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THE VILLAGE PLAYERS THEATER

2740 Upton Ave.
Toledo Ohio
<http://www.thevillageplayers.org>

presents



Book By

Todd Mueller & Hank Boland

Music & Lyris by
Gregg Opelka

Produced by special arrangement with
Dramatic Publishing

Set Design by
Wes Skinner

Directed by
Wes Skinner

Produced by
Jean Mills

Set Construction
**Steve Mierzejewski, Norb Mills &
Bob Smith**

There will be one fifteen minute intermission

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

*The Village would like to dedicate
this play to Carol Kwiatkowski*

CAST

Ben Lumbrezer	Abbot Costello
David R. Dysard	Brother Brooks
Matt Richardson	Brother Clarence
Jeffrey Thomas King	Brother Forte
Paul Soska	Brother Lee Love

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I

Monky Business	Company
The Mohair Rag	Company
Merry Monastery	Costello, Lee Love, Brooks
Satan's Place	Clarence
Long Distance Calling	Brooks
The David and Forte Show	Company
Be Kind to Your Brother	Company
God Loves a Cheerful Giver	Company

Act II

The Miracle Monk	Forte
That Good Guy	Clarence, Satan
Cellibacy	Lee Love
The Greatest Book on Earth	Company
People Believed	Costello
My Brother's Keeper	Company
Satan's Place (reprise)	Clarence
Heavenly Reward	Company except Clarence
My Brother's Keeper (reprise)	Company



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Director: Wes Skinner
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Musical Director/Piano: Debbie Wlodarski
 Bass: Brenda Waters
 Violin: Sara Kautz
 Drums: Ray Mercurio
Set Design: Wes Skinner
Scenic Art: Brad Riker
Stage Manager: Thereasa Lumbrezer
Lighting Design: Dan Finkel
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The Children's Theatre Workshop

THE DIRECTOR

Wes Skinner (Director)

Wes has been actively involved in theatre, working as a set and costume designer as well as a choreographer and a director for over 40 years. Beginning in Boston, he received his BFA at the Conservatory with a major in dance and a minor in musical theatre, and then spent several years in New York City.

Finally returning to Toledo, he began working with The Village Players in 1971 doing *Roar of the Greasepaint*. He most recently directed *Night Music*, *Suds*, *Blues in the Night* and last year's *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. When not at The Village he also works with Ottawa Hills High School's theatre department, restores old homes in the Old West End and, just so he won't get bored, he does package design for the corrugated industry.



Debbie Wlodarski (Musical Director & Pianist)



This is Debbie's eighth season with The Village Players. She has been our musical director for *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, *70, Girls, 70*, *Dames at Sea*, *Angry Housewives*, *A Little Night Music*, *Suds*, and *Blues in the Night*. She has also performed with ToDAY Productions, The Bedford Community Players, Monroe Community Players and Oregon Community Players as well as playing for area schools for their musicals. She balances all this with her sales position at Performance Tool and Abrasive, serving as an organist at Collingwood United Methodist Church

and teaching piano lessons. "I would like to say a special 'Thank You' to Wes Skinner and everyone involved with The Village Players for giving me the wonderful opportunity of being your musical director. Working with all of you is always an enlightening and exceptional experience. A very special 'thank you' to my husband for all of his patience and loving support!"

THE CAST

David R. Dysard (Brother Brooks)

This is Dave's second Village show having enjoyed last year's romp in *Kindergarten*. A 30-plus year veteran of community theatre, his credits include: *Christmas Carol* (Crachit), *Charlie Brown* (Snoopy) *Sound of Music* (Max) *1776* (Roger Sherman), *Guys and Dolls*, *Singing in the Rain* and *Fiddler* with the Toledo Rep and many other performances with North Coast troop at the Art Museum, TLC Productions, the Ohio Theatre (where he reprised his favorite role – Fagin in *Oliver*), and the Albany (NY) Civic Theatre. The last two years Dave ventured out to the other side of the footlights to direct *Once Upon A Mattress* and *South Pacific* with ToDAY Productions. To pay the rent, Dave is Vice President of Transportation with the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, supervising an eight-person staff that develops transportation policy and projects for the Toledo area. Dave is happily married and the proud father of four talented children. Everyone (including Aunt Dorothy and Aunt Judy) shares his love of the family "sport" – "Thanks, guys!"



Matt Richardson (Brother Clarence)



This is Matt's fourth show for The Village. You may have seen him in *Angry Housewives*, *A Little Night Music*, or *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Matt has also performed with BGSU Summer Theatre, Waterville Playshop, Archbold Community Theatre, Bedford Community Theatre and 3B Productions. He has most recently received an Exceptional Vocal Performance award at this year's OCTA Regional Event for his performance in *Civil War*; and will be performing the same excerpt at the state level. Matt will be playing Gaston in Oregon Community Theatre's production of *Beauty and the Beast* this November. See you there!

Jeffrey Thomas King (Brother Forte)

Jeffrey dusts off his sandals for his return to The Village. He followed his previous role(s) from *Suds* and has been a Turkey (*Honk!*), a rundown musician (*Sugar*), an elephant (*Seussical*), and most recently a bartender (*Fiddler*). In the window of spare time he teaches nursery school, works at a bank, cashiers at a grocery store and courts his girlfriend of six years; Korinne. He will be choreographing *Charlotte's Web* for Waterville Playshop in February. A very special message to those who have come to support him "..."



Ben Lumbrezer (Abbot Costello)

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.

Paul Soska (Brother Lee Love)

This is Paul's first Village production, but he is no stranger to the stage. He first got the "theater bug" in high school (St. Ignatius H.S., Cleveland, OH). He studied drama at Kenyon College, with emphases on directing, theatre history, and dramatic literature. He has intermittently worked both sides of the footlights since that time. For the past three seasons, Paul has performed with Toledo opera as a member of the opera chorus. He is relieved to be part of a production where nobody dies ... and there's no fat lady! By vocation, Paul is a school psychologist with Eastwood Local Schools. He currently makes his home in Toledo with his two teenage cats, Butch and Cincinnati.



The Village Players' 2005-2006 Season

Monky Business

Book by Todd Mueller and Hank Boland

Music and lyrics by Gregg Opelka

Directed by Wes Skinner

September 9-24, 2005

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

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

Gun-Shy

Written by Richard Dresser

Directed by Dave DeChristopher

January 13-28, 2006

Auditions Mon., Nov. 7, 2005, 7:00PM & Tue., Nov. 8, 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 Mon., Jan. 16, 2005, 7:00PM & Tue., Jan. 17, 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 Mon., Mar. 13, 2006, 7:00PM & Tue., Mar. 14, 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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Carol Kwiatkowski

Kate Argow
Bonnie Brandenburg
Paige Price
Joanne R. Toth
Don & Kathie Weber
Matt Wiederhold

In Memory of Dan Marinik

Kate Argow
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Steve Essick & Paige Price
Carol & Joe Kwiatkowski
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Wengrow
Matt Wiederhold

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