed *Lone Star* and acted in *Come Back to the 5 & Dime*, *Jimmy Dean*, *Jimmy Dean*, *Woman in Mind*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. She has also worked with theater groups in the city and other suburbs including a singing role in *Assassins* for West Suburban Players. In addition, she works with Season of Concern benefiting the western suburbs.


Tammy White (Asst. Director) Audiences may remember Tammy as Mary Aldin in last season's *Toward Zero* as well as The Auditor in *The Good Doctor* for Grove Players. She also appeared in VORTEX Entertainment's *Little League Baseball* as Lana. As always, Tammy wishes to thank her family and friends for all their love, support, and encouragement. "You mean the world to me, 100%!"

Rhonda L. Lorenz (M.J.) Rhonda makes her Grove Players debut with this production, reviving her passion for theater. She was actively involved in high school dramatics with roles as Regina Giddons in *The Little Foxes*, and Terry Randall in *Stage Door*. She also had supporting and chorus roles in *Mame*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *It Happened One Night*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*. Since high school, Rhonda has focused her talents in the court room as a trial attorney for the law firm Query & Harrow.

Robert A. Nardini (Wayne) He holds the "dubious distinction" of being the only actor to be in the last 5 consecutive Grove Players productions! He thanks his family and friends for their love and support. Rob, currently secretary of the Grove Players Executive Board, made his stage debut as Howie Newsome in *Our Town*. He also played the husband, Pochenkin, and a very sexy prostitute in *The Good Doctor*, P.C. Benson in *Towards Zero*, and Officer Joe O'Hara in *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Patti O'Hara (Zorah) Patti has enjoyed playing a variety of roles for Grove Players including Penny in *You Can't Take It With You*, Felicity in *Shadow Box*, Defenseless Creature (that lady with the hairball) in *The Good Doctor*, and Lady Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. She is so grateful to her wonderful family for letting her act once more. In addition to her acting, Patti is Treasurer for the Grove Players.

Jeremy Callarman (Luther) Eleven-year-old Jeremy is in his first on-stage experience, though he's kept family and friends in stitches. He's a natural in front of a crowd — at home, he loves creating plays and acting them out for friends and family, pitching in baseball, and making lay-ups in basketball, playing the violin and dreaming of the day he gets a drum set.



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Jordan Lown (Luther) Jordan is a 6th grader at Whittier Elementary. This is his third stage experience with Grove Players. His previous roles were Wally Webb in *Our Town* and an Orphan in *Oliver!* His dream job outside of acting, is to become a veterinarian. He practices while caring for his dog, cat, and chinchilla named Pikachu.

Jan Lown (Dorothy) She's been involved in lights, make-up, props, set dressing, and front of the house for many years, as well as acting. Yet, recently, Jan's involvement with Grove Players has truly become a family affair. This show marks her return to the stage after the birth of her 4th baby boy! In addition to reuniting with her 2nd son onstage (both were in *Our Town* and *Oliver!*), Jan just finished working lights for Grove Players *Arsenic and Old Lace* with her oldest son, Ryan. Jan assumes that the next 2 boys must be "waiting in the wings." She dedicates these performances to the "other men" in her life — her wonderful husband, Steve, and her father, Dan Sullivan, who wishes her well from Iowa.

John Zimmerman (Sidney) John returns to the Grove Players stage immediately following his role as Dr. Harper in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Ideally, he'd be a playwright; in the meantime, he's an editorial writer for the Daily Herald newspaper. On a quest to "do something fun," he attended acting classes at the College of DuPage and Hinsdale Center of Performance Arts. John's renewed interest in performing paid off with being cast Naperville's Summer Place Theater's production of *Light Up the Sky* and now two productions with Grove Players.

John Weis (Phil) An account engineer by trade, an actor for fun, John is thrilled to perform with Grove Players again. He made his Players debut in last season's *Our Town* as Simon Stimson. Other roles include Robert in *Blind Date* at Theatre of Western Springs and Rosenthal in *Nuts* at Batavia's Albright Theater. He says his most challenging role is Dad to Claire and Alex — just when he's "learned his lines, the role changes!" Happy Birthday to Claire along with thanks and love to his family.

Zeno Weems (Walter) Zeno is making his world-wide stage debut! In pursuit of an acting/modeling career, he takes acting classes at College of DuPage. Zeno also coordinates the Student Activities program and coaches Jr. High basketball at Glenwood School. He's earned an Associates in Science degree from Waubesa Community College and next Fall, he will continue his studies as an English major, Business minor.

Rubiks (Kevin) Rubiks is performing in his second production for Grove Players. He was Officer Klein & Mr. Spenalzo (yes, he was really in the window seat!) in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. According to his friends, Rubiks says, "playing a dead body wasn't much of a stretch." He has appeared in *Murder Among Friends* with the Orland Park Theater Troupe and in *Rumors* with S.T.A.R. Rubiks is an experienced circus performer with a Bachelor of Fun Arts from Ringling Bros./Barnum & Bailey Clown College. After the holidays, he is looking forward to appearing again with the Triton Troupers Circus as a tightwire walker and unicyclist, as well as continuing to land stage roles.

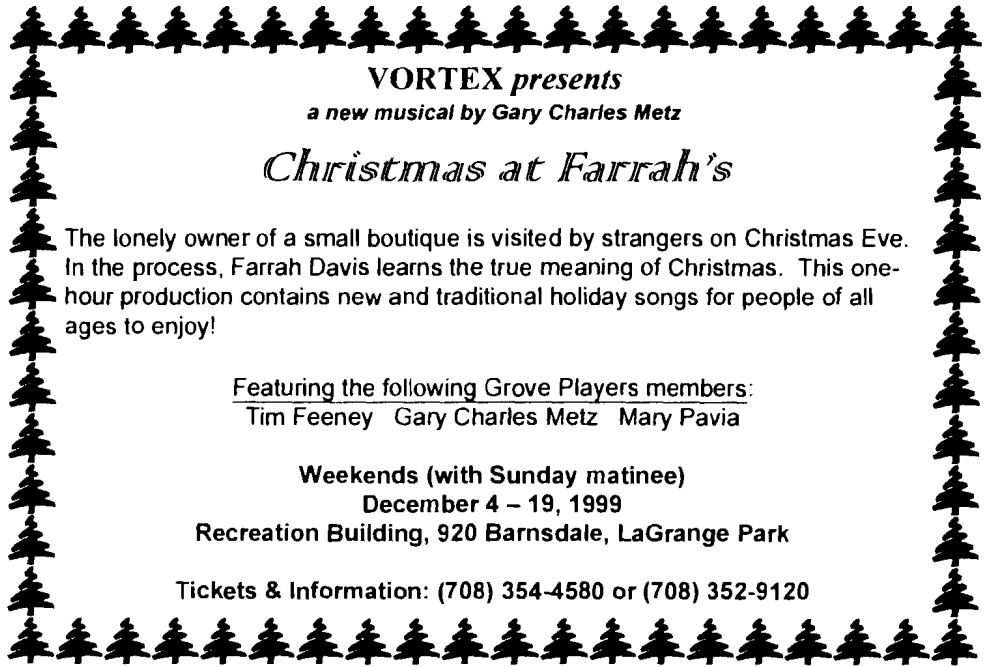


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Jill Manganiello (*Bambi*) Jill, a 5th grade teacher by day, dreams of combining her ideal jobs of teaching theatre arts to children and raising horses while waiting to “sign that big movie contract.” She has moved closer to her dream by establishing a summer school children’s acting class. Jill has been active with Glen Ellyn’s Village Theatre Guild, performing most recently as Gretchen in *Winter Chicken*. Other roles include Miss Pringle in *Baby and the Bathwater*, Nurse in *Howard’s End*, and as prop mistress for *Steambath*. Her first Grove Players role was Sara Craig in last season’s *Our Town*. She also supports two pet adoption groups for Shelties and Greyhounds.

Kevin Meyers (*Larry*) He most recently appeared as Nevile Strange in *Towards Zero*. A former board vice-president for the group, he has also performed as Algernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest* and as Nick in *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*.

Denise Callarman (*Betty*) Joining her son in the cast, Denise is no stranger to facing an audience. In addition to being a member of her church drama team, she founded the non-profit group Respite House, a short-term home for medically fragile children in DuPage County. She’s served as keynote speaker and assisted in establishing Public Health rules, regulations, and licensing standards for the first Children’s Respite Care Center in Illinois. Denise was recognized for her efforts by being named a finalist in Earnst & Young’s “Entrepreneur of the Year” award. She and her husband, Tim, are the proud parents of three boys: Taylor, Jeremy and Jacob.



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