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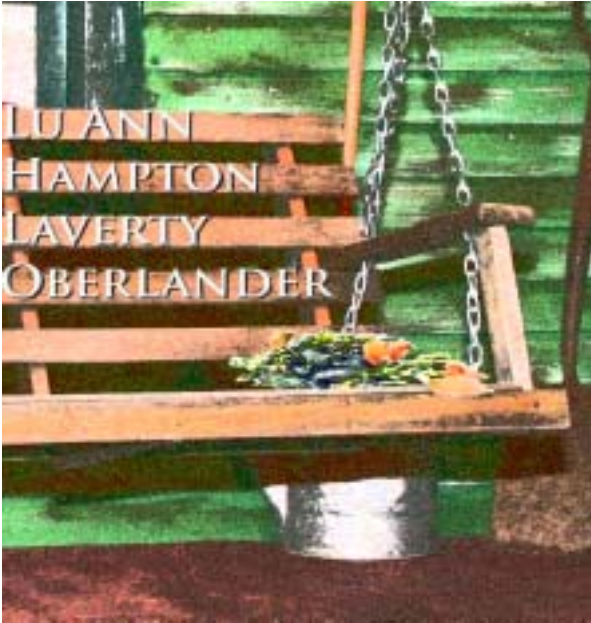


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presents



Written by

Preston Jones

Produced by special arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.

Set Design by
John Henry

Directed by
John Henry

Produced by
**Laura Ahrens &
Jean Mills**

Lighting Design by
Julie Zatko

Set Construction
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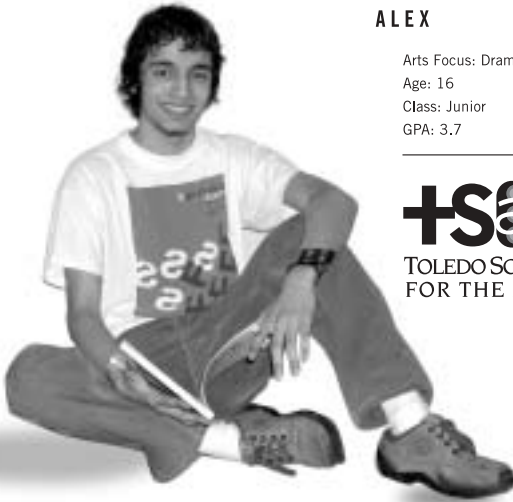
There will be two fifteen minute intermissions

Note: *Please turn all cell phones or pagers off during the show.*

CAST

Mary Wagner Lu Ann
John Jennens Skip Hampton
Jean Mills Claudine Hampton
D. Nicholas Hansen Billy Bob
Frank Venda Dale Laverty
Norb Mills Red Grover
Tom Wagner Rufe Phelps
Marc Malley Olin
Ben Lumbrezer Corky Oberlander
Alex Read Milo Crawford
Deanne Miller Charmaine

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THE DIRECTOR

John Henry (Director)

"A man of many talents" barely begins to describe this dedicated thespian. John has been an usher, a house manager, light and sound tech, spot operator, set designer and builder, painter, scenic artist, box office attendant ... the list goes on. John is also an accomplished actor, having appeared in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *Painting Churches*, but that's only since 1999. Additionally, John is an OCTA award-winning director for his debut production of *Pvt. Wars*. With such a diverse background in the theatrical craft, you can understand why he's one of our most cherished volunteers. When not here, John enjoys old British cars, motorcycles, history and archaeology, but we have a hard time letting him go long enough to get around to those things.

THE CAST

Mary Wagner (Lu Ann)

Mary is making her Village Players debut, but is no stranger to Toledo theater. She has been seen at the Rep in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Masque of Beauty & the Beast* at the Horizon Youth Theater, and in Bowling Green's production of *Rumors*. When she is not acting on stage, she enjoys choral singing, writing, and attending private voice lessons. Mary graduated from Maumee High School in 2003, and is now attending the University of Toledo.



John Jennens (Skip Hampton)

John has had the good fortune to portray a number of characters in the Village productions, as well as appearances in film, radio, and TV commercials. Playing the role of Skip in *The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia* was so much fun that John, like Skip, wanted another shot.



Jean Mills (Claudine Hampton)

If you saw last year's *Driving Miss Daisy* at the Toledo Rep, then you are familiar with the talented, OCTA award winning Jean Mills. You may also have seen her in *A Little Night Music*, *Mixed Emotions*, or *Sylvia* on our stage (just to name a few). Jean serves as President of the Board of Directors for The Village and is also a teacher at Maumee High School. When not working or acting, she enjoys traveling, reading, ballroom dancing and going to the theatre.





D. Nicholas Hansen (Billy Bob)

Derek has been involved in Toledo theater for several years. Here at The Village he last appeared as Scanlon in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. He has also been seen in *The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia* and co-directed *Wrong Turn at Lungfish* last November. His numerous accomplishments include receiving 2 Excellence in Acting awards from OCTA, assistant directing the independent film "In the Company of Strangers" and directing *Much Ado About Nothing* in 2002. Derek graduated with a BA in theater last May from UT and currently works for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Frank Venda (Dale Laverty)

Frank first came to the Village last year when he appeared in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* as Warren. Within a few short months, Frank went from no involvement with the Village to being a props master, the VP of Development, and theater Photographer. "It's easy to join us. Just leave your name at the box office and let the fun begin. Many thanks go out to all who have helped and supported me in my endeavors."



Norb Mills (Red Grover)

Past Experience includes *Wrong Turn at Lungfish*, *The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia*, *Mixed Emotions*, *Dames at Sea*, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *70 Girls 70*, and *Cabaret*. He has received two OCTA awards for acting and one for co-directing. His hobbies include golf, dancing and traveling. He is currently a Professor of Communications at the University of Toledo. Norb will be retiring this coming June after 42 years of teaching in public education (31 years @ UT)!



Tom Wagner (Rufe Phelps)

An OCTA award winner, Tom Holds a degree in theatre from Pacific Lutheran U. He has performed and directed extensively around this area and on the west coast. At the Village he recently appeared as Teddy in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Tom has also has worked with Rep, Waterville Playshop, Valentine Theatre Productions, Black Swamp Players (Clark in *Sunshine Boys*), and the Sylvania Historical Society. Tom is the owner of Promotional Resources Co.



in Maumee, where he is also president of the Maumee Council for the Arts. Tom was last seen at the Village Players as Red Grover in *The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia*.

Marc Malley (Olin, Assistant Director)

Marc was last seen on stage as Martin in last season's Social Security. Board Secretary here at The Village, Marc also enjoys his life as a sound "techie" when not on stage. "I would like to thank John Henry for the opportunity to learn the ropes as assistant director."



Ben Lumbrezer (Corky Oberlander)

Ben is happy to once again appear on the Village Players stage. Ben has been seen in many roles, including Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*, George in *Of Mice and Men*, and several others that he has either blocked out or can't recall to protect the innocent. He would like to thank his wife, Thereasa, for her support and her willingness to once again become a theater widow.

Alex Read (Milo Crawford)

Alex has been behind the scenes for sometime here at The Village Players. He is quite familiar with the light and sound booths as well as with the finer points of stage crew and producing. This summer he made his debut onstage as Nicky in *Psycho Beach Party*. He is pleased to be back on stage, although he suspects a slight amount of type casting. When Alex is not milling around at the Village, he earns his keep working for the Social Security Administration.



Deanne Miller (Charmaine)

Deanne can usually be seen lurking around behind the scenes as one of our lighting designers. However, this past summer she broke out and portrayed the nerdy Berdine in our summer production of *Psycho Beach Party*. When not at the theater, she enjoys reading, and enjoying the outdoors with her husband, Justin. Deanne is currently employed as a Human Resources Specialist at the Walgreens Distribution Center in Perrysburg.

Announcing The Village Players' 2005-2006 Season

Monkey Business

Book by Todd Mueller and Hank Boland

Music and lyrics by Gregg Opelka

Directed by Wes Skinner

September 9-24, 2005

Auditions Sun., June 26, 2005, 2:00PM - 4:00PM & Mon., June 27, 2005,
7:00PM - 9:00PM

The fun-loving monks of Saint Bernard's monastery are in a jam. Either they raise \$250,000 by midnight or lose their monastery to a real-estate developer with plans to turn it into Bernie's Casino Royale. "Monks, mayhem and merriment... the musical comedy Monkey Business is no-holds barred fun."

Murder in Green Meadows

Written by Douglas Post

Directed by

November 4-19, 2005

Auditions Sun., Sep. 11, 2005, 7:00PM & Mon., Sep. 12, 2005, 7:00PM

This thriller knits a careful web of deception, sex, murder and mind games. "A tightly constructed, intensely enacted murder mystery that begins slapping the suspense from its first circling shots."

Gun-Shy

Written by Richard Dresser

Directed by Dave DeChristopher

January 13-28, 2006

Auditions Sun., Nov. 6, 2005, 7:00PM & Mon., Nov. 7, 2005, 7:00PM

Remember your first marriage? It's back. Gun-Shy is a comedy about marriage, divorce, infidelity, infertility, incompatibility, eternal love, household accidents and diets no one should try. "Gun-Shy... grabs you from the moment the lights go up and never lets you go."

Wally's Café

Written by Ron Clark and Sam Babrich

Directed by John Henry

March 10-25, 2006

Auditions Sun., Jan. 15, 2006, 7:00PM & Mon., Jan. 16, 2005, 7:00PM

This gag-filled comedy is about a couple who run a diner near Las Vegas. In 1940, their only customer (it seems) is a footsore Illinois girl hitchhiking to Hollywood to certain stardom. Years later she returns—in a limousine—to bail out her old friends. “funny, disarming, and engaging.”

Barefoot in the Park

Written by Neil Simon

Directed by Julie Zatzko

May 12-27, 2006

Auditions Sun., Mar. 12, 2006, 7:00PM & Mon., Mar. 13, 2006, 7:00PM

Newlyweds Paul, a buttoned-down straight-arrow lawyer, and Corie, a romantic effervescent free spirit, adjust to married life in their tiny fifth floor Greenwich Village apartment. Add Corie's widowed mother and their elderly Bohemian upstairs neighbor to the mix and laughter abounds.

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Directed By: Julie Zatko