

A Note From The Director

From the moment hundreds of thousands of years ago when those primitive cavemen first started acting out stories of their hunt, people have been participating in community theatre. Theatre is not just a form of entertainment it's a form of enrichment, bringing stories from different backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives to the forefront, offering audiences a rich tapestry of narratives they might not encounter elsewhere.

Community theatre can be, however, a different animal. This play is a love letter to that concept and to the artists who endeavour, sometimes against all odds, to bring a story to life for appreciative audiences. You see, community theatre relies on volunteer actors and technicians directly from the community. This director refuses to use the word "amateur" as it implies a certain level of incompetence which certainly does not apply here. Having said that, I've worked with professionals in New York City who can't hold a candle to our actors on this stage tonight.

Tonight's performance is dedicated to all those wonderful crafts-people who struggle to bring stories to life purely out of their enjoyment of the activity. Community theatre allows actors to pursue their passion and creative interests outside of any monetary or career-related goals. The joy of performing and collaborating with a local artistic community can be deeply fulfilling.

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Sun City Summerlin Association, Inc's Community Theatre Presents



PLAY ON!

**A Comedy
By Rick Abbot**

**Directed by Greg Korin
Assistant Director - Victoria Ochoa**

**The Starbright Theatre
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd, Las Vegas
NV 89134**

**October 25, 2024
October 26, 2024
October 27, 2024**

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OUR CAST OF CHARACTERS:

In Order of Appearance

Aggie Manville – (Stage manager) – **Kim Fannin**

Gerry Dunbar – (Director) – **Happy Buonanno**

Louise Perry – (Sound technician) – **Linda Brandt**

Henry Benish – (Lord Dudley) – **Neal Kirshner**

Polly Benish – (Lady Margaret) – **Adrienne Gentile**

Billy Carewe – (Stephen Sellers) – **John Mura**

Saul Watson – (Dr. Rex Forbes – the villain) – **Joey Connolly**

Violet Imbry – (Diana Lassiter) – **Doris Noon**

Marla "Smitty" Smith – (Doris the maid) – **Trish McKinzie**

Phyllis Montague – (The Playwright) – **Wendy Garrido**

Phyllis's assistant – **Mari Pupanek**

Detective – **Rudy Maurizio**

SETTING

A Community Theatre

TIME – The Present

ACT I – A Rehearsal of Phyllis's **Murder Most Foul**

ACT II – Dress Rehearsal

ACT III – Opening Night

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Kim Fannin

Kim's been with the SCS Community Theatre since 2013, with roles in **The Woman Who Came to Dinner, You Can't Take It With You, GREASE, CHICAGO, HARVEY, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, etc..** Kim is a professional artist, greeting card designer & humor writer for *Grinderzz 24/7* magazine. She also leads the club's IMPROV & Comedy Skit Writing classes.



Happy Buonanno

This is Happy's 6th production. After retiring, Happy joined the club in 2021 and debuted as Miss Maple in our production of **The Butler Did It**. Since then, Happy has performed in our productions of **CHICAGO, HARVEY & A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**.



Linda Brandt

Linda has been a resident of Sun City for the last 8 years and a member of SCS Community Theater for 6 years. She has appeared in **GREASE, CHICAGO, The Woman Who Came to Dinner & A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**. She is also a member of the Sun City Dance Company, appearing in many of their productions. Thanks to the entire cast and crew for all of the fun and encouragement.



Doris Jaye Noon

This is Doris's 2nd foray into community theatre. Originally from New York, she's had opportunities to dabble in everything from pumping gas to designing toys, finally landing a fabulous career with the airline industry, where she met her partner in life & mayhem, Jerry. The daughter of an extrovert, she was signed up for classes in ballet, art, drama, violin, boating, and survival, culminating in a breakthrough performance on **Bob McCallister's Wonderama a GoGo** and as Philia in **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**. Her mom would be proud.



Adrienne Gentile

Adrienne has been with the SCS Community Theater since moving to Sun City. Among her many roles, she's played an ax murderer, a ballerina, and an orchid grower. Her favorite roles were portraying Abby in **Arsenic and Old Lace** and Patty, the head cheerleader, in **GREASE**. She loves her latest role as Polly in **PLAY ON!** In addition to being an actress, Adrienne is a professional artist and a published writer and poet of "66 Leaves from My Tree of Life" and "Adorfalina and The Gift of Self-confidence".



Neal Kirshner

Neal was born in NYC and moved to CA so his mom could be a professional singer. He's lived in Washington DC, Cleveland, LA, San Diego and now, Las Vegas. While never working professionally as an actor, he's been in **Arsenic and Old Lace**, **How To Be A Jewish Mother** and other small productions. Neal's hobby is writing comedy and performing it at open mics. He's also a trained DJ. He loves making people laugh and plans to be an active member of this club.



John Mura

A Yale graduate, John is a musician, songwriter, writer & avid golfer. He wishes he had a nickname like Max or Murray because he thinks his name is so forgettable. An enthusiastic traveler, he once quit his job, sold his condo, and traveled around the world in 180 days. He dreams of making a film, producing a play, releasing an album of his original songs & taking another trip around the world. This is his 4th production with SCS Theatre. He appeared recently as Dr. Sanderson in **HARVEY** and Hero in **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**.

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Joey Connolly



Joey's a New Yorker who migrated to Las Vegas in 2020. This is his 6th stage appearance since his high school play in 1976 when he portrayed Dr. Witherspoon in **Arsenic and Old Lace**. He played Peter Flimsey in **The Butler Did It** in his 1st role on the Starbright Theatre stage. His other roles were Sgt. Fogarty in **CHICAGO**, E.J. Lofgren in **HARVEY** and Erronius in **A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum**.

Trish McKinzie



Trish's first theatre performance was playing a Protean in **A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum**. Turns out, she likes theatre and is now having fun acting the part of the maid in **Play On!** She also experienced her first stage performance as a dancer (tap and jazz) in Sun City Dance Company's last show "Dance Into Spring" and is now hooked and will

continue dancing as well. Trish absolutely loves living here with her two cats, but if she must go on vacation, cruising is her favorite way to go.

Wendy Garrido



Born in England, Wendy always had a desire to perform. In her 50's she began singing, acting and because she's British, many pantomimes. After moving to Las Vegas, she joined the Silvertones & the SCS Community Theatre, where she's performed in **Shakespeare for People Who Hate Shakespeare**, **Arsenic & Old Lace**, **The Woman Who Came To Dinner**, **The Butler Did It**, **HARVEY** and **GREASE**.

MANY THANKS to our fellow club members who read at rehearsals, took pix, found props, & helped build the set, etc. We couldn't do this without you!

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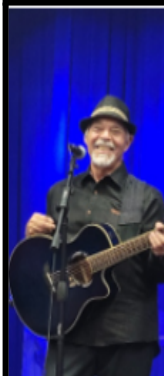
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Mari Pupanek



Mari's love for Theatre began at age 6 when she played Little Bo Peep in a school play and sang duets in church with her mom. She continued during grade school, high school, 20's (sometimes, also alongside her mom) and into her 30's and 40's. She is blessed to now be with the SCS Theatre both onstage and backstage, and is especially grateful when she is able to perform alongside her sister, Linda.

Rudy Maurizio



Rudy is a native New Yorker who is very familiar with NY Broadway and has directed a number of plays while teaching at his former high school. One of his favorite roles was that of Martha Brewster in **Arsenic and Old Lace**. Rudy started his SCS Community Theatre performances as part of the ensemble in **CHICAGO**. He recently appeared as the Eunuch in **A Funny Thing**

Happened on the Way to the Forum. He was also the Assistant Director in our production of **HARVEY**.

Greg Korin - Director



A Montana native, Greg spent 4½ years as a cast member and tech director of **Evil Dead, The Musical** on The LV Strip. He's also a puppeteer for the **Las Vegas Family Puppet Company** and founder of the Shakespeare group, **Bard at the Bar**. A Screen Actors Guild member, he is serving his third term on the Nevada board. While he DID play Paul Rudd's dad in **Wet Hot American Summer**, there's no truth to the rumor he was Kathy Bates' body double for the Nude scenes in **About Schmidt**. As a guest actor, he played Pseudolus in our production of **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**.

Victoria Ochoa - Assistant Director



Victoria started on TV at the age 5, dancing on a children's show. From there it was commercials, walk on parts and theatre. Although she returned to her chosen career in medicine, she kept her dramatic spirit alive in community theatre. She's played Maggie in **The Woman Who Came to Dinner**, Laura Carlyle in **The Butler Did It**, Veta Simmons in **HARVEY**, The M.C. in **CHICAGO** & Madame Lycus in **A Funny Thing**

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**SCS Community Theatre Dedicates this show to the
Memory of E. Wayne Worley
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**Thank you for all the Theatre and Life Lessons you
shared with us during past productions.
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Rest In Peace**

OUR FABULOUS CREW:

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Jerry Jensen, Phil Avello

STAGE MANAGER: Denise Altruda

PROPS MISTRESSES: Joann Hess & Kathy Zanghi

MAKEUP: Danette Carter, Nancy Murphy, Francine Baurer

COSTUMES: Victoria Ochoa

