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A Message from the Artistic Director

Welcome to Main Street Players final production of our 2015-2016 Season, *The Odd Couple*.

All of us at Main Street Players want to thank you for your tremendous support in making this a successful season. Without you it would not be possible to continue bringing quality theatre to our community. Without our business supporters and individual foundations we could not exist. Thank you for your generous financial support.

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers, our tremendous Board of Directors for their countless hours working at the theatre, our outstanding actors and our creative team. A very special thank you. You are the ones who make the magic.

Now, we are on to our 2016-2017 Season. We are excited about the line up of shows we have planned for you. Soon you will be receiving our season brochure, however, you can pre order your season tickets during this show. Our proposed season is listed in the program. Check with the box office for details.

Along with our new season of shows, Main Street plans to expand our programs and events this year. Our Theatre For Young Audiences is scheduled to launch this fall. These productions will be performed by adult actors for young theatregoers. The program will also include additional educational aspects connected with the story line of the play. We are very excited about this project.

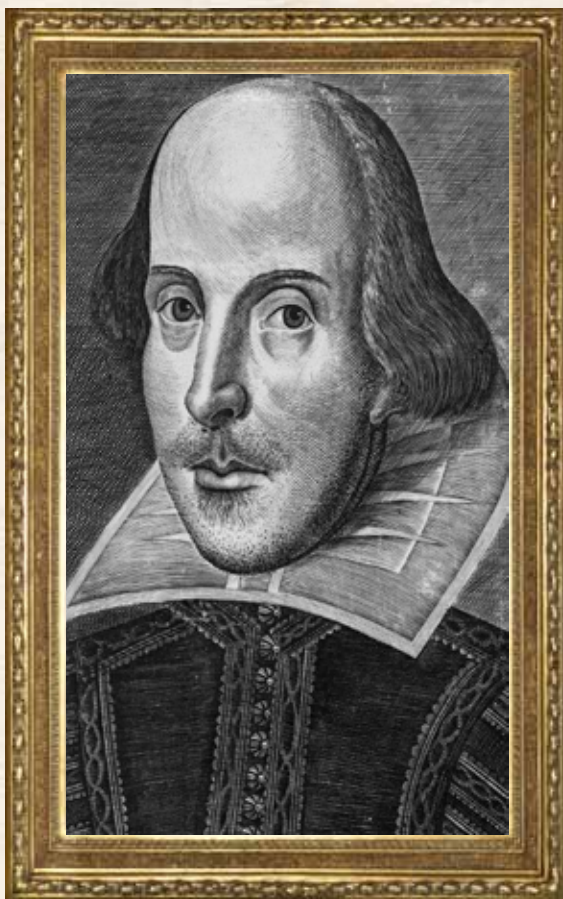
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Gwendolyn Pigeon Jenna Snidemiller
Cecily PigeonCarlee Love
Understudy for Felix Dillan Smith

Act I

A hot summer night

15-minute intermission

Act II

Scene 1: Two weeks later about 11 pm.

Scene 2: A few days later about 8 pm.

Scene 3: The next evening about 7:30 pm.



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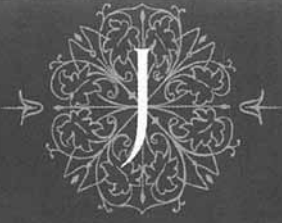
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CURTIS BROWN (Murray) last appeared as David O. Selznick in *Moonlight and Magnolias* and Walter Cunningham and Nathan Radley in *To Kill A Mockingbird*. He is proud to be working with Main Street Players since its 2nd season. He has performed and worked with Main Street in some capacity almost every season. Curtis has worked with professional theatres across the country. Some of his favorites roles have been Freddy in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, Amos in *Chicago* and the Thurston rotation in *The Tuna* series.



CLARK DOUGLAS (Oscar Madison) was last seen as Victor Fleming in *Moonlight and Magnolias*. Other MSP roles include multiple characters in *Greater Tuna* (something he has also done in other Main Street productions and *The Dining Room*, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)* and *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*), Thomas Andrews in *Titanic: The Musical*, Mitch in *Tuesdays with Morrie* and William Blore in *Ten Little Indians*. He has also done work with The Henry Players, playing The Creature in *Frankenstein*:

A New Musical, Lawrence Jameson in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* and Lt. Jonathan Kendrick in *A Few Good Men*. Offstage, Clark is the station manager at WHIE Radio and lives in Griffin with his wife Rebekah, their 1-year-old son Oliver and three cats. He is greatly appreciative of the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of collaborators on this show.



BRAD JESTER (Vinnie) is excited to be performing for the Main Street Players for the first time! He has not performed publicly since participating in high school drama club two decades ago but has participated in several skits for First Baptist Church in Griffin in recent years. Brad is a speech communication instructor at Southern Crescent Technical College and lives in Griffin with his wife Liz, their three-year-old son Lincoln, and their two dogs, Juno and Linus.



CARLEE LOVE (Cecily Pigeon) was last seen as Babe Botrelle in *Crimes of the Heart*. Other roles with MSP include Haley Quinn in *Mama Won't Fly*, and multiple roles in *The Dining Room*, Vera Claythorne in *Ten Little Indians*, and *Titanic: The Musical* as Kate Mullins/Madeline Astor. She is excited to be a part of this wonderful cast and show.



EMORY SCHROETER (Roy) was last seen as Barnette Lloyd in *Crimes of the Heart*. Other roles with MSP include Cousin Chicken, Mitch, Officer Dugger, Ronald, and Kelvin in *Mama Won't Fly*, Jack in *Cotton Patch Gospel*, Bill Ray in *On Golden Pond* and Harold Bride/Joseph Bell in *Titanic: The Musical*. He grew up in Bowling Green, KY and has lived in Griffin since 1999. He has been an active member of the choir at Griffin First United Methodist Church, is a member of Griffin Choral Arts, and plays bass guitar at the Branch at Griffin FUMC. He

is a general dentist and has been practicing in Griffin with Dr. Bennie Evans since 2001. He is married to Meredith and has two lovely daughters, Anna Leigh and Stuart.



DILLAN SMITH (understudy for Felix Unger) is making his first appearance with MSP. He has been acting on stage for the last eight years and recently ventured into film. After two years of theatre in high school, he attended Gordon State College and graduated with an Associate of Fine Arts degree in theatre, participating on and off stage. His favorite roles consist of John Proctor in *The Crucible*, Benedict in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Shep in *Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grille*, and Kenickie in *Grease*. He is very excited and thankful to be a part of this show and this program and hopes everyone enjoys the run!



JENNA SNIDEMILLER (Gwendolyn Pigeon) was last seen as Miss Poppenghul in *Moonlight and Magnolias* and Ms. Maudie in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Last season she was Chick in *Crimes of the Heart* and Thelma in *Trip to Bountiful*. Jenna graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Art History and works here in Griffin by day at a hospitality design firm. By night she is both artist and thespian. Having spent most of her theatre years (12 to be exact) on the stage, she hopes to carry her experience to the director's chair in the near future.



JAMES WOJNOWSKI (Felix Unger) is delighted to return to MSP having portrayed Doc Porter last season in *Crimes of the Heart*. He has been part of the Henry County Players for over twenty years. Some of his favorite plays there include *Spamalot*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *The Odd Couple*, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. James would like to thank BJ and Main Street Players for welcoming him back to the stage.



NORMA RICHARDSON (Artistic Director) marks her 15th season with Main Street Players. Her theatre experience includes acting, directing, writing and production management. She has been involved with theatre for most of her life and has appeared on a number of Atlanta stages among others. With Main Street, her directing credits include *Moonlight and Magnolias*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Titanic: The Musical*, *Tuesday's With Morrie*, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some!)*, *Mama Won't Fly*, and *Our Town*. Her performances onstage include *Southern Comforts*,

Driving Miss Daisy, *The Little Foxes*, *The Guys*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Grace & Glorie*, and *Same Time Next Year*. Her career in television began with Turner Broadcasting/CNN. After leaving Turner, she was an Executive Vice-President with Primerica and General Manager for their corporate television production department for over 20 years. She is a native of Griffin, Georgia and is the Founding Artistic Director of Main Street Players.



B.J. HUGHES (Director/Scenic Designer) is in his fifth season as resident scenic designer for Main Street Players. Favorite shows he designed include *Moonlight and Magnolias*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *A Trip to Bountiful*, *Titanic: The Musical*, and *Cotton Patch Gospel*. In addition, he has directed and designed *Crimes of the Heart*, *A Trip to Bountiful*, *Deathtrap*, *Ten Little Indians*, *On Golden Pond*, and *The Little Foxes*. B.J. has also produced and designed over 100 productions for Alliance Theatre Education, as well as directing more than 80 of them. He has been a teaching artist there for 28 years and is currently the resident designer for Chattahoochee High School. As an actor, B.J. toured America for three years in classical productions of Shakespeare and Molière before settling in Atlanta where he has performed at the Theatrical Outfit, Horizon Theater, and Theatre in the Square and Alliance Theatre.



NICK CLARK (Set Dressing/Props) just made his directorial debut with MSP with *Southern Comforts*. He worked behind the (banana and peanut-covered) scenes as Stage Manager for the production of *Moonlight and Magnolias*. His most recent performance was the role of Arthur “Boo” Radley in *To Kill A Mockingbird* earlier this year. In years past, he participated in *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *The Miss Firecracker Contest*, *Moonlight and Magnolias*, *Christmas Bells*, *Same Time Next Year*, *Smoke on the Mountain: The Homecoming*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Clue: The Musical*, *Nuncrackers*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Nick has a Bachelor’s degree in Spanish Education with a minor in Theater from Columbus State University. Currently he teaches Spanish at Upson Lee High School. He plans to attend graduate school to study Theater Education.

KAREN STANFORD (Rehearsal Stage Manager) made her MSP debut with *A Trip to Bountiful* and has been hooked ever since. As a matter of fact she has put in so much time at MSP with the sets that the board voted her as the 2015-2016 Volunteer of the Year for MSP.



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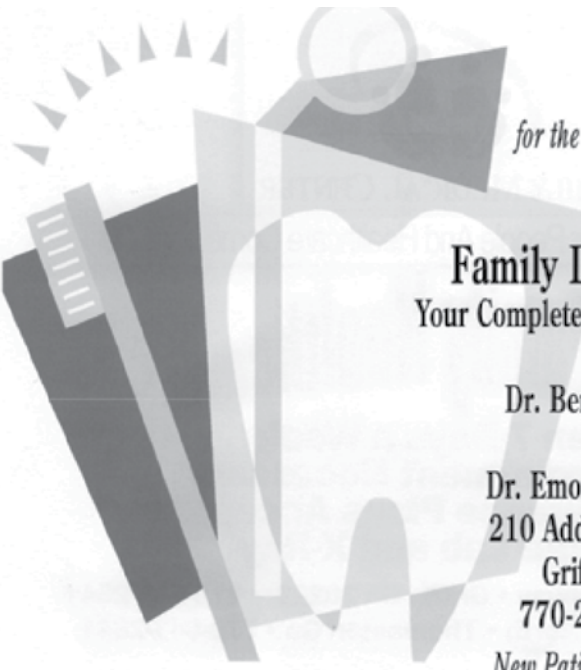
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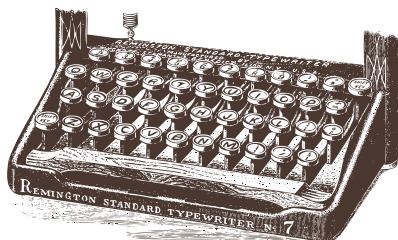
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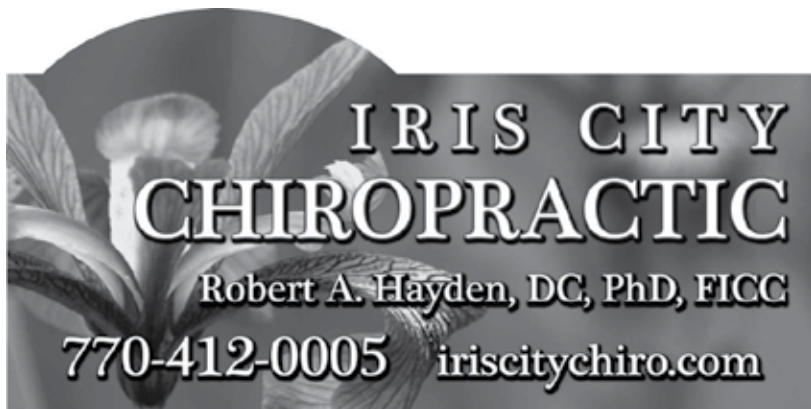
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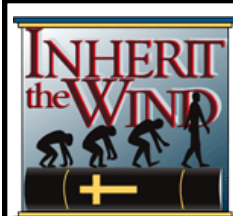
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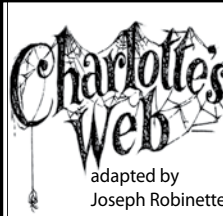
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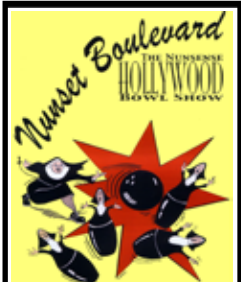
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